

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

APRIL 28, 2024, 11:00AM
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WORSHIP SERVICES

5:30pm, Saturday

9:00 and 11:00am, Sunday (11:00am livestreamed)

An area is available in the narthex for parents and young children.

The service is broadcast to the narthex. The volume may be adjusted by turning the knob on the wall near the left sanctuary doors.

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GROWING IN GOD (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

September 24 - May 5, 10:00 AM, Age 3-Adults

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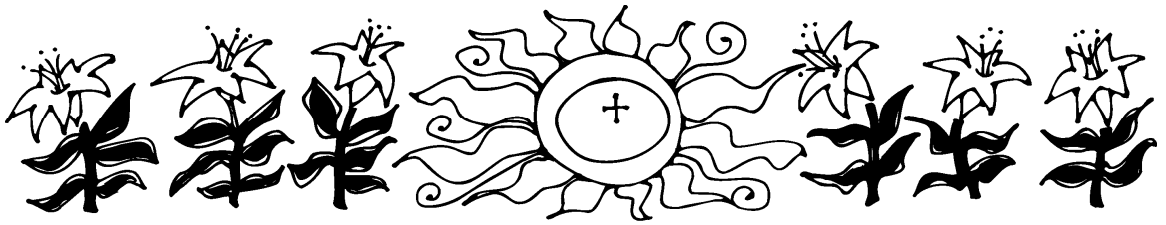
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MISSION STATEMENT

"As Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is a community of people believing in Jesus Christ, our overall purpose is to worship, teach, serve, evangelize and witness to that belief."



Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Welcome to worship! Please pass the fellowship pads down your row at this time. If you are a visitor and would like more information about our church, please include your address and phone number. You're invited to speak the responses in bold print, and stand as is comfortable for you at the places indicated.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Stand

GATHERING SONG: *God Is Here!* #52



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

This morning we celebrate the baptism of Zoe Lynn and Brianna Katherine, children of Jeremiah and Amanda Delach. As a part of the Body of Christ, we also share in the responsibility to support these children as they grow in faith; therefore, let us also participate in the baptismal liturgy.



God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Zoe and Brianna baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

As you bring Zoe and Brianna to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that Zoe and Brianna may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Zoe and Brianna grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Zoe and Brianna and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

Stand

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. In the river Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

BAPTISM

Zoe Lynn, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Zoe Lynn with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Zoe Lynn, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Brianna Katherine, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Brianna Katherine with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Brianna Katherine, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Congregational Representative: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

HYMN: *Cradling Children in His Arm*, #444



Cra-dling chil - dren in his arm, Je - sus gave his bless - ing.



To our babes a wel-come warm he is yet ad - dress - ing.



Take them, Lord, give life a - new in the liv - ing wa - ters!



Keep them al - ways near to you as your sons and daugh - ters!

WORD

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31 (*Read responsively*)

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.**

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

**Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

A reading from the first letter of John.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

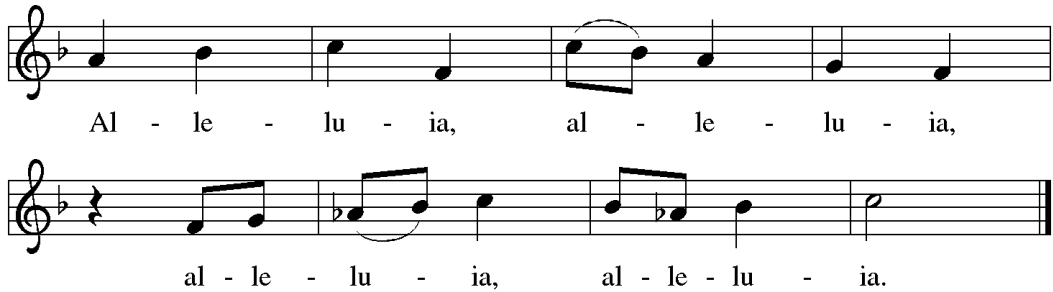
¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN’S SERMON

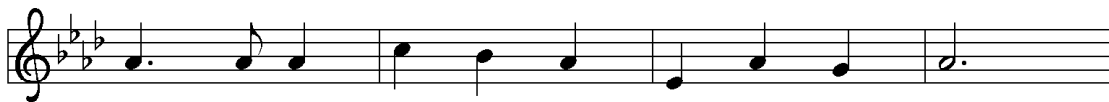
SERMON

Stand

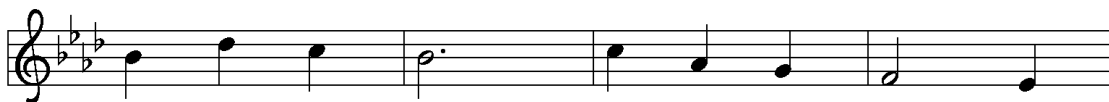
HYMN OF THE DAY: *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen, #377*



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized, especially Zoe and Brianna, in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things, especially the lifegiving waters around the world. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For all those in need: for those who are experiencing homelessness or unemployment, and for all who are ill or suffering in any way especially Lori, Ruth Ann, RJ, Ray, Chris, Jen, Gary, Randy, Carol, Larry, Kathy, and those we name aloud and in our hearts. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For this congregation: for our council committees, staff and all who seek to serve you faithfully through this congregation. Bless our call committee as we look for the future leadership that you will provide. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

Sit

MEAL

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

Our offering is an act of worship. If you make your offering through Simply Giving, or regularly give on a non-weekly basis, you are invited to place a Simply Giving envelope in the offering plate when it is passed to you, as a reminder of the offering you have already made.

ANTHEM (11:00): *To Everything There Is A Season*

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Stand

OFFERING SONG: *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises, #535*

Refrain

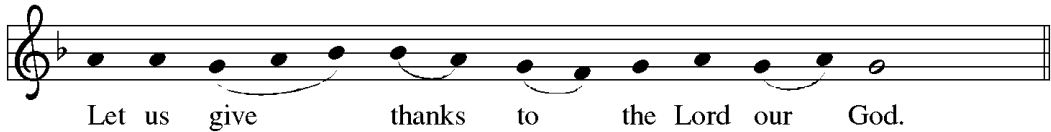
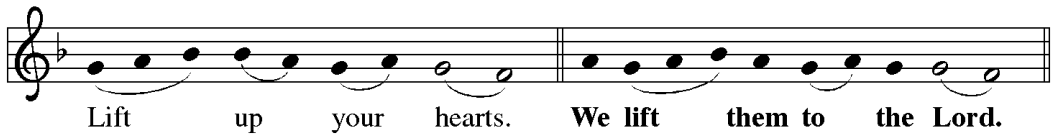
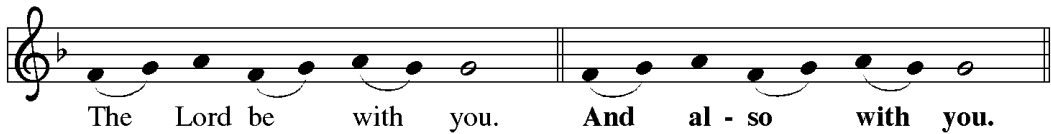
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es, all our
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.
1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Refrain

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

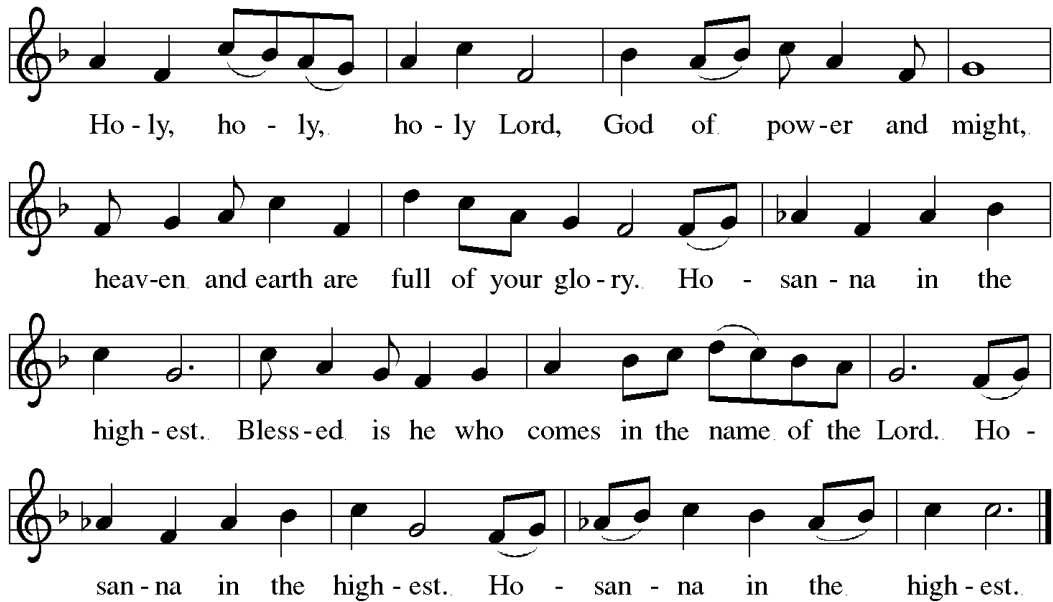
GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

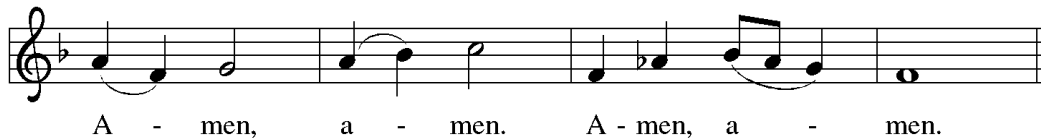


Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

Sit

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

As Lutherans, we believe that Christ is really present in the bread and wine we share. All are welcome to commune here. Infants and others who do not commune are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.

Please take a communion glass from the ushers on your way forward. As the pastors and lay assistants give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant: The body of Christ, given for you; the blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen. Wine is offered by Communion Assistants holding the silver chalices. Grape juice is offered by the Communion Assistant on each side holding the pottery chalice. (The grape juice is purple.)

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastors. Let them know that you need one when you come forward to receive the bread.

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION SONG: *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*, #470



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Stand

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
+ bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Let All Things Now Living*, #881

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

THIS WEEK AT “OUR REDEEMER”

SUNDAY, April 28, 2024, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

9:00am Worship

10:00am Growing in God, Adult Sunday School

11:00am Worship

MONDAY, April 29, 2024

TUESDAY, April 30, 2024

12:30pm Dining Divas (Al’s Café)

WEDNESDAY, May 1, 2024

7:00pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, May 2, 2024

9:00am Executive Committee

7:00pm Women’s Social Gathering

FRIDAY, May 3, 2024

SATURDAY, May 4, 2024

5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, May 5, 2024, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

9:00am Worship

10:00am Growing in God Teacher Appreciation

10:00am Adult Sunday School

11:00am Worship, Confirmation

3:00pm Washington Festival Chorale Concert

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers of healing and comfort are requested for Lori Gajdowski, Ruth Ann Lowery, RJ Stitt, Ray Hrabar, Chris Decker, Jen Barbati, Gary McGaffic, Randy Stonemark, Carol Ausefski, Larry Moul, Kathy Russman, and those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers: the family and friends of George Erdner, Sonnie Martini, Dave Brewton, Joan Dvorznak, Judy Concannon, Dan Stimmel, David Kriebel, Mary Beth Osborne, Calvin Cokeley, Laura Norton, Ellie Long, Wendy Brosky, Rudy Faynor, John Fox, Dominic Mansmann, Marcy Raeford, Nancy Lyons, Kayden Spencer, Carol Davelli, Linda Day, Cameron Mayer, Fritz Fox, Makenna McDonough, Kara Smith, Roy Brown, Frank Ricciuti, Jr., Phyllis Rhone, Clem Ferri, Doug Brandt, Nancy Adams, and Robert Ruppel.

The most recently added names appear at the beginning of the lists and will remain for 3 months. You may remove a name sooner or ask for renewal if a person is still in need of prayer after the three months. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please submit your request in writing and place in the offering plate, drop off in the church office, or submit by email to orlc@comcast.net.

This weekend's altar flowers have been given by Lori Greene in memory of her father, Clyde Greene.

Directory Photos - We're updating our online directory photos, which will be a great gift to whoever our new senior pastor will be! Lydia Damoose will be available to take photos after worship on Saturday, May 11; Sunday, May 12; Saturday, June 1; and Sunday, June 2. Alternatively, you may submit a photo to the office - email Elaine at orlc@comcast.net.

Dining Divas - The Dining Divas will meet for lunch on **Tuesday, April 30 at 12:30pm** at Al's Cafe (435 McMurray Road, Bethel Park). Ladies, even if you can't come every month, we welcome you whenever you can to join in the fun and fellowship.

SWPA Women of the ELCA Convention will be held **Saturday, May 18** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Greensburg, PA. For more information and registration form see narthex bulletin board. Registration form must be submitted by **April 30, 2024**. Registration fee is \$40, which includes Saturday lunch.

Our Redeemer Women's Social Gathering - Thursday, May 2 at 7:00 – Ladies, Pastor Martha invites you to join together for an evening of conversation. Supporting one another and caring for the needs of our faith community have been hallmarks of Christian women for a very long time. In the midst of our busy lives in the 21st century, these needs are still there! This gathering is a chance to get to know one another a little better as well as talk about how to best respond to needs in our community, such as funeral dinners. The evening will include devotions and a light snack. Walk-ins are welcome, but if you know you are coming, please sign up on the bulletin board or online.

G.i.G. Teacher Appreciation will be observed on May 5! Watch for more information about this celebration coming soon. Please note this will be the last day for Growing in God classes!

A new Evangelism Committee is forming - The first meeting will be **May 6 at 7:00pm**. This group will be preparing for participation in Peters Township Community Day (June 29) as well as looking at ways we can increase hospitality and communication as we invite and welcome guests to Our Redeemer. This is a great way to get more involved in our congregation. If you would like to participate, or even just check out the committee at its first meeting, please talk with Pastor Martha.

Lutheran Day in the Capitol - Thursday, May 9. Join Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) in Harrisburg for a day of learning, inspiration, advocacy, and celebration around the theme of “Church Together for the Sake of the World God Loves”. In the morning, attend workshops and a worship service at Trinity Lutheran, Camp Hill. In the afternoon, visit with legislators at the Capitol. For those who wish to stay longer, join a gala event in the evening in celebration of LAMPa’s 45th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger. For more information, and to register, visit <https://www.lutheranadvocacy.org/about/lutheran-day-2024/>.

Holy Hikers! - Our next adventure in the Holy Hikers series of athletic events (hiking, walking, exploring) will be on **Saturday, May 11 at 9:00am** on The Gilfillan Trail in Upper St. Clair. This event will begin at the parking lot near Westminster Presbyterian Church at the intersection of Rte 19 and Orr Road, featuring a 1.25 mile loop (complete as many loops as you like). The surface is soft wood chips with one hill to climb. Note that **dogs are not permitted** on the trail so we’ll have to leave our furry friends at home this time. As always, everyone is welcome, RSVPs not required (just show up).

Summer Camp - Registration for the summer of 2024 is open! ORLC offers camperships for any child attending Lutherlyn or Agapé, our local ELCA camps. Do not submit payment to the camp at registration, but inform the church office **before May 15** so campership money may be sent.

Pub Theology - All adults are welcome to join in great fellowship and lively conversation around topics of interest in our daily lives each month at the Voodoo Brewing Company in Houston, PA. Our next gathering will be on **Tuesday, May 28, 7:00pm.**

Vacation Bible School - Mark your calendars! VBS at Our Redeemer will take place **Monday, July 8 through Thursday, July 11, 9:15am-noon.** We'll head into the woods for a summer camp adventure at "Camp Firelight" and learn to trust God! Use the QR codes on the picture to register and/or volunteer.

VBS! JULY 8-11, 9:15AM - NOON

Camp Firelight
Psalm 56:3

A SUMMER CAMP
ADVENTURE WITH GOD

REGISTER KIDS AGE 3.5 - COMPLETED 5TH GRADE

TEEN & ADULT VOLUNTEERS

THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (APRIL 28)

9:00am

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*
LAY ASSISTANT - Mohylyn Yocca
LECTOR - Karen Glass
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Missy Bookhammer, Kim Chupinka, Karen Glass, Debbie Healey Langley, Linda Nickles, Trudy Wagner
GREETER - Anne and Sophie Scher
USHERS - Gary Milavec and Dan Scher
GIFT BEARER - Sophie Scher
ALTAR GUILD - Laura Culp and Susan Loeser
POWERPOINT - Ryan Hettinger

11:00am

ACOLYTE - Lucas Schneiders
LAY ASSISTANT - Carl Ruppel
LECTOR - Lalitha Rajakumar
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Carol Brandyberry, Lori Greene, Barb Hrabar, Sue Lambert, Becky Long, Sally Ruppel
GREETERS - Karen Smith
USHERS - Jacob Casper and Volunteer
GIFT BEARER - Madison Schnieders
ALTAR GUILD - Carol Brandyberry and Sally Ruppel
POWERPOINT - Xander King
CAMERA - Sam Mizia
TELLERS (Monday) - Carol Locher and TBD

NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (MAY 5)

9:00am

ACOLYTE - Sam Scher
LAY ASSISTANT - Ken Rigby
LECTOR - Dianne Rigby
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Tina Borra, Kim Chupinka, Laura Culp, Karen Glass, Debbie Healey Langley, Keith Lowery
GREETER - Anne and Sophie Scher
USHERS - Drew and Karla Lance
GIFT BEARER - Sophie Scher
ALTAR GUILD - Tina Borra and Kim Chupinka
POWERPOINT - Dan and Sam Scher

11:00am

ACOLYTE - Jack Binotto
LAY ASSISTANT - Kim Maize
LECTOR - Keith Mason
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Brenda and Peter Binotto, Lori Greene, Barb Hrabar, Keith Mason, Heather Morelli
GREETERS - Binotto Family
USHERS - Jacob Casper and Joe Maize
GIFT BEARER - Henry Binotto
ALTAR GUILD - Volunteers
POWERPOINT - Gary Milavec
CAMERA - Sam Mizia
TELLERS - Barb Schumacher and Lori Greene

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