

 <p>REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH FAMILY OF BELIEVERS</p>	<h1>Redeemer Lutheran Church</h1> <h2>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</h2> <p>Thursday, May 6, 2021 – 6:00 pm Sunday, May 9, 2021 – 8:00 am Sunday, May 9, 2021 – 10:45 am</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: We can do a lot for a lie but you do not die for a lie. Tertullian stated that “the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.” The disciples gave their lives! All of them but John were brutally killed. Why? Because they saw the Risen Jesus and lived His mission no matter what! Joining us today is John Gayed sharing real life examples of this 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 "The Strife Is O'er The Battle Done" LSB 464

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Sing:

**1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
 Now is the victor's triumph won;
 Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!**

Men Sing:

**2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
 But Christ their legions hath dispersed.
 Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!**

Women Sing:

**3 The three sad days have quickly sped,
 He rises glorious from the dead.
 All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!**

All Sing:

**4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
 The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
 Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!**

All Sing:

**5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia! Refrain**

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(*) 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter is from the seventh chapter of Acts.

⁵⁴ When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged

him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep. *Acts 7:54-60 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Second Reading is from the fifth chapter of 1 Peter.

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family

of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:6-11 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: **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

¹⁸ "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, it would love you

as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates

you. ²⁰ Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching,

they will obey yours also. ²¹ They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me. *John 15:18-21 NIV*

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*Please be seated.*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "More Than Conquerors"

**When my hope and strength is gone,
You're the One who calls me on.
You are the life,
You are the fight that's in my soul.**

**Oh, Your resurrection pow'r
Burns like fire in my heart.
When waters rise,
I lift my eyes up to Your throne.**

Chorus:
**We are more than conquerors, through
Christ;
You have overcome this world, this life.
We will not bow to sin or to shame.
We are defiant in Your name.
You are the fire that cannot be tamed.
You are the power in our veins,
Our Lord, our God our conqueror.**

**I will sing into the night:
Christ is risen and on high.
Greater is He
Living in me than in the world.**

**No surrender, no retreat.
We are free and we're redeemed.
We will declare
Over despair, You are the hope. *Chorus***

**Nothing is impossible,
Ev'ry chain is breakable.
With You we are victorious.
You are stronger than our hearts,
You are greater than the dark.
With You we are victorious.**

Chorus

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SERMON "Historical Faith: Die for a Lie? No Way!" (Acts 4:29)

+ We Respond To God's Word +

(*) CREED

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C: **Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

C: **Yes, I believe 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.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: **Yes, 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.**

P: Do you intend to live according to the Word of God remaining true to this Faith you have confessed and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

C: **I do by the grace of God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING "Be Ye Glad" – Sounds of Praise

*In these days of confused situations,
In these nights of restless remorse;
When the heart and the soul of a nation
Lay wounded and cold as a corpse.
From the grave of the innocent Adam
Comes a song bringing joy to the sad;
O your cry has been heard and the ransom
Has been paid up in full, be ye glad.*

*O be ye glad, O be ye glad,
Ev'ry debt that you ever had
Has been paid up in full by the grace of the Lord.
Be ye glad, be ye glad, be ye glad.
Now from your dungeon a rumor is stirring,*

*You have heard it again and again;
O but this time the cell keys are turning
And outside there are faces of friends.
And tho' your body lay weary from wasting,
And your eyes show the sorrow they've had;
O the love that your heart is now tasting
Has opened the gate, be ye glad. O be ye glad.*

*So be like lights on the rim of the water,
Giving hope in a storm of the night;
Be a refuge amidst the slaughter
Of these fugitives in their flight!
For you are timeless and part of a puzzle,
You are winsome and young as a lad;
And there is no disease or no struggle
That can pull you from God, be ye glad.*

*O be ye glad, O be ye glad.
Ev'ry debt that you ever had
Has been paid up in full by the grace of the Lord.
Be ye glad, be ye glad, be ye glad. (repeat)*

(*) 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: The tomb is empty Alleluia!

P: Death no longer has any power over Him!

C: Death no longer has any power over us!

P: Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial

C: We will receive the crown of life! Just as He said! Alleluia! (Please be seated)

CLOSING "In Thee Is Gladness" LSB 818

- 1 In Thee is gladness amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given the gifts of heaven,
Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining to see Thy shining,
Dying or living to Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

- 2 Since He is ours, we fear no powers,
Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses in worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story, tell of His glory
With hearts and voices; all heav'n rejoices
In Him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him and still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

(The Ushers will dismiss you. We encourage you to socialize outside following social distance guidelines.)

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

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, Lauren Horstman, Sherrill Van Guilder, Sharon Thede, Elaine Gittus, Jennifer Pralle, Kathy Voight, Gloria Nihart, Tom Burton, Lyndie Hanson's mother

Receiving Hospice Care:

✚ Eldora Krueger
✚ Doug Koepsell

Encouragement/Care/Support:

✚ For Mother's on Mother's Day
✚ For Teachers and Educators
✚ For Nurses

Praying for our Family of Believers:

✚ Steve and Karen Wright
✚ Steve and Laura Brady, Maggie and Ruth
✚ Steve and Sandy Arnot
✚ Luanne Kraus
✚ Luke Wrubel, and Urijah

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.

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.



MAY VOTERS' MEETING Sunday, May 23 – 1:00 pm Sanctuary

Mark your calendar to attend the upcoming **Voters' Meeting on Sunday, May 23!** *The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary (similar to the January Voters' Meeting).*

Look for further updates on the agenda, including approval of the Nominations Committee recommendations and updates by our various boards and Ministry teams.

MUSIC SUNDAY—May 23

We give thanks for all our faithful and dedicated servants of music for sharing their talents! Join us Livestream and In-Person on Sunday, May 23, to celebrate the glorious gift of music.



This Week At Redeemer

SATURDAY, MAY 8

New Beginnings CC—SFH—10:00 am

SUNDAY, MAY 9

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—Zoom—6 pm

MONDAY, MAY 10

Quilters—NFH—8 am

Emmanuel CC—Upper Rm—4 pm

J.O.Y. CC—Rm 1-2—7 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 11

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

GTO Team—Library—6:15 pm

Trustees—6:30 pm

Church Council—Zoom—7 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Cherub Choir—6:00 pm

RSE Planning Team—6:00 pm

2nd Year Confirmation —ZOOM—7:30 pm

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

THURSDAY, MAY 13

Faithfully Fit Exercise—SFH—9:30 am

WORSHIP with HOLY COMMUNION

—In Person—6:00 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 14

RSE Music Practice—Sanctuary—6 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 15

SUNDAY, MAY 16

WORSHIP—Livestream—8 am

WORSHIP with HOLY COMMUNION

—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 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 Kickball Event—6:00 pm

Partners in Christ CC—Zoom—6:30 pm

Blessed to Serve

Preaching Pastor Adam Koglin

Organist..... April Beckman, DPM

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

Elder: 6:00 pm Kelly Anderson

8:00 am..... Bryce Beckman

10:45 am..... Kelly Anderson

Laity Readers:

6:00 pm Bob Vehrenkamp

8:00 am..... Heidi Diercks

10:45 am..... Janith Corkill

Technology:

6:00 pm Tom Werle

8:00 am..... Tim Rossman

10:45 am..... Chris Senne

Ushers:

6:00 pm Paul Lewis

8:00 am..... Harold Jenkins and Ed Feeder

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



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