

# OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 11, 2021

“But these are written  
so that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
and that by believing  
you may have life  
in his name.”

John 20:31



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## **OUR MISSION**

“The Our Redeemer church family exists to **welcome** people to faith;  
help people **grow** in the faith that works in real life;  
and **serve** our community and the world together in **Jesus**’ name.”

## **GUESTS AND MEMBERS – WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER**

We’re happy that you’ve joined us in worship, especially if you are a visitor with us.  
We pray that the Lord who led you here would lead you into a time of knowing Him better,  
trusting in Him more, and growing deeper in His love as He places His Word  
and cross before your eyes, ears, and hearts.

## **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE**

Please see an usher for assistance with these items.

### **COVID-19 Reminder**

As ministry opportunities sponsored by Our Redeemer continue to resume onsite and elsewhere, the leadership of our congregation recognizes the new challenges that exist when gathering together. Below is a reminder to consider before participating in any worship service or activity:

*The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. We are doing everything we can to be compliant with all regulations and ensure your safety. We have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but we cannot guarantee that you or family members will not become infected with COVID-19.*

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

LSB 470 v. 1-3



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly  
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful  
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.  
speaks un - to the three, “Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee.”



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

LSB 167

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

## PSALM

*Selected verses from Psalm 148*

P: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**C: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!**

P: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

**C: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

P: Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

**C: And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

P: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**C: Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**

P: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

**C: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

*Acts 4:32-35*

The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### EPISTLE READING

*1 John 1:5-2:2*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light,

as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING

*John 20:19-31*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

SERMON            “Fear *and* the Faith that Works in Real Life”            *John 20:19-31*

### Sermon Notes and Additional References

Fear *or* Faith?

Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, *respect* to whom *respect* is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.  
(*Romans 13:7*)

Making \_\_\_\_\_ mutually exclusive of \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't work in \_\_\_\_\_ because John's readers lived with \_\_\_\_\_ every day.

Thomas and Jesus

Because your eternal life is secure in what Jesus has already done for you, we can talk about \_\_\_\_\_ .

When you struggle with fear, you are not alone.

By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent *fear* constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. (*Hebrews 11:7*)

One day all fears will be gone.



## Weekly Worship Meditations and Preparation Thoughts

For meditation from Sunday's worship: Read John 20:19-31

- Pray about areas of life where fear seems to challenge your faith.
- Put John 20:31 somewhere you can see it this week for reflection.

For preparation for next Sunday: Read Luke 24:13-49

- What encouragement do you hear in verse 45?
- How do you think the disciples would have responded knowing how verse 47 is being fulfilled now? What mission comes to mind?

### *Serving Us Today*

**Pastor** - Rev. Peter Weeks

**Director of Youth and Family Ministry** - Arlyn Meyer

**Pianist** - Tracy Holloway

<b>Elders</b>	8:00 am	Jeff Kuenneth	(533-5844)
	10:30 am	Mike Mounce	(530-0940)
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 am	Ron Lund (Lead) and Mark Soukup	
	10:30 am	Max Bauer (Lead) and Mark Semingson	

### *Altar Flowers*

*The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Ken and Rae Anne Robertson  
in celebration of Tim's 19th birthday today!*