

The Second Sunday of Easter
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8:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church and School

Reaching Out into the Community
To Do What's Best for the Community

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Welcome to worship with the Redeemer family! We are pleased that you joined us for worship today. Our regular worship schedule each Sunday is **8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Adult and youth Bible classes are held at **9:45 a.m.** as listed in the information page. If infants/toddlers become restless during worship, you are welcome to use the parent's room, located at the right of the narthex as you leave the sanctuary, but please come back. Children's quiet bags for use during church services are available in the narthex.

Order of Worship

*The worshipers are invited to sing or speak the words in **bold print** throughout the worship service.*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

“Come People of the Risen King”

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**Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in.**

Chorus: Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev’ry tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

**Come those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;
Come those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace. (*Chorus*)**

**Come young and old from ev’ry land, men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands-find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing-shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev’ry age, “Our God is all in all.” (*Chorus twice*)**

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Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, it makes sense that as we celebrate the season of Easter this morning we take a few quiet moments with God to consider our need for His forgiveness.

(Time for personal silent reflection on 10 commandments and recognition of sin.)

**Lord Jesus, I have sinned. Forgive me. Remove my doubt about Your love for me.
Unburden my heart, body, mind, and soul of all that weighs me down from living as
a free, forgiven, baptized child of the living God.**

Upon your confession, have no doubt the weight of sin is removed. Christ Jesus died as the perfect sacrifice for your sin. He rose as proof of forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I forgive you all your sin in the Name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Song of Praise

“All Creatures of Our God and King” Crowder/Draper/Mulligan

**All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with us and sing:
O praise Him, Alleluia!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!**

**Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice; Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him! Alleluia!**

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One.

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Prayer of the Day

Grant, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the mystery of the Lord's resurrection may by the help of Your grace bring forth fruits in our life and conduct. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 5:29-42 ESV

29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." 33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. 34 But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. 35 And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. 36 For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. 37 After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. 38 So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; 39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, 40 and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. 42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9 ESV

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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The Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31 ESV

19 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." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." 24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 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." 26 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." 27 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." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 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.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Message

Sermon Song of Praise

"A Thousand Tongues"

Glaser/Merkel/Wesley

**O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.**

**Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.**

Chorus: **Jesus, You're the Name above all names, Jesus, Lamb of God;
Jesus, You're the King of salvation; Who was and is to come.**

**He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin, He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Your Name. (*chorus*)**

Who was and is to come, Who was and is to come.

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Message

The 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.

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.

Prayers of the People

Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings

(Please stand when the pastor stands and approaches the altar.)

“Sing Wherever I Go”

Bergthold

(Chorus) **All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul.**

Mountain high, valley low, I'm gonna sing wherever I go. (*Repeat chorus*)

God is for me, He's not against me. I will hold to the plans He has for me.

When I'm broken, He will fix me. I will call on the name of the Lord. (*Chorus*)

**He's my heartsong in my sorrow. He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow.
When the storms rise all around me, I will call on the name of the Lord. (Chorus
twice)**

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The Offering Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The feast of God for the people of God. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Distribution Songs of Praise

(Holy Communion is a special meal for the baptized followers of Jesus. Jesus is present in the bread and wine. He says, "This is My body...This is My blood." If you share this belief in His real presence, are repentant of your sins, and are baptized in the Triune God, you are welcome. Children who have not received instruction in the meaning of Holy Communion are invited forward for a blessing; please fold your arms in front of you. Wine is offered via the common cup and individual glass. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Hand your connection card to the usher as you go up for communion..) (Please join in singing:)

"Lamb of God"

Marty Haugen

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You are the way of mercy and love:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You broke the bonds of sin and of death:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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"All To Us"

Tomlin/Reeves/Redman/Maher

Precious cornerstone, sure foundation, you are faithful to the end.

We are waiting on You, Jesus. We believe You're all to us. (Repeat)

(Chorus) Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church.

Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns.

Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives.

We believe You're all to us.

Only Son of God, sent from heaven, hope and mercy at the cross.

You are ev'rything, You're the promise. Jesus, You are all to us. (Chorus twice)

**When this passing world is over, we will see You face to face,
And forever we will worship.**

Jesus, You are all to us. Jesus, You are all to us.

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“Hear Our Praises”

Reuben Morgan

**May our homes be filled with dancing. May our streets be filled with joy.
May injustice bow to Jesus as the people turn to pray.**

Chorus: **From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to You;
From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.**

**May a light shine in the darkness, as we walk before the cross.
May Your glory fill the whole earth, as the water o’er the seas. (chorus twice)**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (Repeat line.) (chorus)

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The Communion Blessing

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Benediction

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.

Amen.

Forgiven and fed, you are now entering the mission field.

Here am I, Lord, send me!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Closing Song of Praise

“Great Things”

Wickham

Come, let us worship our King. Come, let us bow at His feet.

He has done great things.

See what our Savior has done. See how His love overcomes.

He has done great things. He has done great things.

(Chorus) **O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave.**

You free ev’ry captive and break ev’ry chain.

O God, You have done great things.

We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.

O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high.

O God, You have done great things.

You’ve been faithful through ev’ry storm. You’ll be faithful forevermore.

You have done great things.

And I know You will do it again for Your promise is Yes and Amen.
You will do great things. God, You do great things. (*Chorus*)
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