

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 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

God has known about you from before the creation of the universe. He knew what you would be and that He could reach you. Your salvation, transformation, mission, and praise are to the glory of God.

LESSON FOR DISCIPLES

Jesus is in constant communication about us and the work He is accomplishing through us.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Only Trust Him"

by Robert Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heav'ns, Adore Him"

by Donald Moore (Choir)

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heav'ns, adore Him;
Praise Him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars and light.*

*Praise the Lord, for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail;
God hath made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.*

*Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken;
Hosts on high, His pow'r proclaim;
Heav'n and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify His name.
We will adore Him, our Lord and King.*

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heav'ns, adore Him;
Praise Him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars and light.*

*Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken;
 Hosts on high, His pow'r proclaim;
 Heav'n and earth, and all creation,
 Laud and magnify His name.
 Praise the Lord!*

† PREPARATION †

OPENING HYMN

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

(LSB 904)



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
 △ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
 Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
 Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
 Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We are saved to bring glory to God. Our sinful nature often threatens that goal. Confess your sins to God that He can assure you of forgiveness and cleanse you from all unrighteousness.

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

Pastor: Let us also confess our sins together.

People: **Lord Jesus, we acknowledge that we fall far short of Your standards and that we need forgiveness. We thank You for being faithful to Your mission to give eternal life to us.**

Pastor: God has called you to be His and Jesus has paid the price. I can therefore forgive you all your sin in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“To God Be the Glory”

Words by Fanny J. Crosby; Music by William H. Doane

**To God be the glory - great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory - great things He hath done!**

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *(repeat Refrain)***

**Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (repeat Refrain)**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

† WORD †

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

FIRST READING

Acts 1:12-26

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

*"May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it';*

and

"Let another take his office.'

21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the Baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection.” 23 And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And

*“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”*

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all

grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

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

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

When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You, ² since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given Him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴ I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave Me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed.

⁶ "I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave Me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. ⁸ For I have given them the words that You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰ All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one.

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the



na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own
 His most mar - v'rous light; Brought His truth to
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and



spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter



grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied And all find fresh
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in



knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
 hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
 know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.
 joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

SERMON

“You Are His”

John 17:1-11

Intro: In general, prayer is a private thing...

I. Jesus' prayer with His crucifixion right around the corner

- A. Jesus has authority over all flesh (v.2)*
- B. The whole thing is to give eternal life*
- C. Eternal life is to know the only true God (v.3)*
 - 1. What does “know” mean here?*
 - 2. Many religions claim this*
 - 3. People can know there is a god or about God*
 - 4. This is to truly experience Him and be “in Him”*
- D. Jesus' work (v.4)*
 - 1. Fulfill the Law*
 - 2. Prepare for being the sacrifice*
- E. Take Me to the point of restoring My glory (v.5)*

II. Now about Your/My people...

- A. I have “manifested” Your name (v.6a)*
- B. The people You gave Me*
 - 1. That is not everybody*
 - 2. Is it predetermined or foreknown?*
 - 3. Of the original disciples (6b-8)*
 - a. I have given them Your words*
 - b. How does this also apply to you?*
 - 4. I am praying for them...not the others (v.9)*
 - 5. I am glorified in them (v.10)*
 - a. In my salvation*
 - b. In my transformation*
 - c. In my praise*
 - d. In my mission*

What things tell you that you are one of God's people?

How can you bring glory to God?

RESPONSE OF FAITH *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.

And 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.

OFFERING

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"John Baptizes Jesus"

OFFERTORY

"Lord of All Good"

(LSB 786)



1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
 2 We give our minds to un - der - stand Your ways;
 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;



Use them Your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill.
 Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great de - sign;
 Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;



To - kens of love and pledg - es they shall be
 Hearts with the flame of Your own love a - blaze—
 Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:



That our whole life is of - fered to Your will.
 Thus for Your glo - ry all our pow'rs com - bine.
 To You with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

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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.

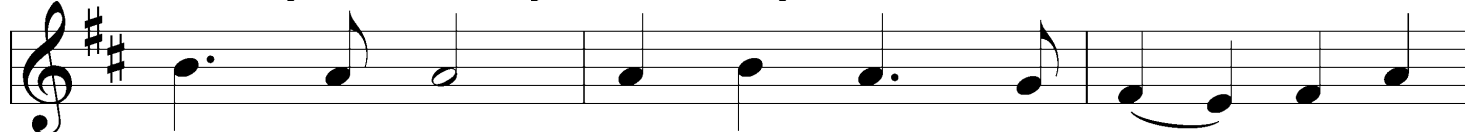
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS



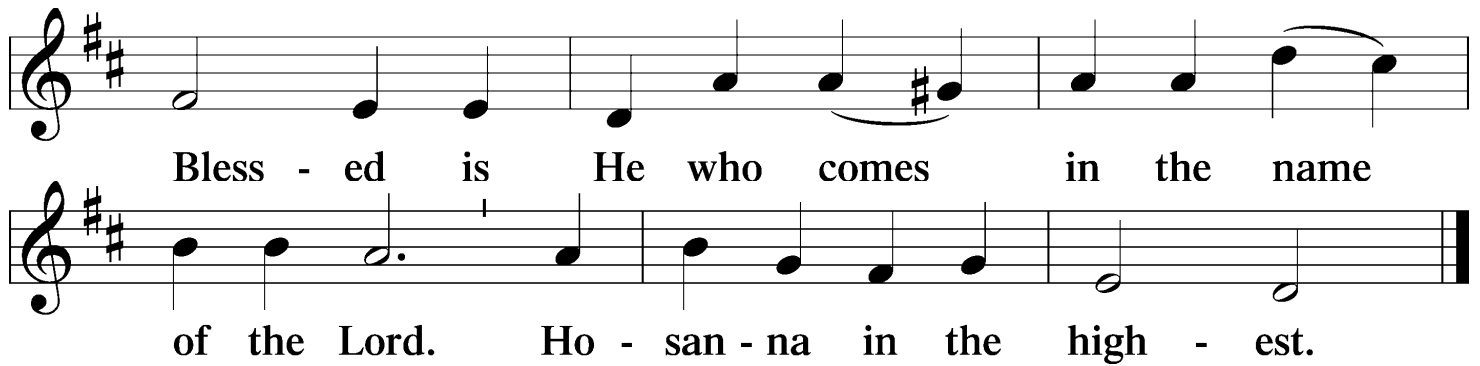
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



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

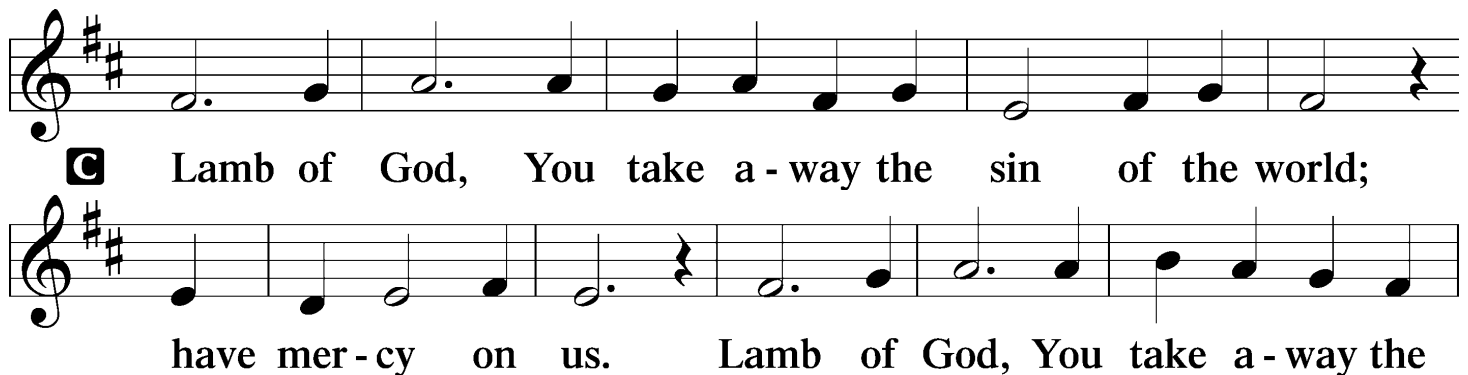
All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

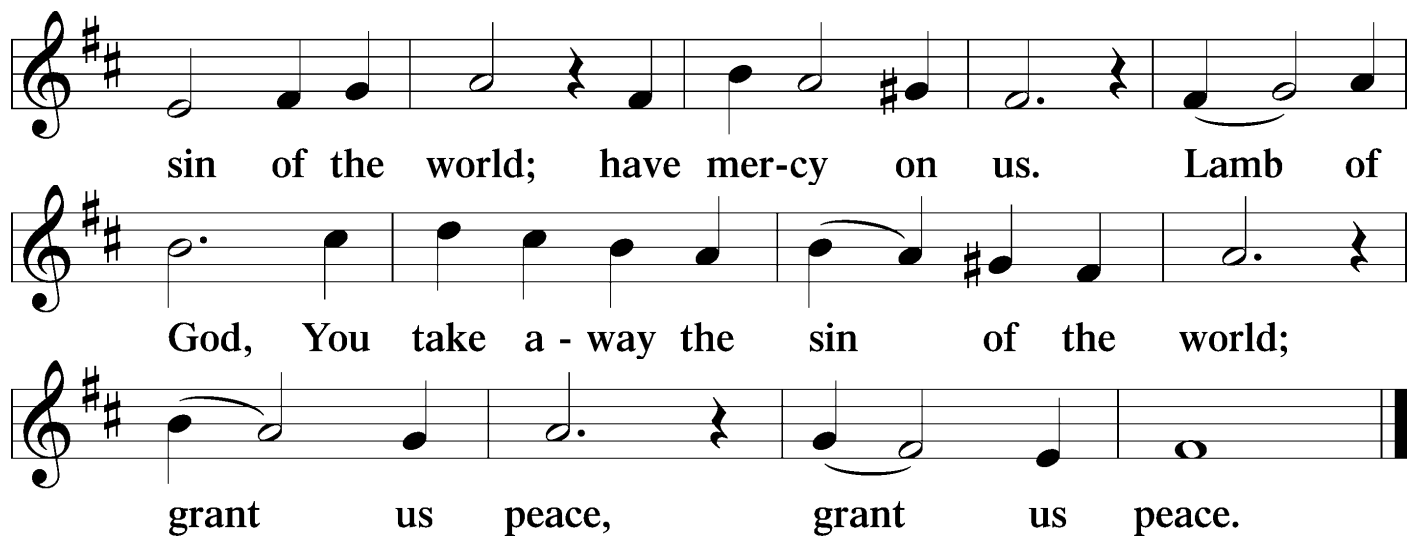
Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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 mercy 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

“Lamb of God” (LSB 550)



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have
 sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and
 rod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” (LSB 625)



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace
2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -
3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free
4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,
ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,
re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight
would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well
Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -
In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,
O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,
ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,
Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,
this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.
To share Your cup of heal - ing.
As - sured of Your full par - don.
O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ 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

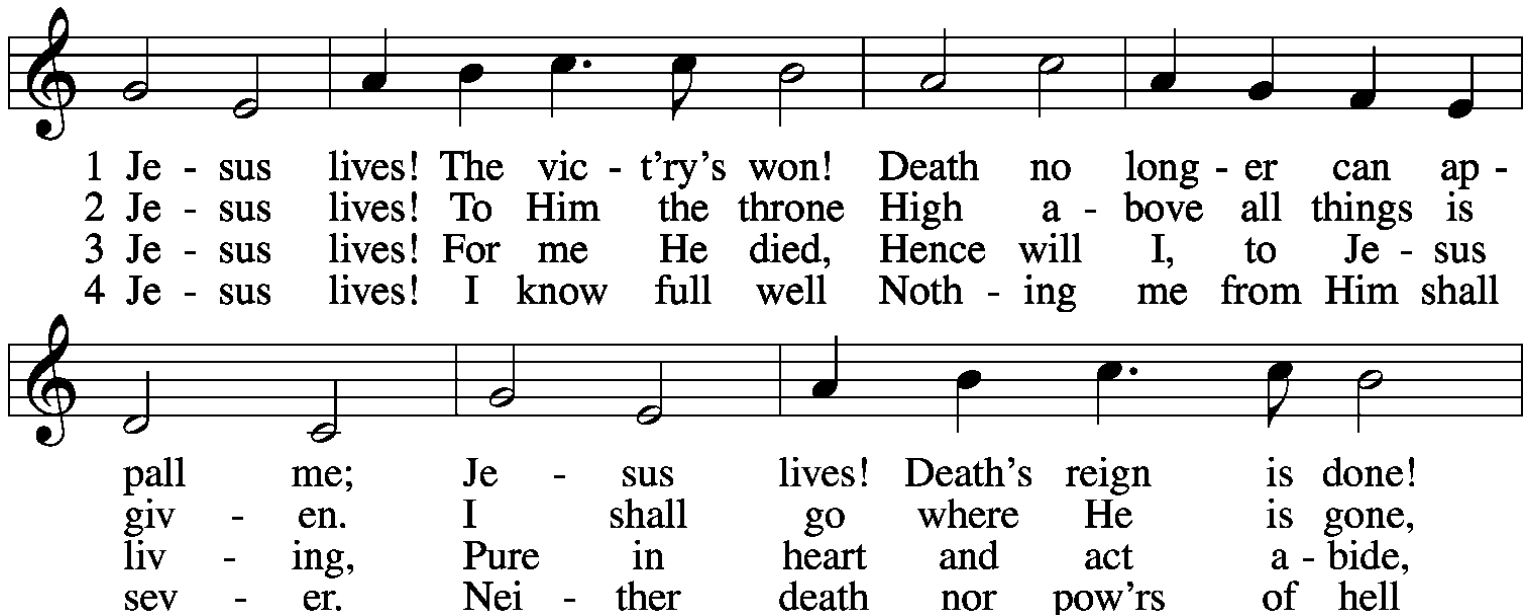
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won”

(LSB 490 v.1-4)



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bid,
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

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POSTLUDE

“Louré”

by J.S. Bach arr. Birchwood

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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:

- The Messiah 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 ALMS Sunday

Carol Wittenbraker Memorial Service will be held at Redeemer Evansville, 1:30pm this Saturday, May 23rd.

Summer Bible Reading Program begins tomorrow! Start reading on our own, a chapter a week beginning in Luke. If you have not studied the Bible on your own, this is a way to start.

Register for VBS! June 15-18 @Redeemer Newburgh, 9am-Noon. VBS is for kids three years old through fifth grade. Use the QR code!



Memorial Day Service @Lutheran Cemetery, Monday, May 25 at 11am. Pastor Eckels will lead the service.

‡ In Our Prayers ‡

Praise and Thanks

For our 2026 High School graduates - Ryder, Chris, Johnny, Ryan, Brynlee & Ben
For our Redeemer Preschool Class of 2026 - Braelynn, Oliver, Noah, Daxton,
Ollie, Vermicki, Esther Lia, Eli, Nora, Lillian, Kai & Paisley

Illness/Recovery

Kelsey and Baby E Rick S Carol M Jane W Ray S Eric Jamie Louise
Tim P Megan Lorelei Robin

Intercession

For those suffering from dementia and their caregivers

Safe travels for Drew K and all those traveling

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

Tim & Barb G

Barry & Chris H

Jerry & Monica M