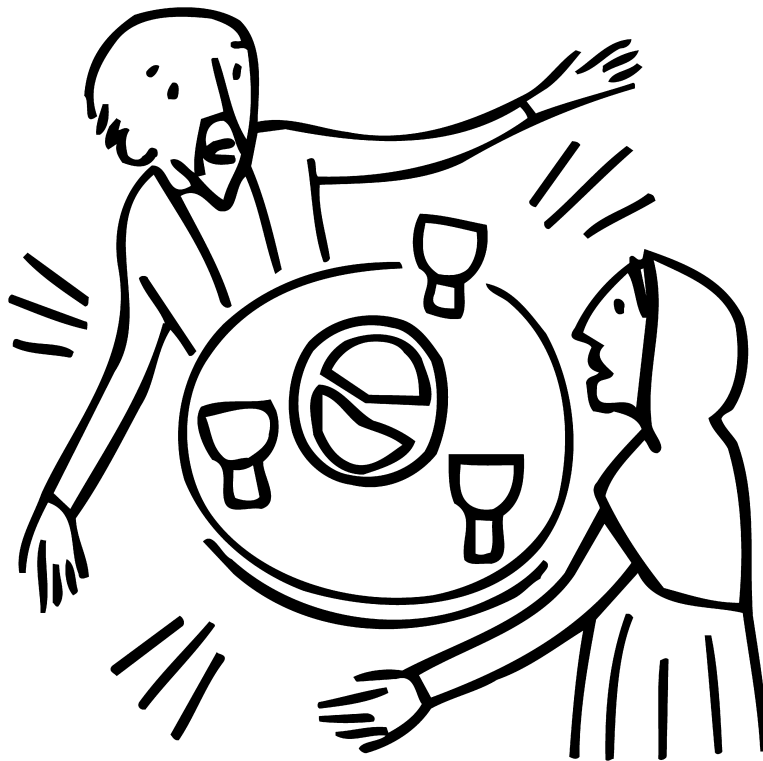


+ Contemporary Worship +  
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

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9:45 am April 19, 2026

**Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.**



*Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.*

*This morning at the 8:30 service, we had the great joy of celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Asha Irene Barrows. Asha's parents are Elizabeth and Ian Barrows. The sponsors are Thomas Johnson and Anushia John Britto. Her grandparents are Clayton and Pamela Barrows and Sheeba and Dominic Raj.*

*With thanksgiving we remember our own baptism as we celebrate with Asha and her family!*



## + WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

### PRELUDE

*Prelude No. 6 by J.S. Bach  
Kai Osifchin, piano*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Based on Psalm 116*

Pastor I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,  
All **for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.**

Pastor The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief  
and sorrow.

All **Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."**

Pastor How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?  
All **I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Pastor I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.  
All **I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.**

**GATHERING HYMN**  
*All sing.*

**Your Everlasting Love**

Isaiah 54:8-10

$\text{♩} = 132$

1. Your ev - er - last - ing love is high - er,  
 (2.) - er - last - ing love is deep - er,  
 (3.) - er - last - ing love is reach - ing,

high - er, high - er than the sky. Your ev -  
 deep - er, deep - er than the sea. Your ev -  
 reach - ing, reach - ing out to me. Your ev -

er - last - ing love is high - er,  
 er - last - ing love is deep - er,  
 er - last - ing love is reach - ing,

high - er, high - er than the  
 deep - er, deep - er than the  
 reach - ing, reach - ing out to

sky, high - er than the sky.  
 sea, deep - er than the sea.  
 me, reach - ing out to me.

Oh, the won - der of your ev - er - last - ing love is high - er than the  
 Oh, the won - der of your ev - er - last - ing love is deep - er than the  
 Oh, the won - der of your ev - er - last - ing love is reach - ing out to

sky.  
 sea.  
 me.

*Last time  
 end here*

2. Your ev -  
 3. Your ev -

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor Christ has risen and we have risen to new life with him. Let us confess the ways we have continued to remain in the tombs of sin and death.

**All Living God, when we stand before the empty tomb we do not always feel the joy of the resurrection. We sometimes live in fear, doubt, and distrust. We sometimes feel empty. Forgive that which paralyzes us and prevents us from enjoying our new life in Christ. Forgive that which makes us doubt your unfailing love. Forgive that which tempts us away from the joy of your presence. Fill our emptiness with your glorious light.**

Pastor Let us awaken and rise from our sleep. Let the light of Christ shine on us. Christ has forgiven our sins. Christ calls us to new life. Christ will lead us into righteousness. I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Receive the Holy Spirit and be empowered to be witnesses of God's love that we know through his Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**All Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.  
O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## + THE WORD +

#### **Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup> "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader Word of God, word of life.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader            Word of God, word of life.  
All                **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and sing.*            Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
Hal - le - lu - jah.  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.  
Hal - le - lu - jah.

***Please stand.***

Pastor           The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.  
All               **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Pastor           The Gospel of the Lord.  
All               **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Holy Heartburn*  
*Pastor Sharon Core*

*Please stand and sing.*

**Open our eyes, Lord**



O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see  
Je - sus, to reach out and touch  
him, and say that we love him.  
O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to  
lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,  
Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

Asst. Min.

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

All

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

**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.**

**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.**

## PRAYERS

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. After each portion of the prayers:

Asst. Min.                      Merciful God.  
**All**                                **receive our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayer:*

Pastor                            Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All**                                **Amen.**

Pastor                            May the peace of Christ be with you always.

**All**                                **And also with you.**

## SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

*Please greet one another with words such as "God's peace be with you."*

*Sit*

## + SHARING OUR GIFTS +

### OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Our offerings to God are first of all just that – offerings of thanksgiving to God. As you are able please continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts.*

*Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.*

### OFFERING MUSIC

*"Jesus Messiah"*

*Words and Music by Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves*

### OFFERTORY

*Please stand and sing.*

We are an offering

Text and music: Dwight Liles  
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The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our'. Above the staff are the chords G, C<sup>2</sup>, Dm<sup>7</sup>, C<sup>2</sup>/E, and C/E. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.'. Above the staff are the chords F, C/E, Dm<sup>7</sup>, Dm<sup>7</sup>/G, and C. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes in the second staff.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Asst. Min. Let us pray.  
**All Risen Lord,  
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 Lord and Savior.  
Amen.**

+ COME TO THE TABLE +

Pastor The Lord be with you.  
**All And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

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

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**All 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.**

Pastor Come, for all is now ready.

### COMMUNION

***All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.***

*Communion will be offered by intinction. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.  
For those not comfortable receiving from those who are distributing the elements, a separate  
tray is available.*

*Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine is invited to come forward for a  
blessing. To receive a blessing, please cross your arms.  
You are an important part of our faith community.*

*In Holy Communion we receive the true body and blood of Christ.*

All sing.

# Holy Light

Luke 24:13-32

$\text{♩} = 96$  Gently

Capo 3 E<sup>b</sup>(C) A<sup>b</sup>(F) B<sup>b</sup>(G) Cm7(Am7) B<sup>b</sup>(G) E<sup>b</sup>(C)

1. Ho - ly light, still burn - ing bright,  
2. Ho - ly fire, our heart's de - sire,  
3. Ho - ly word, all who have heard  
4. Ho - ly bread, our souls are fed,

Cm(Am) Fm7(Dm7) B<sup>b</sup>(G) E<sup>b</sup>(C)

pres - ence of God that frees us,  
dance of our life, pur - sue us.  
Je - sus walk - ing be - side us,  
cup of love in - vite us.

D<sup>b</sup>(Bb) A<sup>b</sup>(F) E<sup>b</sup>(C)

lift the shad - ows from our souls,  
Mend our fro - zen bro - ken hearts,  
did not our hearts then burn with love?  
All are wel - come at the feast.

Fm7(Dm7) D<sup>b</sup>(Bb) A<sup>b</sup>(F) 1 E<sup>b</sup>(C) 2 E<sup>b</sup>(C) D.C.

shine through our lives, Lord Je - sus. sus.  
Spir - it of God, re - new us. us.  
Word of our God, now guide us. us.  
Bread of the world, u - nite us.

Last time only E<sup>b</sup>(C) A<sup>b</sup>(F) D<sup>b</sup>(Bb) rit. A<sup>b</sup>(F) E<sup>b</sup>(C)

us. Bread of the world, u - nite us.

WORDS and MUSIC: Jim Strathdee

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**Please stand.**

Pastor

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood,  
strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

All

**Amen.**

**PRAYER**

Asst. Min.

Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**All**

**Amen.**

**+ THE SENDING +**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, + bless you now and forever.

**All**

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*All sing.*

**I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me**



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble, Sa - tan had me bound,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

**DISMISSAL**

Asst. Min.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**All**

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

# Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

**Children** are welcome in our worship. There is a children's worship bulletin for them. If you prefer, a nursery and/or childcare is available for children up to age 3 during all worship services.

**Hearing help available:** We have personal hearing amplification units available for your use. Please speak with the person at the sound board.

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## *Sunday Services*

***9:45 am for the contemporary service and 8:30 am and 11 am for traditional services***

Next Sunday's Scripture:

Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:10

## **Change of Heart**

The people who hear Peter's testimony and preaching are cut to the heart. The writer of 1 Peter instructs believers to love deeply from the heart. The disciples who encounter the risen Christ notice afterward that their hearts were "burning" within them as Jesus reveals the scriptures and then himself to them in the breaking of the bread. Whether a call to repentance, hope, recognition, or love, people are deeply affected by encounters with the one raised from death to become followers of Jesus' way. They not only turn from their sin and doubt but literally change direction, going back from Emmaus to Jerusalem with renewed courage, faith, and hope. These heart-changing encounters with Jesus fulfill a promise from God for the whole community, from those who have lived a long life to those who are children.

*The flowers are given to the glory of God  
on the occasion of the baptism of Asha Irene Barrows, by her parents and grandparents.*

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