

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 18, 2021



“Here I stand, may God help me, Amen.”

Martin Luther, April 18, 1521

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

LSB 475 v. 1, 2, 4

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



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: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

LSB 167

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

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

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

ABSOLUTION

PSALM

Psalm 4

P: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

C: O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

P: But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

C: Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

P: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

C: There are many who say, “Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”

P: You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

C: In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

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

P: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 3:11-21

While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 3:1-7

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 190



GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:36-49

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

SERMON

“Standing as Witness”

Luke 24:36-49

Sermon Notes and Additional References

Broken Hopes in the Reformation

Broken Hopes Today

Broken Hopes the First Easter

In a world of _____, the truth can be hard to _____.

Luke points out the _____ aspects of Jesus’ resurrection.

The physical resurrection of Jesus signals our own.

Standing as witnesses

For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

(Hebrews 11:14-16)

Standing as Witness in the Reformation ... Today.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

HOLY COMMUNION ... Because we believe Jesus' word that in communion He gives us His body and blood, forgives our sins, and strengthens our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we welcome to communion those

- * who are part of God's family through baptism;
- * who are growing by the power of the Holy Spirit in true faith in Jesus as their savior;
- * who are truly repentant and sorrowful for their sins; and
- * who intend by the power of the Holy Spirit to amend their lives.

If you feel your relationship with God is not of this nature, you may still receive a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms), rather than communing to your spiritual harm. For those communing, both wine and grape juice are available.

(Pastor and an Elder will bring communion to the pews beginning on the east outside aisle followed by the center and then west outside aisle. Please remain seated.)

BENEDICTION

LSB 201



P The Lord be with you.



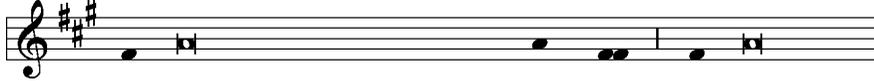
C And with thy spir - it.



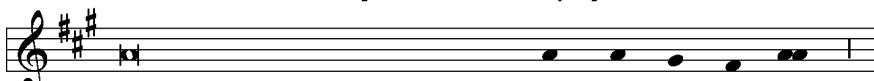
A Bless we the Lord.



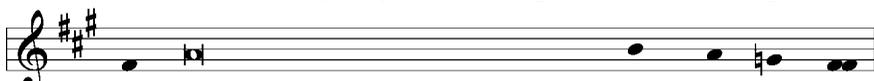
C Thanks be to God.



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

LSB 467 v. 1, 5



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
5 The world a - gainst me ra - ges, Its fu - ry I dis - dain;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
Though bit - ter war it wa - ges, Its work is all in vain.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
My heart from care is free, No trou - ble trou - bles me.



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
Mis - for - tune now is play, And night is bright as day.

Weekly Worship Meditations and Preparation Thoughts

For meditation from Sunday's worship: Read Luke 24:36-49

-Pray about areas where you are “troubled and ... doubts arise in your hearts.”

-Put Luke 24:48 where you can see it this week.

For preparation for next Sunday: Read Matthew 9:35-38

-Which relationships work in a transactional way? Which relationships don't work that way?

-What is the most distinct barrier you have experienced when trying to share your faith?

Serving Us Today

Pastor - Rev. Peter Weeks

Director of Youth and Family Ministry - Arlyn Meyer

Pianist - Tracy Holloway

Elders	8:00 am	Danny Kiedaisch (212-0504)
	10:30 am	John Ohlendorf (826-6335)
Ushers	8:00 am	Danny Kiedaisch (Lead) and Nancy Kiedaisch
	10:30 am	Kevin Holmes (Lead)
Altar Guild	8:00 am	Doris Davenport

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Marvin and Dee Loos in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on April 17th!

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