

# Redeemer Lutheran Church

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**We Greet each other: Christ Is Risen!**  
**He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!**

as we rejoice in the good news of Christ's resurrection.  
We invite you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 AM.  
Our Sunday Education & Bible Classes begin at 9:15 AM.

And for those who have trusted in Jesus Christ and followed Him, it won't end even then! Alleluia!

## Something to Read and Ponder:

### John 14:1-4

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Before communing, we follow our Lord's directions and examine ourselves as it says in I Corinthians 11. We ask ourselves:

# Am I baptized and do I believe in Jesus as my Savior?

Do I admit I am a sinner in need of forgiveness?

Am I ready and willing to repent of my sin, to turn away from it,  
and with God's help intentionally try to live  
in a way which pleases Him?

Have I forgiven everyone who has sinned against me?

Am I free of all grudges?

Do I believe in His presence,  
that I am receiving Jesus' Body and Blood as He says?


Do I believe His promise that if I confess my sins,  
He will forgive me completely?

If you respond in a positive manner to these questions  
and feel led by the Holy Spirit to commune  
then receive the Holy Supper Jesus offers.

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### Prayer before worship:

Risen Savior, Your victory over death gives You the last word. Death is done. Heaven is real. Thank You for Your steadfast love.

 Alleluia! Lord, let Your Good News fill my life today and each day hereafter. Let my life be a torch kindled by the fire of Your costly love – shared with me so that I might share it with others. Today I celebrate that love! Alleluia! Amen.

## **Our Worship Service:**

Officiant: Rev. Robert Spilman

Communion Assistant: Marilyn Winter

Readers: Don Hajdofi & Earl Pierce

Organist: Wanda Haak

## **Greetings and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn:** #457 from our Lutheran Service Book

### **“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

1. Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav’nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## **Invocation ~**

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

## **Confession and Absolution ~**

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. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C: Amen**

## **Service of the Word**

### **Introit ~**

P: I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become

my salvation;  
Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand,  
O Lord, shatters the enemy .  
You have led in your steadfast love the people  
whom you have redeemed;  
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.  
You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,  
the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode,  
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.  
The Lord will reign forever and ever.

**Gloria Patri ~ (sing)**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy  
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

**Kyrie ~ (sing)**

**Lord have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria in Excelsis ~**

**P: Glory be to God on high:**

**C: (sing) and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee,  
for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world,**

**have mercy upon us.**  
**Thou that takest away the sin of the world,**  
**receive our prayer.**  
**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,**  
**have mercy upon us.**  
**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**  
**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**  
**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation ~**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** (sing) **And with thy spirit.**

**P:** Let us pray:

**Collect of the Day ~**

**P:** Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** (sing) **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading ~ Isaiah 25:6-9**

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare  
a feast of rich food for all peoples,  
a banquet of aged wine --  
the best of meats and the finest of wines.  
<sup>7</sup>On this mountain he will destroy  
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,  
the sheet that covers all nations;

<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever.  
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears  
from all faces;  
he will remove his people's disgrace  
from all the earth.  
The Lord has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>In that day they will say,  
"Surely this is our God;  
we trusted in him, and he saved us.  
This is the Lord, we trusted in him;  
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm ~ Psalm 16**

<sup>1</sup>Keep me safe, my God,  
for in you I take my refuge.  
<sup>2</sup>I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
apart from you I have no good thing."  
<sup>3</sup>I say of the holy people who are in the land,  
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."  
<sup>4</sup>Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.  
I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods  
or take up their names on my lips.  
<sup>5</sup>Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;  
you make my lot secure.  
<sup>6</sup>The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
surely I have a delightful inheritance.  
<sup>7</sup>I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup>I keep my eyes always on the Lord.

With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest secure,

<sup>10</sup>because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

<sup>11</sup>You make known to me the path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

### **Epistle Reading ~ I Corinthians 15:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup>By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of who are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup>and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

<sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God. (sing) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



## **The Holy Gospel ~**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark,  
the 16th chapter, verses 1-8

**C: (sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabaoth was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup>Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup>and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

<sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup>"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

<sup>8</sup>Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: (sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **The Apostle's 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.**

**Hymn: #469 from our Lutheran Service Book**

**“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today”**

1. “Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”  
Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply.
2. Love’s redeeming work is done,  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! Our Sun’s eclipse is o’er;  
Lo! He sets in blood no more.
3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell,  
Death in vain forbids His rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.
4. Lives again our glorious King!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once He died our souls to save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?
5. Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll’wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
6. Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv’n!

Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

**Sermon ~ “From Faith - To Fear - To Joy”**

**Offertory ~ (sing)**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

*(Please place Offerings in the plate at the entrance upon leaving)*

**Prayer of the Church ~**

when Pastor says “Lord in Your mercy”  
we reply “Hear our prayer”

**The Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface ~**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (sing) And **with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sing) We **lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

C: (sing) It is **meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus ~ (sing)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,  
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He,  
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**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**

### **Institution of the Sacrament**

#### **Pax Domini ~**

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

**C:** (sing) **Amen.**

#### **Agnus Dei ~ (sing)**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

#### **Distribution of Communion**

**Communion Hymn: #461 from our Lutheran Service Book**  
**“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”**

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.
3. He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.
4. He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
5. He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.
6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
7. He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

**8. He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

**Nunc Dimittis ~ (sing)**

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen**

**Thanksgiving ~**

**P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.**

**C: (sing) and His mercy endureth forever.**

**P: Let us pray.**

**Post-Communion Collect ~**

**We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed  
us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of  
Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in  
faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever. (sing) Amen**

### **Salutation ~**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (sing) **And with thy spirit.**

### **Benedicamus ~**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: (sing) **Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction ~**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sing) **Amen, amen, amen.**

### **Closing Hymn: “Easter Hallelujah”**

1. A crown of thorns placed on His head  
He knew that He would soon be dead  
He said did you forget me Father did you?  
They nailed Him to a wooden cross  
Soon all the world would feel the loss  
Of Christ the King before His Hallelujah  
Hallelujah (4x)
2. He hung His head and prepared to die  
Then lifted His face up to the sky  
Said I am coming home now Father to you  
A reed which held His final sip  
Was gently lifted to his lips  
He drank His last and gave His soul to glory  
Hallelujah (4x)



3. The soldier who had used his sword  
To pierce the body of our Lord  
Said truly this Jesus Christ our Savior  
He looked with fear upon his sword  
Then turned to face his Christ and Lord  
Fell to his knees crying Hallelujah  
Hallelujah (4x)

4. Took from his head the thorny crown  
And wrapped him in a linen gown  
And laid down to rest inside the tomb  
The holes in his hands, his feet and side  
Now in our hearts we know he died  
To save us from ourselves oh hallelujah  
Hallelujah (4x)

5. Three days went by again they came  
To move the stone to bless the slain  
With oil and spice anointing hallelujah  
But as they went to move the stone  
They saw that they were not alone  
But Jesus Christ has risen Hallelujah  
Hallelujah (8x)



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In the Name of Christ

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Winter ~ Janet Zehr ~ Pam Zimmerman