

resurrection REALity



The Supper at Emmaus by Caravaggio
National Gallery, London, UK

**WE HAVE A MEANINGFUL
MESSAGE TO SHARE**

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME! Thank you for joining us for worship today. At Redeemer we believe that the gospel message, the good news that Jesus has won for us forgiveness and eternal life, is more than just words. It's the power God uses to create and strengthen faith in our hearts. Our worship focuses on the proclamation of this life-saving message as we respond with our prayers, praise, and thanksgiving. May you be richly blessed as we worship together!

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WORSHIP IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

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RESURRECTION REALITY

St. Paul writes, “Christ has *indeed* been raised from the dead” (1 Corinthians 15:20). Big word: *Indeed!* Paul is stressing that we must not think of Jesus’ resurrection like a happy ending to another epic fable. The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. On time’s infinite line, Jesus’ resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. But *Christ has indeed been raised*. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But *Christ has indeed been raised*. So, the reality is Jesus’ resurrection proves that “all will be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now.

The greatest theologian of the early church, Augustine, called the season of Easter “a joyful week of weeks”—seven wonderful weeks, each seven glorious days long. In this glorious season, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection reality.

April 7The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace

April 14We Have a Meaningful Message to Share

April 21The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherding

April 28The Living Lord Produces Active Faith

May 5Jesus’ Business Is Love; Therefore So Is Ours

May 12We Will Overcome This Broken World

May 19Chris Has Not Left Us Alone



TODAY’S FOCUS: WE HAVE A MEANINGFUL MESSAGE TO SHARE

A platitude is a statement aimed at helping soothe some sort of emotional unease. “*What doesn’t kill you makes you stronger.*” Or “*Life is a mystery.*” Or “*Good things come to those who wait.*” While platitudes may be well-intentioned, at best they come off as trite. And since platitudes provide no real help, they can actually make a situation worse. Tell the one whose heart is shattering, “*Life is a mystery.*” They won’t appreciate your platitude or you.

The resurrection gives believers the ability to offer more than platitudes. We have a meaningful message to share—of repentance, of forgiveness, of peace, of power. The reality is we have something important to say to every single person that God brings into our sphere of influence. And our risen Savior gives us the courage and power to share that meaningful message.



The Church Gathers for Worship

8:00 SERVICE—1st & 2nd Grade

There Is Now No Condemnation

Karen Maio

*I am not ashamed to share these words with you. They're the gospel truth.
You'll want to share them too.*

*There is now no condemnation for those who have salvation, that righteousness that Jesus won for me.
Oh, I know I am forgiven, and one day I'll see heaven. Through Faith in Jesus Christ, I now am free!*

I am so ashamed, for my sins Jesus died. I am so amazed, by grace, I'm justified!

I am saved by grace, God's boundless love for me. I am saved by faith, God's gift so I believe.

HYMN

The Tomb is Empty | 453

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

***Congregation:* Amen.**

RESPONSIVE VERSES

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them. *Psalm 32*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just

and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

RESPONSE

He's Risen, He's Risen | 445: 1,4-5



1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



he o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
pro - claim the blest ti - dings that all may re - joyce.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



and earth, sea, and moun - tain, the prais - es pro - long.
re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.
with Fa - ther and Spir - it he ev - er shall reign.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:11-20

¹¹While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon’s Colonnade. ¹²When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

Peter healed a crippled beggar, drawing a large crowd. Peter used that opportunity to share a meaningful message about the one the people of Jerusalem asked Pilate to crucify.

¹⁷“Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27D

We Are Singing

Refrain

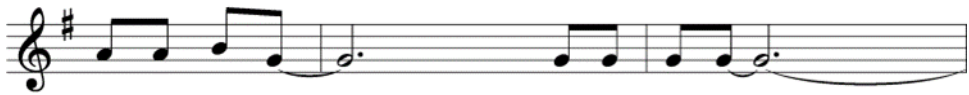
We are sing - ing, for the LORD is our light, we are
sing-ing, for the LORD is our light. We are sing - ing, for the



LORD is our light, we are sing-ing, for the LORD is our light.



We are sing-ing, oh, we are sing-ing, for the



LORD is our light. We are sing-ing,



oh, we are sing-ing, for the LORD is our light.

Verses



The LORD is the strength of our lives; of
One thing have we asked of the LORD, yes,
When bur - dens are heav - y to bear, our
We walk in the strength of the LORD; God's



whom shall we be a - fraid? Though foes may be
this is the thing we seek: to dwell in the
shel - ter is God a - lone. Our feet are
love is ev - er sure. We shout that the



near to de - stroy, the LORD will be our light.
house of the LORD, to live with God for - ev - er.
lift - ed high, yes, high up - on a rock.
world may hear; we sing a joy - ful song.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:5-2:2

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

St. John summarizes the meaningful message we have heard and been called to declare: God is light.

¹My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

The risen Savior gives us peace. He also gives us a mission. We are to share the message of repentance and forgiveness.

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED | *Credo*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the 4th Century to defend the Bible's teaching that both Jesus and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light | 713

SERMON

OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Brothers and Sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story | 746: 1,6,3

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My Worship Notes

Name _____

What is the name of the church season or special day today?

What is the color of the church today? Circle one: Blue White Purple Red Green

The sermon text was:

This is in the: Old Testament New Testament



What is the sermon about?

Did we have a Sacrament today?



Baptism?

- Yes
 No



Communion?

- Yes
 No

My favorite song today was:

What did you learn about God today?

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What are you thankful for today?



*WE EXIST TO GLORIFY GOD AS
WE GATHER, GROW, AND GO*
