



Redeemer Lutheran Church

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thursday, April 29, 2021 – 6:00 pm
Family of Believers Sunday, May 2, 2021 – 8:00 am
HEBREWS 12:1-3 Eyes ON Jesus Sunday, May 2, 2021 – 10:45 am

Grow In Christ ♦ SHARE HIS LOVE ♦ Encourage

Our Mission Statement: *“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.”*

VALUES: Truth, Prayer, Family of Believers, Teaching, Community Engagement, Healing/Caring, Joy

HOLY COMMUNION
 is celebrated in each service the weekends of the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month. We invite those who acknowledge their sinfulness, recognize that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for our forgiveness, and are willing to give witness to the unity of their faith with this community, to join with us in receiving the sacrament. For those who for health or conscience reasons are not able to receive wine, juice options are available. Gluten-free wafers and juice sets are also available for those with that allergy.

OUR THEME FOR TODAY: We Saw Him. This letter was written about 20 years after the Resurrection. This section basically says - “Don’t believe me? Go ask THEM!” Eyewitness testimony. Don’t forget, Christianity started with a group of people who were Eyewitness WHO SAW JESUS ALIVE! As we celebrate their eyewitness testimony we stop and ask - how can we be eyewitnesses today?

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 "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" LSB 467, sts. 1,2,3

1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.

2 The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed,
His boast is turned to gloom.

**For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
He who is strong to save
Has triumphed o'er the grave.**

3 This is a sight that gladdens—
What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son
In love for me has won.

(*) 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter is from the eighth chapter of Acts.

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless

someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb

before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell

me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

Acts 8:30-35 NIV

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Second Reading is from the fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians.

¹ 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. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he

was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. *1 Corinthians 15:1-8 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

(*) GOSPEL READING

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in

you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:1-8 NIV

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
 C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*Please be seated.*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "Crown Him With Many Crown" LSB 525
 st. 1-**all**, st. 2-**all**, st. 3-**women**, st. 4-men, st. 5-**all**

**1 Crown Him with many crowns,
 The Lamb upon His throne;
 Hark how the heav'nly anthem
 drowns
 All music but its own.
 Awake, my soul, and sing
 Of Him who died for thee,
 And hail Him as thy matchless king
 Through all eternity.**

**2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,
 The God incarnate born,
 Whose arm those crimson trophies
 won
 Which now His brow adorn:
 Fruit of the mystic rose,**

**Yet of that rose the stem,
 The root whence mercy ever flows,
 The babe of Bethlehem.**

**3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
 Behold His hands and side,
 Rich wounds, yet visible above,
 In beauty glorified.
 No angels in the sky
 Can fully bear that sight,
 But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
 At mysteries so bright.**

**4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
 Who triumphed o'er the grave
 And rose victorious in the strife**

For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

5 **Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.**

SERMON "Historical Faith: We Saw Him" – 1 Corinthians 15:5-8

+ We Respond To God's Word +

MUSICAL OFFERING "Awake My Heart With Gladness" – Jay Kurtz and Jane Quaintance

(*) OFFERTORY (*Spoken. Please stand.*) *(LSB 465, st. 3)*

C: O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above that we conquer through Your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(*) RESPONSE (*1 Corinthians 15:1-8*)

P: ¹ 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. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

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

(*) 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: **The tomb is empty! Alleluia!**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: **His Disciples, Paul, and over 400 believers saw Him! Alleluia!**

P: Death no longer has any power over Him!

C: **Death no longer has any power over us!**

P: The day is coming when we will see Him with our own eyes! Alleluia!

C: **Just as He said! Alleluia!** *(Please be seated.)*

CLOSING MEDITATION

“Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed”

*How can it be? The One who died
Has borne our sin through sacrifice,
To conquer ev’ry sting of death;
Sing, sing hallelujah!*

*For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ’s disciples lift their eyes;
Alive He stands, their Friend and King;
Christ, Christ, He is risen.*

Chorus:

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

Oh, sing hallelujah.

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed.

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

*Where doubt and darkness once had
been,
They saw Him and their hearts believed;
But blessed are those who have not seen,
Yet sing hallelujah.*

*Once bound by fear, now bold in faith,
They preached the truth and pow’r of grace;
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life, life everlasting. **Chorus***

*The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save;
He frees our hearts to live His grace;
Go tell of His goodness. **Chorus***

Chorus

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following social distance guidelines.)*

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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:

✚ Jan Walters, Sherrill VanGuilder, Sharon Thede, Elaine Gittus, Jennifer Pralle, Kathy Voight, Marcia Hass, Gloria Nihart, Mary Frances Burton, Tom Burton

Receiving Hospice Care:

✚ Eldora Krueger
✚ Doug Koepsell

Thanksgiving:

✚ As Dick and Eileen Miller celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary on May 8th.

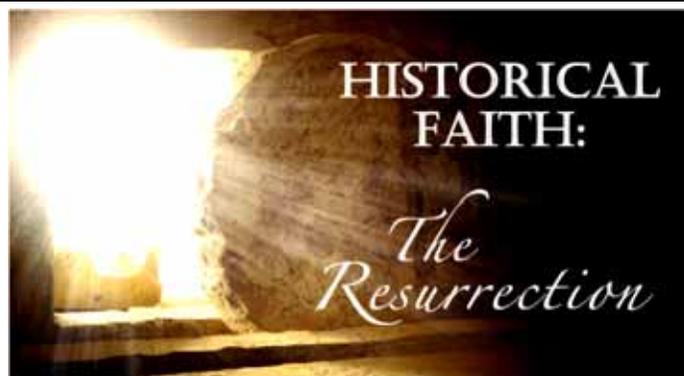
Guidance:

✚ For our governmental and civic leaders in the Rochester area.

Praying for our Family of Believers:

✚ Ardella Brenner
✚ Eric Bruns, Kali Engel, Gabriel Engel, and Dison Bruns
✚ Fred and Marilyn Crossfield
✚ Arlene Krueger

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.



Life Group Series— Historical Faith: The Resurrection

Throughout this series we will look at 5 historical reasons why we can be confident that Jesus truly did what the Scriptures say and our faith believes—He rose from the dead. In each case, we can stop and with Thomas confess Jesus as, “My Lord and My God!”

GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP STARTING SOON

Please consider joining our Grief and Loss Support Group, starting Thursday, May 6, from 2:00-3:30 pm in the Upper Room. This group will meet for six weeks. Please call the church office (507-289-5147) or Kathy Zarling, Parish Nurse (507-398-7036), if you would like to be a part of this group. Please sign up by Monday, May 3.

FLOWER IN THE CHANCEL

Is in honor of Bob Hoenk’s 91st birthday on May 2.



This Week At Redeemer

SATURDAY, MAY 1

LWML Rally—Fellowship Hall— 9 am

SUNDAY, MAY 2

WORSHIP with Holy Communion—In-Person—8 am

WORSHIP—Livestream—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

WORSHIP with Holy Communion—In-Person—10:45 am

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

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

Alleluia Singers—1:00 pm

Youth Bonfire—Parking Lot—6 pm

MONDAY, MAY 3

Quilters—NFH—8 am

TUESDAY, MAY 4

Men's Bible Study—Zoom - 9:00 am

Faithfully Fit Exercise—SFH—9:30 am

Staff Meeting—Sanctuary—9:30 am

Accordion Band—SFH- 1:00 pm

Stewardship Mtg.—5:30 pm

CC Equippers—6:30 pm

Proverbial Women CC—Choir Rm—7:00 pm

Elders Meeting—7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

Family Ministry Team—Library—1:00 pm

Cherub Choir—6:00 pm

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

2nd Year Confirmation—SFH—6:15 pm

Distance Confirmation—ZOOM—7:30 pm

In-Person Sounds Of Praise—Sanctuary—7:30 pm

THURSDAY, MAY 6

Faithfully Fit Exercise—SFH—9:30 am

WORSHIP—In Person—6:00 pm

New Member Welcome—ZOOM—7:00 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 7

SATURDAY, MAY 8

New Beginnings CC—SFH—10:00 am

SUNDAY, MAY 9—MOTHER'S DAY

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

WORSHIP—In-Person—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 pm

Blessed to Serve

Preaching	
Organist	April Beckman, DPM
Children's Message	Josh Heirigs, DCE
Elder: 6:00 pm	Tim Kanne
8:00 am.....	Kurt Rump
10:45 am.....	Dan Zeccard
Technology:	
6:00 pm	Tom Werle
8:00 am.....	Heidi Diercks
10:45 am.....	Chris Senne
Ushers:	
6:00 pm	Jeff and Judy Lee
8:00 AM	Harry Jenkins/Sam Gehrking
10:45 am.....	Nina Hesby / Carole Sorenson

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we celebrate being able to begin small gatherings again, *more volunteers are needed!* We are especially in need of further help with sanitizing after church services!



If you feel moved to help with **technology, ushering, reading, or cleaning** — and have not been contact ed — please call the church office at 507-289-5147.

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