

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

1811 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville, Indiana
Office: (812) 476-9991 • redeemerchurch.org

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2026

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

VISITORS AND MEMBERS

Good morning and welcome! Attendance cards and offerings will be collected at the door as you enter or leave, or you can do both electronically using the QR code on the back cover of this bulletin. We are glad you're here and look forward to meeting you. If you wish, you may also send an email to pastor@redeemerchurch.org.

AS WE GATHER

The expression of love that God seeks from us is for us to keep His commands. This isn't to downplay worship, but words of praise without at least an effort to follow God's commands does feel empty. Sunday morning should be a point of emphasis on a whole week of consciously serving God.

LESSON FOR DISCIPLES

God guides us through the distortions that sin has created in us and this world by giving us His commands.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"This Is My Father's World"

by Jason Krug

Today's service uses portions of Divine Service II

✠ **PREPARATION** ✠

OPENING HYMN

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

(LSB 496)



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

Public domain

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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 therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is the Feast”

(LSB 171)



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

† WORD †

(readings from the English Standard Version Bible (ESV))

FIRST READING

Acts 17:16-31

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for

“‘In Him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“‘For we are indeed His offspring.’

²⁹ Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead.”

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live.

²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

²¹ Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

“Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice”

(LSB 556 v 1-4)



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark - ly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro-claim the won - ders God has done, How
moth-er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear-est trea - sure.

Public domain

SERMON

“Behind The Scenes”

John 14:15-21

I. Jesus Preparing His Precious Disciples

- A. Washes their feet
- B. Predicts His betrayal and Peter's denial
- C. Gives them a new commandment
- D. Shares words of comfort
- E. “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me” (John 14:1)
- F. Reminds them of the way

II. *The Promised Comforter*

A. *Jesus says it's good that He departs*

B. *If you love Me...*

1. *Salvation is not contingent on keeping Jesus' commandments*
2. *Natural response of our faith received in grace*
3. *Psalm 19:8 "The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes"*

C. *Jesus is leaving them and offers the ultimate comforter, the Holy Spirit*

1. *Comforter, Counselor, Advocate, Spirit of Truth*
2. *Will abide with and in you*
3. *"He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." (John 14:26)*

III. *The Holy Spirit*

A. *Creates and sustains faith*

B. *Always points us to Christ*

C. *Delivers Jesus and His Gifts*

D. *Gives His Fruit*

E. *Coming of the Holy Spirit is part of the glorification of Jesus*

F. *"All that the Father has is Mine; therefore, I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you." (John 16:15)*

RESPONSE OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

*To give electronically, scan the QR code at the right, visit our website redeemerchurch.org, and click on 'online giving', or text the word **GIVE** to (812) 362-2848 and follow the link. You can make a one-time gift OR sign up for a recurring donation. Recurring donations can be changed or canceled at any time.*



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"The Boy Jesus Visits the Temple"

OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

(LSB 955)



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

© 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100012111.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension in heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those**

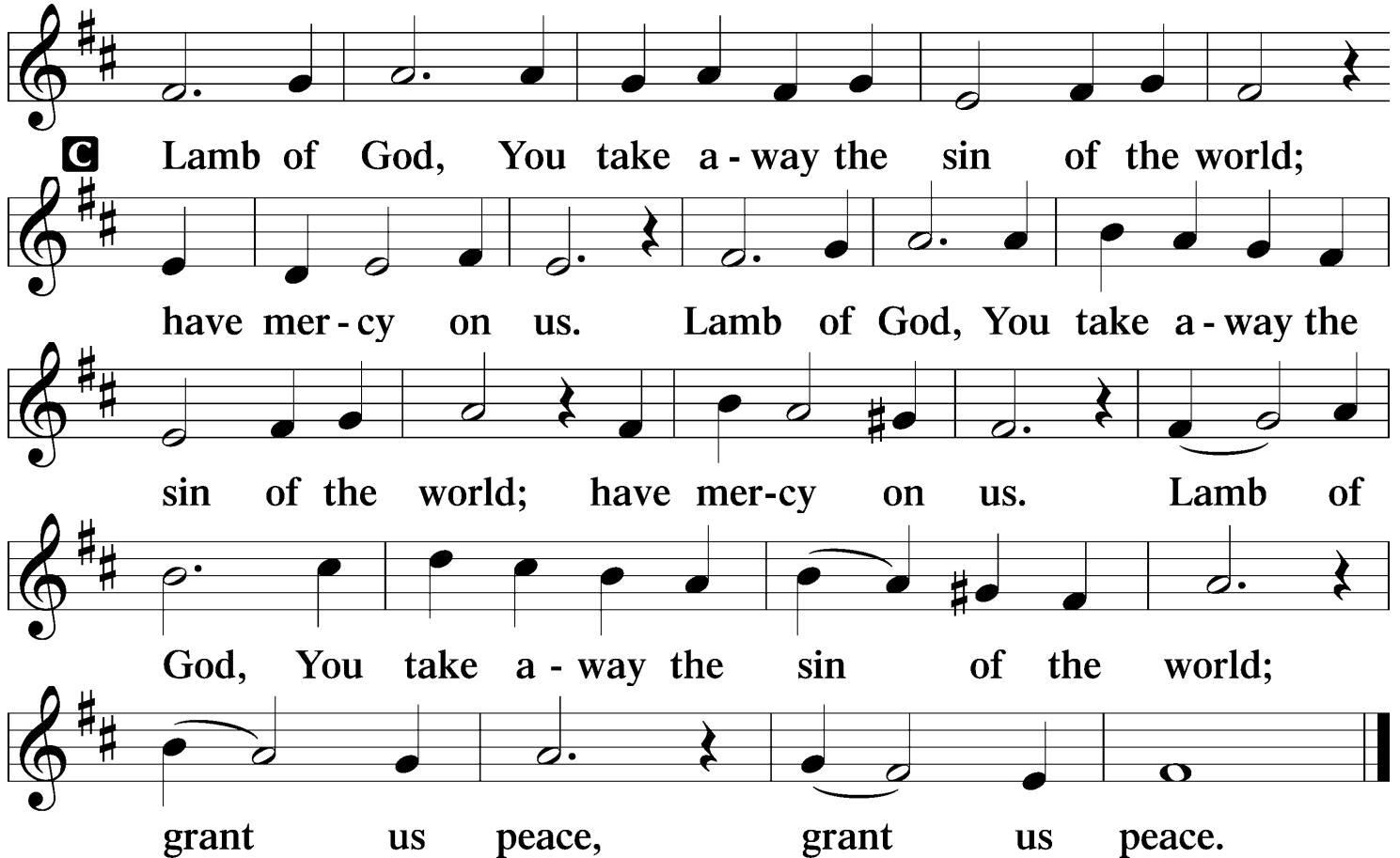
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

PLEASE NOTE: Because the sacrament can be taken to one's spiritual harm if not properly understood, *1 Corinthians 11:27*, we ask all visitors to refer to our statement of belief found inside the back cover of this service folder before communing. We are eager for you to participate fully in every aspect of this ministry, but we do not want to compromise any portion of God's Word among us.

Even if you are not partaking in this Sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest. Children are invited to come forward and receive a baptismal blessing.

Gluten-free wafers are available if your health requires it. Please ask the Pastor for one when communing. For those who prefer not to have alcohol, there is white grape juice in the cups toward the center of the tray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“The Lamb” (LSB 547)

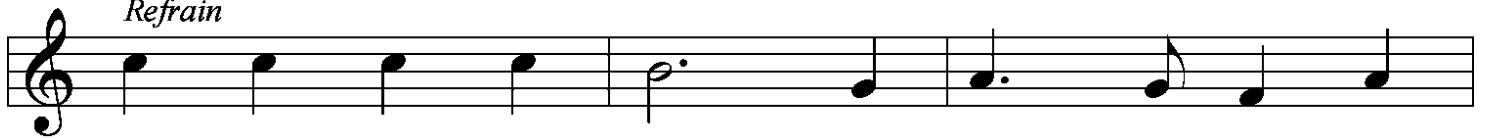


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

© 1987 and 1997 MorningStar Music Publishers.

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” (LSB 461)



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

5) He lives to silence all my fears;
 He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;
 He lives all blessings to impart.

6) He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7) He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.

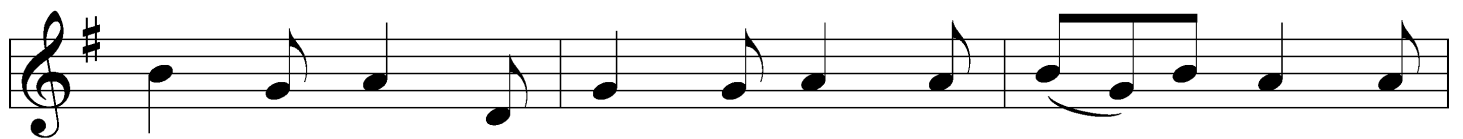
8) He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

Public domain

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re - calls His prom - is -



es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

(LSB 480)



1 He’s ris - en, He’s ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
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, true Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den’s door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan’s do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
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 their prais - es pro - long.
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

Portions of this worship service are protected by copyrights from Concordia Publishing House License #000012078 and CCLI License #397712. We acknowledge and appreciate their generosity in sharing these items with us as part of our praise and worship of Jesus Christ.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in remembrance of Ruth Corson, Kaye Castle and Elizabeth Hanisch.

THE NURSERY is available for the care of your little ones. It is located in the southwest corner of the Education Wing/Preschool Hallway and is clearly marked. Please use the nursery at your convenience or when you find that the younger members of your family are disturbing your time of worship.

THIS WEEK @ 9:15 a.m. ADULT BIBLE STUDY:

- 2 Corinthians with Pastor Tom in the Fellowship Hall

**WEEKLY SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES FOR
SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES FOR TODDLERS - HIGH SCHOOL
9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH**

Sunday Morning Littles! (2 yr olds - PreK) meets in Room 202
(Parents are encouraged to attend with their children for Sunday Morning Littles!)
Sunday Morning Live! (Kindergarten - 4th Grade) in Room 201
Redeemer Roots - Middle School (5-8th) meets in Room 200
Redeemer Reach - High School (9-12th) meets in the Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is LWML Mite Collection Sunday.

‘Help Me Understand’ class will explain some Bible basics: how the books in the Bible were chosen, how translations are done, in what sense do we believe it to be God's Word, etc. The first will be TOMORROW Monday, May 11 at 6:30pm in Evansville Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30pm @Newburgh.

Summer Bible Reading Program will begin just after the ‘Help Me Understand’ class. On Monday May 18, we will start reading on our own just a chapter a week beginning in Luke. On Mondays I will post some reflections on the readings we just did and maybe something about the week ahead. If you have not studied the Bible on your own, this is a way to start.

✠ In Our Prayers ✠

Praise and Thanks

For all women who show God's love to children

Illness/Recovery

Carol M Jane W Joyce W Kelsey & Baby E Ray S Steve R Jim W Eric Jami Louise

Intercession

For those suffering from dementia and their caregivers

For Lutheran Hour Ministries and all of their outreach efforts

For peace around the world and for persecuted Christians around the world

For our congregation and for our improvement plans beginning at Newburgh

For the success of Redeemer Preschool and Evansville Lutheran School

Wisdom for our country's leaders and all those in authority

For our military and their families; Kurt, Cason, Cody & Katy M

Redeemer Families

Barb W

Barb S

Steve and Joyce W

Serving Today

May 10, 2026

8:00 am Traditional Worship:

Attending Elder: Tim Grunow Usher: Janice Elwood Organist: Molly Wuertz
Communion Care: Donna Klausmeier Coffee Maker: Mary Ann Metz

May 10, 2026

10:30 am Traditional Worship:

Attending Elder: Jerry Mills Coffee Maker: Mary Ann Metz
Communion Care: Chris Hampton Usher: Joel Budke Organist: Molly Wuertz

Serving Next Sunday

May 17, 2026

8:00 am Traditional Worship:

Worship Assistant: Greg Barnett Usher: Janice Elwood
Attending Elder: Barry Hampton Organist: Molly Wuertz
Communion Care: Shauna Boom Coffee Maker: Marcie Mickel

May 17, 2026

10:30 am Traditional Worship:

Worship Assistant: Wendy Menke Coffee Maker: Marcie Mickel
Attending Elder: Tim Grunow Usher: Darrell Stevens Organist: Molly Wuertz