

The Fourth 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.*

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition and Appreciation of Pastor Paul Liersemann's 50 Years in Ministry

Call to Worship

“Great Things”

Wickham

Come, let us worship our King. Come, let us bow at His feet.

He has done great things.

See what our Savior has done. See how His love overcomes.

He has done great things. He has done great things.

(Chorus) **O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave.**

You free ev'ry captive and break ev'ry chain.

O God, You have done great things.

We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.

O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high.

O God, You have done great things.

You've been faithful through ev'ry storm. You'll be faithful forevermore.

You have done great things.

And I know You will do it again for Your promise is Yes and Amen.

You will do great things. God, You do great things. *(Chorus)*

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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

“Hope and Glory”

Hughes/Smith/Herbert

**Hear our cry, O King of heaven, Jesus, hope to ev’ry heart.
We are lost without Your glory, we are lost without You, God.**

**Be the fire that burns within us, flames of love that purify.
Send Your pow’r and Your salvation, let us see Your kingdom come.**

(Chorus) **Only You can move the mountains, only You can heal our land.
Christ alone, our hope and glory, Christ alone in You we stand.**

**Turn Your eyes and show us mercy; how we need Your Father’s love.
Lead us home, and out of darkness, with Your gospel burning bright. *(Chorus twice)***

**We believe our God is mighty, we believe our God is here.
We believe our king is coming, Christ alone in You we stand.
Praise the Lord, our God is mighty. Praise the Lord, our God is here.
Praise the Lord, our King is coming. Christ alone in You we stand.**

‘Cause *(Chorus)* Christ alone in You we stand.

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, merciful Father, grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we may know the voice of our Shepherd and follow Him. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 2:42-47 ESV

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25 ESV

19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been

healed. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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The Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10 ESV

10 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Children’s Message

Sermon Song of Praise

“How Far Love Goes”

Johnson

**You gave up a throne for a manger, traded a crown for a cross,
Laid down Your life for a stranger and for all who are broken and lost.**

(Chorus) **You came down from the heavens so we would know
How deep, how high, how long and how wide and how far love goes.**

**You went to the darkest of places, walked down the loneliest roads.
You looked into lost empty faces and told us we’re never alone. *(Chorus)***

**To the ends of the earth You have been,
You have searched for the ones so far from home.**

**Jesus, You paid the price
What a great sacrifice You have made to call us Your own. *(Chorus)***

How deep, how high, how long and how wide and how far love goes.

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Message

“My Shepherd Knows Me”

John 10:14

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.)

“This World Is Not My Own”

Fettke – Voices of Praise

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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“Be Still and Know”

Fettke – Voices of Praise

“Song of Love”

St. James/Bronleewe/Ash

**Jesus, King of my heart; Father, my peace and my light;
Spirit, the joy of my soul You are.**

**Jesus, to You none compare; Father, I rest in Your care;
Spirit, the hope of my heart You are.**

Chorus: The heavens declare You are God, and the mountains rejoice.

The oceans cry “Alleluia,” as we worship You, Lord, for this is our song of love.

Jesus, You saved my soul. I’ll thank You forevermore.

Jesus, the love of my life You are. (*chorus*)

Jesus, I am in awe of the love that You have shown.

Jesus, how precious You are to me, to me. (*chorus*)

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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

“River of Life”

Powell

Chorus: Brothers, sisters, come on down to that river.

Guaranteed you’ll never be the same

There’s a fountain flowing from the heart of the Savior.

Bring your sins and all your guilty stains;

Let that river of life wash it all away.

If you’ve been searching, carrying burdens,

**If you've been lost and looking for a home,
If you've been drifting and something is missing,
You should know that you are not alone. (*Chorus*)**

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