

because HE LIVES!



WE HAVE A MEANINGFUL MISSION

To Tell the Next Generations
the Praiseworthy Deeds of the Lord

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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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers in the rear of the sanctuary. If you would like more information about Redeemer, please feel free to speak with one of our pastors or any one of the members after the service. You may also contact us anytime using the information below.

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EASTER SEASON—BECAUSE HE LIVES

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It is easy to become so engrossed in the details of historical events—*who, when, where*—that we miss their significance. For example, consider World War II. There are many compelling stories. Lots of dates and data to remember. However, for a moment, set all that aside, and just imagine the Allies had lost. How would the world be different today? What would life be like for those of Jewish heritage? Would freedom exist in Europe? Would we be speaking German? Rather than focusing only on the details, you also need to focus on *what* a historical event means. The Allies won. That means something!

In this season of Easter, it is good we review the details: *who, when, where*. That reminds us that the resurrection of Christ is not fairytale or fable. It is a historical event. . . *the* historical event. However, we do ourselves a disservice if we simply recall the historic details of Easter without thinking long and hard about Easter's significance. Jesus won. That means something! During the Easter season we'll focus on *what* it means that Jesus rose from the dead. *BECAUSE HE LIVES...*

Easter Day.....Death Has Lost Its Sting

April 28.....We Have a Meaningful Mission—Tell the Next Generations

May 4...We See & Confess Things Clearly (Confirmation)

May 11.....We Know Jesus is Trustworthy and True—

May 18.....We Live Lives of Committed Love—

May 25.....We Have Deep and Lasting Joy—

June 1.....Christ Creates Unity within Diversity

June 8.....Christ Sends Us His Spirit (Pentecost)



TODAY'S FOCUS—WE HAVE A MEANINGFUL MISSION: TELL THE NEXT GENERATIONS

If Jesus remained dead, all he would provide is an example of a beautiful life. Therefore, if Jesus remained dead, the mission of his followers would simply be to share advice. *“Here is how Jesus would want us to love one another.*

But because he lives, his followers now have a meaningful mission. It is not to share advice, but to testify to what we have seen and know to be true. Christ has risen! Thus, Jesus is not a standard, but our Savior. His resurrection to glory will be the resurrection of all who put their faith in him. Sharing that good news—*that's* the Church's mission.

At this time in Redeemer's history, mission and opportunity meet. In this Easter season, we'll give specific application to what God is accomplishing at this moment among us. Our generation—the 4th Generation at Redeemer—has been given the opportunity to expand the reach of the resurrection gospel for generations to come. With the relocation of our ministry to a larger campus, and into more classroom and other ministry space, we will reach more souls with the news of Jesus' resurrection than ever before. Glory to God!



THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

He's Risen, He's Risen | 445 st. 1-3

GREETING AND INVOCATION

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING VERSES

I will not die, but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's right hand is majestic in power. The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy. In the greatness of his majesty he threw down those who opposed him.

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

The Lord will not abandon me to the grave. He has made known to me the path of life.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Brothers and Sisters: Our Savior Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification. We have been declared innocent in the eyes of God our heavenly Father. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and confidently ask for his forgiveness.

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 heavenly Father raised his Son from death to life as proof that Jesus completed his mission to pay for all of our sins. 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.

SONG OF PRAISE

stanzas 4-5 of He's Risen, He's Risen



4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;

Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
 pro - claim the blest ti - dings that all may re - joice.

For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:

re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.
 with Fa - ther and Spir - it he ev - er shall reign.



The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who raised Jesus from the dead, grant us, your church, the boldness of your apostles to proclaim the resurrection gospel with unwavering courage. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may faithfully witness to your saving grace in all we say and do; for you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 5:12,17-32

¹²The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade.

¹⁷Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ²⁰"Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life."

²¹At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. ²²But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, ²³"We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside." ²⁴On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to.

²⁵Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." ²⁶At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

²⁷The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸"We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

The apostles were not going to let opposition and persecution prevent them from fulfilling their meaningful mission of telling others about Christ's death and resurrection.

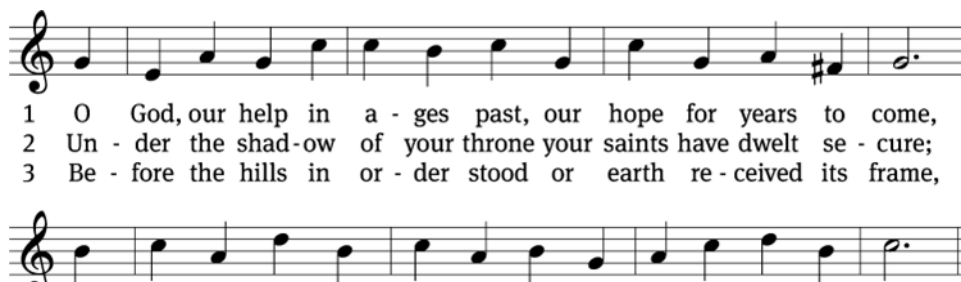
²⁹Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³²We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90

O God, Our Help in Ages Past | 820



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:32– 12:3

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

The lives and witness of those who finished the race with Christ-focused faith, encourage our generation to carry out our meaningful mission.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36-49

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

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look 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.”

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

⁴⁴ He 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.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I 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 risen Jesus appears to his apostles on Easter evening. The resurrection gives them peace, and a meaningful mission to carry out.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Walk by Faith | 830

SERMON

THE OFFERING IS GATHERED

Online gifts may be given by scanning the QR code or at redeemerfdl.org/give. You may also use the Vanco app: Search first for Fond du Lac, then scroll down to Redeemer. Online givers may place the cards located in the card rack on the back of the pews into the plate.



BUILDING ON FAITH VIDEO

Telling the Next Generations

Our last video highlighted how we are blessed with wonderful staff members, who are carrying out Christ's calling to equip our students for this life and for eternity. Our final video highlights how we are building on the foundation of former Redeemer generations, as we move our ministry forward in order to reach more people with the gospel for generations to come.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Gracious and Almighty God, we come before you, awestruck by the glory of Your Son's resurrection. In Jesus, You have shattered the power of sin and death. This gospel truth is our life, our hope, and our courage. We confess that too often we hoard this good news, distracted by our fears or lulled by our comforts. Renew us now, O Lord, to live as Your resurrection people.

Risen Savior, awaken our hearts with the power of Your victory, that we may boldly share Your love with the next generations.

Father, your gospel is not a mere idea, but a living reality that transforms. Fill your church with the Spirit's fire, that we might proclaim this good news with clarity, compassion, and conviction to a world desperate for hope.

Holy Spirit, equip us to pass on the unchanging truth of Christ's resurrection to those who come after us.

Lord Jesus, you are the King who reigns forever, yet you invite us to join your mission. Help us to see the young, the searching, and the skeptical not as strangers, but as those you long to draw to yourself. Give us wisdom to listen, humility to learn, and courage to point other to you, so that the next generations may know the joy of Your salvation.

Faithful God, make your church a beacon of your resurrection hope, shining brightly for all generations to see.

Eternal God, we thank you that your power is given us through your gift of the gospel. We rest in your promise that your Word will not return empty. As we worship you today, let the truth of Christ's empty tomb stir our souls, shape our priorities, and send us out to share your good news with boldness and love,

until every generation knows Your name.

special intercessions

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior, who has also taught us to pray:

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

The Lord bless 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

O Church, Arise | 870

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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?

