The Third 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.*

Pre-Service Music

"Christ Is Alive" — Krug – Redeemer Handbells
"Abundant Praise" — Eithun – Redeemer Handbells

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — "O Worship the King" — Grant/Gardiner

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light and canopy space!
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

(Chorus) **You alone are the matchless King, to You alone be all majesty.**
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light.

O measureless might, ineffable love;
While angels delight to worship above.
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend. *(Chorus)*

Shine in the light. You shine in the light.

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

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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 "How Can I Keep from Singing?" Tomlin/Redman/Cash

There is an endless song, echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring.
And though the storms may come, I am holding on, to the rock I cling,

Chorus: **How can I keep from singing Your praise?**
How can I ever say enough how amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing.

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night, for I know my Savior lives.
And I will walk with You knowing You'll see me through, and sing the songs You give. *(chorus)*

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, now that You have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The First Reading Acts 2:14a; 36-41 ESV

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea
and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 36 Let all
the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this
Jesus whom you crucified." 37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said
to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them,
"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of
your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for
your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."
40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save
yourselves from this crooked generation." 41 So those who received his word were baptized,
and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-25 ESV

17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds,
conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were
ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such
as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish
or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the
last times for the sake of you 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from
the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. 22 Having purified your
souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly
from a pure heart, 23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of
imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; 24 for "All flesh is like grass and
all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 25 but the word of
the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-35 ESV

13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from
Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.
15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with
them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What is this
conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking
sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to
Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 And he
said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who
was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief
priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we
had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day
since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were
at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back
saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those
who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did
not see." 25 And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the
prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and
enter into his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them
in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. 28 So they drew near to the village to which
they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29 but they urged him strongly, saying,
"Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with
them. 30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave
it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from
their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us

on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" 33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Message

Sermon Song of Praise "Amen (Because He Lives)" Cash/Tomlin

I believe in the Son; I believe in the Risen One;
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood;

(Chorus) **Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;**
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends because He lives.

I was dead in the grave; I was covered in sin and shame;
I heard mercy call my name; He rolled the stone away. *(Chorus)*

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, every fear is gone;
I know He holds my life, my future in His hand. *(Chorus twice)*

Because He lives.

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Message "Going to a Village named Emaus"

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.)

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!" Ryan – Redeemer Handbells

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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"What a Beautiful Name" Fielding/Lightwood

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater; what could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory for You are raised to life again.
You have no rival, You have to equal. Now and forever God You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is.
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

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"Magnificent Marvelous Matchless Love" Getty

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love too vast and astounding to tell,
Forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all.
Oh, fountain of beauty eternal, the Father the Spirit, the Son,
Sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains, exultant they stand,
The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness, all life is sustained by Your hand.
You crown ev'ry meadow with color; You paint ev'ry shade in the sky.
Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

(Chorus) **How great, how sure, His love endures forevermore.**
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

What grace that You entered our brokenness; You came in the fullness of time.
How far we have fallen from righteousness but not from the mercies of Christ.
Your cross is our door to redemption; Your death is our fullness of life.
That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood, magnificent marvelous, matchless love.

(Chorus)

United in Your resurrection, You lift us to infinite heights. Could anything sever or take us from magnificent, marvelous, matchless love? *(Chorus twice)*

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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

"Praise to the Lord the Almighty" Nickels

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

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