

 <p>Redeemer Lutheran Church</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>Thursday, April 15, 2021 – 6:00 pm Sunday, April 18, 2021 – 8:00 am Sunday, April 18, 2021 – 10:45 am</p> <p>Family of Believers</p> <p><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: “Timing Is Everything.” Have you ever watched a show that has so many flashbacks to the past, jumps to the future, and sprinklings of the present that you get confused and things do not make sense to you? It is important that we understand the time we are in! Certainly heaven has not come in its fullness, yet heaven is fully visible to us depending on how we look at it. Even now, we are in the times of refreshing which can only come from the risen Jesus.

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 "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word" LSB 488

**He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
 The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
 Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer!
Christ victorious, Rising glorious, Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!**

(*) 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 Reading for the Third Sunday of Easter is from the third chapter of Acts.

¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed

the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. ¹⁷ "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the

Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹ Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to

restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.
Acts 3:11-21 NIV

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

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

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. *1 John 3:1-7 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.** (*Please stand.*)

(*) GOSPEL READING

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled,

and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And

while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so

they could understand the Scriptures.⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." *Luke 24:36-49 NIV*

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461, sts. 1-6
(Stanzas 1-3 - **All**; stanza 4 – *Men*; stanzas 5 – **Women**, stanza 6 – **All**)

**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.**

SERMON MEDITATION

"Timing Is Everything"

+ We Respond To God's Word +

(*) THE APOSTLES' 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.

MUSICAL OFFERING **"Open The Bible" – Alleluia Singers**

(*) 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 Serves Us His Holy Meal +

(*) THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Following the Words of Institution, we will take communion together as a Family of Believers at the same time when the Pastor speaks "Take and Eat...Take and Drink.")

(*) POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL

(Trash bags are available in the pew racks for you to dispose of the Communion packaging. Following worship, please discard your trash bag when you leave the Sanctuary).

+ 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 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" LSB 477

1 *Alleluia, alleluia!*
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;

He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

2 *Alleluia, Christ is risen!*
Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil
In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried:
Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.

3 *Alleluia, alleluia!*
Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
To the triune Majesty!

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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:

✠ Sharon Thede, Elaine Gittus, Jennifer Pralle, Kathy Voight, Marcia Hass, Gloria Nihart, Mary Frances Burton, Tom Burton

Receiving Hospice Care:

✠ Eldora Krueger

Strength and Peace:

✠ For all who have been touched by the violence in Brooklyn Center this week.

Grieving:

✠ Dan Kluge and his family upon the recent death of his oldest brother, John Kluge.

Courage:

✠ For fellow Christians living in persecution in many parts of the world.

Praying for our Family of Believers:

✠ Joel and Jennifer Pralle, Madyson

✠ Jacob and Morgan Pralle

✠ John and Julie Wrubel, Cody

✠ Royce and Marlie Ernst, Nicole and Sarah

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 Pat Markwardt's 91st birthday on April 22.

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!



RESCHEDULED! PRIVATE INDOOR COMMUNION

Private indoor communion scheduled for April 15, has been rescheduled for **Thursday, April 22**, from 10 to 11:30 am and 4:00 to 5:30 pm. Sign up is available on the Redeemer website or by contacting the church office at 507-289-5147.



HOLY COMMUNION

This Week At Redeemer

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

MONDAY, APRIL 19

Quilters—NFH—8 am

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

Men's Bible Study—Zoom - 9:00 am

Faithfully Fit Exercise—SFH—9:30 am

Staff Meeting—Sanctuary—9:30 am

Accordion Band—SFH—1 pm

Koinonia CC—Zoom—6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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 22

Faithfully Fit Exercise—SFH—9:30 am

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

Private Indoor Communion—Sanctuary—4-5:30 pm

WORSHIP—In Person—6:00 pm

Malachi CC— NFH—6:30 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Spring Clean Up Day—8:00 am to Noon

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

WORSHIP—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

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Blessed to Serve

Preaching Pastor Ben Loos

Organist..... April Beckman, DPM

Children's Message..... Josh Heirigs, DCE

Elder: 6:00 pm John Grudem

8:00 am..... Darin Grewe

10:45 am..... Randy Hellickson

Lector: 6:00 pm Sherrill VanGuilder

8:00 am Carolyn Walk

10:45 am..... June Storma

Technology:

6:00 pm Tom Werle

8:00 am..... Tim Rossman / Ethan Daniels

10:45 am..... Chris Senne

Ushers:

6:00 pm Paul Lewis

8:00 AM Ric Thieke / Megan Grudem

10:45 am..... Micah Heins / Dan Kluge

Quick Notes

- ★ **WEEKLY E-NEWS BLAST:** If you are not receiving our weekly announcement updates on Thursday in your email inbox, please contact the church office to get signed-up.
- ★ **ELDER READING DRIVE:** If you would like to receive a weekly email from our Elders spotlighting our theme and scripture readings for the coming weekend, please contact the church office (507-289-5147 or office@redeemer-rochester.com).

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