

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024
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

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, Confession and Forgiveness

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

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 declare you forgiven of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, God of all grace, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of your sheep, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may know the voice of our Shepherd and follow Him where He leads us; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 4:1-12 ESV

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus^[a] is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.^[b] ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men^[c] by which we must be saved.” This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 23 (*spoken together*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24 ESV

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God,^[d] and God^[e] in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18 ESV

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Message

Sermon Song of Praise "It Was Finished Upon That Cross" Robinson/Thompson

**How I love the voice of Jesus on the Cross of Calvary.
He declares His work is finished; He has spoken this hope to me.
Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost,
Christ has triumphed over evil. It was finished upon that Cross.
Now the curse, it has been broken; Jesus paid the price for me.
Full, the pardon He has offered. Great, the welcome that I receive.
Boldly I approach my Father, clothed in Jesus' righteousness.
There is no more guilt to carry. It was finished upon that Cross.
Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me.
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed.
Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me.
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed!
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed!
Free from ev'ry plan of darkness, free to live and free to love.
Death is dead and Christ is risen. It was finished upon that Cross.
Onward to eternal glory, to my Savior and my God.
I rejoice in Jesus' vict'ry. It was finished upon that Cross.
It was finished upon that Cross. It was finished upon that Cross.**

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Message "My Shepherd Knows Me" John 10:11, 14

*Living--He loved me. Dying--He saved me. Buried He carried my sins far away.
Rising--He justified freely, forever. One day He's coming--O glorious day!*

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

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings

(Please stand when the pastor stands and approaches the altar.)

“A Joyful Song to the Lord”

Drennan – Voices of Praise

The Offering Prayer

The Words of Institution

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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“Steal Away”

Leavitt – 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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