

The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Confirmation Sunday
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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.*

“Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!”

Psalm 98:1

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

“Impossible Things”

Tomlin/Brown

You heal the broken hearted You set the captive free.

You lift the heavy burden and even now You are lifting me.

(Chorus) **There is no healer like the Lord our Maker**

There is no equal to the King of kings, oh

Our God is with us; we will fear no evil,

‘cause You do impossible things.

Yeah, You do impossible things.

Though I walk through the valley, darkness surrounding me,

There You prepare a table, Mm in the presence of my enemies, yeah!

You do the impossible, possible.

(Bridge twice) **One word and the walls start falling. One word and the blind will see.**

One word and the sinner’s forgiven, ‘cause You do impossible things!

There is no healer like the Lord our Maker

There is no equal to the King of kings, oh

Our God is with us; we will fear no evil,

‘cause You do impossible things. *(Repeat)*

You heal the broken hearted You set the captive free.

You lift the heavy burden and even now You are lifting me.

Yes, even now You are lifting me. Oh, even now You are lifting me.

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Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I

therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Song of Praise

“Humble King”

Brenton Brown

O kneel me down again, here at Your feet;

Show me how much You love humility.

Oh, Spirit, be the star that leads me to

The humble heart of love I see in You.

Chorus: **‘Cause You are the God of the broken, the Friend of the weak;**

You wash the feet of the weary, embrace the ones in need.

I want to be like You, Jesus, to have this heart in me.

You are the God of the humble; You are the humble King.

(Repeat from the beginning.)

You are the God of the humble; You are the humble King.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

Holy God, You are the Author of life and have made us to be Your children. Fill us with the power of Your Word, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 10:34-48 ESV

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. 43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” 44 While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. 45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, 47 “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people,

who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading

1 John 5:1-8 ESV

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17 ESV

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon Song of Praise

“Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)”

Kauflin

Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down;

Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you; rest in Him.

He is gentle, He is lowly, He delights to bring us peace;

Tender Shepherd, mighty Savior: rest in Him.

(Chorus) **How sure his compassion for us! Oh how deep is his love;**

So come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.

**Are you hopeless, are you guilty? Caught in shame for all your sin?
He pursues you to forgive you; rest in Him.
He has paid for ev'ry failure, Mercy flows in endless streams;
Come and follow, freedom call you: rest in Him. (Chorus)**

**Are you waiting in your sorrows For this broken world to heal?
He is coming, soon returning; rest in Him.
We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace revealed;
From His kindness ev'ry promise then fulfilled;
Trust in Jesus, He will keep us to the end. (Chorus)**

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Message

“Live Loved”

John 15:9-10

The Rite of Confirmation

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings

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

“God Is for Us”

Farren

**We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night.
We will walk the Valley with You by our side.
You will go before us, You will lead the way.
We have found a refuge, only You can save.**

(Chorus) **Sing with joy now; our God is for us.**

The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress.

Raise your voice now, no love is greater.

Who can stand against us if our God is for us?

**Even when I stumble, even when I fall,
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure.
You will not abandon, You will not forsake.**

You will cheer me onward with never-ending grace. (Chorus)

Neither height nor depth can separate us. Hell and death will not defeat us.

He who gave His Son to free us holds me in His love. (Repeat)

(Chorus twice)

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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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"Christ Is Risen"

Maher

Let no one caught in sin remain inside the lie of inward shame,

But fix our eyes upon the cross, and run to Him who showed great love

and bled for us, freely You've bled for us.

(Chorus) **Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death**

Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave.

Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again

Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave.

Beneath the weight of all our sin, You bowed to none but heaven's will;

No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown, no burden great can hold you down.

In strength You reign; forever let Your church proclaim. *(Chorus)*

O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?

O church, come stand in the light; The glory of God has defeated the night.

Singing: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?

O church, come stand in the light; our God is not dead- He's alive, He's alive!

(Chorus twice)

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**The grace of God has reached for me, and pulled me from the raging sea.
And I am safe on this solid ground: the Lord is my salvation.**

**I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: the Lord is my salvation.**

(Chorus) **Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.**

My debt is paid and the vict'ry won: The Lord is my salvation.

**My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come: the Lord is my salvation.**

**In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak.
I know His grace will renew these days: the Lord is my salvation. *(Chorus)***

**And when I reach the final day, He will not leave me in the grave.
But I will rise, He will call me home: the Lord is my salvation. *(Chorus)***

**Glory be to God the Father glory be to God, the Son, glory be to God, the Spirit;
The Lord is our salvation. *(Repeat)***

The Lord is our salvation, the Lord is our salvation.

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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

“Today is the Day”

Brewster/Baloche

I'm casting my cares aside. I'm leaving my past behind.

I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.

I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more,

Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.

Chorus: **Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.

And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what You say.

Today is the day. Today is the day.

**I'm putting my fears aside. I'm leaving my doubts behind.
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more,
Knowing that all you have in store for me is good, it's good. (*chorus*)**

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