

 <h1 style="text-align: right;">Redeemer Lutheran Church</h1> <p style="text-align: right;">SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Thursday, April 8, 2021 – 6:00 pm Sunday, April 11, 2021 – 8:00 am Sunday, April 11, 2021 – 10:45 am</p> <p>Family of Believers <small>HEBREWS 12:1-3</small> Eyes ON Jesus</p>
<p>Grow In Christ ♦ SHARE HIS LOVE ♦ Encourage</p>
<p>Our Mission Statement: <i>“As Christians based on the solid foundation of God’s Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit we strive to live out, lift up, and share our faith in Jesus Christ – welcoming all into our Family of Believers.”</i></p> <p>Values: Truth, Prayer, Family of Believers, Teaching, Community Engagement, Healing/Caring, Joy</p>

OUR THEME FOR TODAY: “Here I Stand: Then and Now.” 500 years ago this week, Martin Luther was on trial in the city of Worms. He would have to recant everything he had written or face likely death. He chose not to renounce the Gospel, emphatically proclaiming “Here I stand. God help me. Amen.” Might it ever be necessary for us to do the same?

CONNECT CARDS: During this COVID time, we ask that EVERYONE who worships to please fill out the Connect Card and drop it into the little house located in the Narthex as you leave. Thank you.

MASKS: Please remember that masks are to be worn over your nose and mouth at all times while you are in the building. Thank you!

SINGING: As we sing in praise of our Savior, and in love and care for our neighbor, please refrain from singing loudly. We ask that those worshipping in person sing along on the **bold stanzas**. We encourage those worshipping at home to sing all verses!

(*) Those who are able are asked to stand during these parts of the Service.

+ We Come Into God's Presence +

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN “Christ Is Risen”

*Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame,
But fix our eyes upon the cross,
And run to Him who showed great love and bled for us,
Freely You've bled for us.*

Chorus: **Christ is risen from the dead,
Trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake,
Come and rise up from the grave.
Christ is risen from the dead,
We are one with Him again
Come awake, come awake,
Come and rise up from the grave.**

*Beneath the weight of all our sin,
You bowed to none but heaven's will;
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,
No burden great can hold You down.
In strength you reign;
Forever let Your church proclaim. **Chorus***

*O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light;
The glory of God has defeated the night. Singing:*

*O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light;
Our God is not dead –
He's alive, He's alive! **Chorus***

Chorus

(*) CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Please stand.)*

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

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** *(Please be seated.)*

+ God Speaks to Us +

SCRIPTURE READINGS

L: The First Testament Reading for the Second Sunday of Easter is from the fifth chapter of Acts.

²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead —

whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³ When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.

Acts 5:27-33 NIV

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Second Reading is from the eighth chapter of 1 John.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

¹ My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 1:8 - 2:2 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. (Please stand.)

(*) GOSPEL READING

L: The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the

place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:1-6 NIV

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” LSB 490

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict’ry’s won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall
me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.**
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.**
- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,**

- Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.**
- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow’rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.**
- 5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!**

SERMON MEDITATION “Here I Stand: Then and Now”

+ We Respond To God's Word +

(*) 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.

And 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

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Christ Is Alive" – Cherub Choir

(*) OFFERTORY

P: As you received their praises, accept the gifts we bring, O source of every blessing, our good and gracious King!

C: **All glory laud and honor to you Redeemer, King! To whom the lips of Children made sweet hosannas ring.**

(*) PRAYERS

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

(*) LORD'S PRAYER

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.

+ God Sends Us Forth to Serve and Proclaim +

(*) BENEDICTION

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P: Death no longer has any power over Him.
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P: Fear no longer has any hold over us
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P: Go into your life and see Jesus at work.
C: **Just as He said. Alleluia**

CLOSING MEDITATION

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.*

*2 No strength of ours can match his
might.
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.*

3 *Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.*

4 *God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!*

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Live Stream Worship Sundays at 8 am on:

Facebook page: Redeemer Lutheran Church - Rochester, MN

YouTube: RLC - Family of Believers

Indoor Worship: (*Sanctuary*)

Thursdays at 6 pm and **Sundays** at 8:00 & 10:45 am

DIGGING DEEPER

✚ Join a Life Group or use materials located on the website under the Life Group heading.

✚ Adult Education—watch live (or later) on Sundays at 9:30 am via our Facebook and YouTube channels.

Weekly Announcements and Highlights

Special Prayer Opportunities:

Health Concerns:

✚ Elaine Gittus, Jennifer Pralle, Kathy Voight, Marcia Hass, Gloria Nihart, Mary Frances Burton, Tom Burton, Dick Miller

Receiving Hospice Care:

✚ Eldora Krueger

Grieving:

✚ Terry Jacobson-McLaughlin and her family upon the recent passing of her sister, Brenda Clarey.

Guidance:

✚ For our state and national leaders.

Praying for our Family of Believers:

✚ Alan and Linda Krueger

✚ Elizabeth Krohe

✚ Eldora Krueger

✚ Angela Gronvold

✚ Roger and Betty Brand

✚ Cherie Sanford

✚ Joseph and Gloria Gruber

PRAYER CHAINS – If you have a prayer request, call Gail Sim (289-2087), the church office (289-5147), or send an email to Lori Hameister at littlebitmoo@gmail.com.

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL

Are in honor of Robert “Bud” Holst who celebrates his 93rd birthday on April 13.

CANCER CONNECTION

Please join our Cancer Connection Zoom meeting this Monday, April 12, from 7-8:30 pm, via Zoom. Madelynn Strong, MS, LD, Mayo Clinic Dietician for Medical Oncology will present, “Nutrition for Cancer survivors”. Please call the church office (507-289-5147) to receive the Zoom link to be sent to your email.

GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP STARTING SOON

Please consider joining our May-June Grief and Loss Support Group, starting the week of May 3rd-the week of June 7th. Specific details will be sent in next Thursday’s email blast. Please call the church office or Kathy Zarling, Parish Nurse (507-398-7036), if you would like to be a part of this group.

LWML ROCHESTER ZONE SPRING RALLY

Will take place at Redeemer on Saturday, May 1, from 9 am to Noon. COVID protocols will be followed. Rev. James Heining will share a Bible Study base on Ephesians 2:7 entitled “The incomparable Riches of His Grace.” Coral Rose will share her insights of her missionary work in Africa. There will also be a “Gifts From The Heart” and free will offering collection. Join us for fellowship, music, and Bible study!



This Week At Redeemer

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

New Beginnings CC— SFH—10:00 am

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

WORSHIP—Livestream/In-Person—8:00 am

Sunday School—In Person—9:15 am

SS Virtual (3 and 4 yrs.—9:30 am)

SS Virtual (Kindergarten/Grades 1 & 2) - 10:00 am

WORSHIP—Indoor—10:45 am

SS Virtual (Grades 3-6) - 11:30 am

SS Virtual (Grades 7-12) - 11:30 am

Alleluia Singers—1:00 pm

Agape CC—6:00 pm

MONDAY, APRIL 12

Quilters—NFH—8 am

Emmanuel CC—Upper Rm—4 pm

J.O.Y. CC—Rm 102—7 pm

Cancer Connection—Zoom—7 pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

Men's Bible Study—Zoom - 9:00 am

Faithfully Fit Exercise—SFH—9:30 am

Staff Meeting—Sanctuary—9:30 am

Youth Board—Zoom—6 pm

Trustees—6:30 pm

Stephen Ministry Supervision—Zoom—7 pm

Church Council—Zoom—7 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

Cherub Choir—6:00 pm

1st Year Confirmation—Choir Rm—6:15 pm

2nd Year Confirmation—SFH—6:15 pm

3rd Year Confirmation—NFH—6:15 pm

Sounds of Praise—7:00 pm

Distance Confirmation—ZOOM—7:30 pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Faithfully Fit Exercise—SFH—9:30 am

Private Indoor Communion—Sanctuary—10-11:30 am

Private Indoor Communion—Sanctuary 4-5:30 pm

HOLY COMMUNION—In Person—6:00 pm

VBS Planning Team—Zoom—7 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Library Committee—Library—9:30 am

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Confirmation Rehearsal—6 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

HOLY COMMUNION—Livestream/In-Person—8 am

Sunday School—In Person—9:15 am

SS Virtual (3 and 4 yrs.—9:30 am)

SS Virtual (Kindergarten/Grades 1 & 2) - 10:00 am

HOLY COMMUNION—Indoor—10:45 am

SS Virtual (Grades 3-6) - 11:30 am

SS Virtual (Grades 7-12) - 11:30 am

Pre-Marital Class—SFH—Noon

Alleluia Singers—1:00 pm

Partners in Christ—Zoom—6:30 pm

Blessed to Serve

Preaching Pastor Jim Heining

Organist..... April Beckman, DPM

Children's Message..... Michael Harvey, DFF

Elder: 6:00 pm Kelly Anderson

8:00 am..... Tony Fick

10:45 am..... Chad Finley

Lector: 6:00 pm Virginia Miller

8:00 am Rich Gommels

10:45 am..... Jane Quaintance

Technology:

6:00 pm

8:00 am.....Megan Grudem

10:45 am.....

Ushers:

6:00 pm Mark and Joyce Massaro

8:00 AM Jerry Haack / Mitchell Haack

10:45 am..... Dan and Terri Zemke



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