

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 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

Often we consider the church as an institution for our spiritual strengthening. We also consider it the building in which we worship. However, the church according to Scripture is living. The church is continually being built with "living stones" into a royal priesthood and holy nation that it may "proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9)

LESSON FOR DISCIPLES

God has placed His Holy Spirit in you making you His temple. This motivates us to serve Him in opportunities that He presents to us in our everyday lives. As disciples, we look for these opportunities to share Christ's mercy, grace, forgiveness, and truth.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"O Bless the Lord, My Soul!"

by Jason Krug

CALL TO WORSHIP

"A Celtic Prayer"

by John Leavitt (Choir)

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.*

*Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.*

† PREPARATION †

OPENING HYMN

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

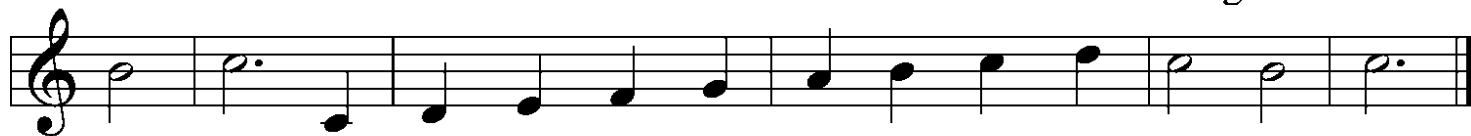
(LSB 912)



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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△ = *Please stand*

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Though we try to contain our sinful nature and do what is good and right, we fail because our sinfulness is strong and the temptations of the world are great. God calls us to confess our sins to Him and to repent.

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

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins together:

People: Lord, we acknowledge that we stumble. Our sins of thought, word, and deed are failed opportunities to do good and reveal our less-than-pure motives. We ask for Your forgiveness. Though You are unchanging, we ask that You change us, renew us, and transform us to Your will.

Pastor: God does not change. He tells us when you confess your sins, He is faithful and just and forgives you. Upon your confession, it is by Christ's authority and as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I 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

"All Glory Be To God on High"

(LSB 947)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
 2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -
 3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -



fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A
 ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And
 Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With
 la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through



child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and
 just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your
 God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to
 Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -



gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
 might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.
 You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,
 on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:



All strife at last has end - ed.
 Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing!
 Have mer - cy on us, a - men!
 To this we hold for - ev - er.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

† WORD †

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

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a,51-60

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

And Stephen said:

“Brothers and fathers, hear me.

⁵¹ “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him.

58 Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture:

*"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame."*

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

*"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,"*

⁸ and

*"A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense."*

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-18

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the sixteenth chapter.

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

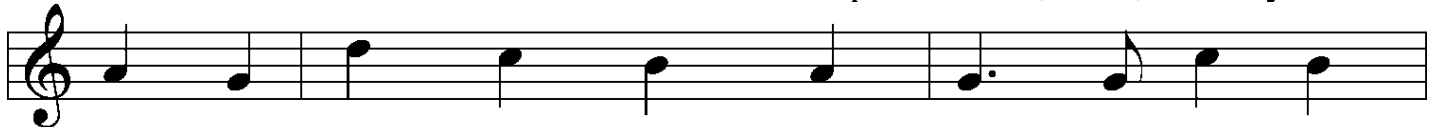
SERMON HYMN

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

(LSB 575)



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

SERMON

“Even the Stones Will Cry Out”

Intro:

I. Peter (English), Petros (Greek), Cephas (Aramaic)

A. Name vs. Actions

- 1. Denial*
- 2. Denial*
- 3. Denial*

B. Peter’s Confession

- 1. Who is Jesus?*
- 2. On this Rock*
 - a. Peter himself?*
 - b. The Rock of the Word revealed*

II. Peter’s Letter

A. The Rock of Christ

- 1. Living Stone*
- 2. Cornerstone*

B. Built With Stones that Live

- 1. Those who have Christ in them*
- 2. Temple of the Holy Spirit*
- 3. Living Because HE Lives*

C. Proclaim the Excellencies of Him

III. You Are Chosen (1 Peter 2:9)

A. Devote Yourselves

- 1. Prayer*
- 2. The Word*

B. Do Not Resist the Holy Spirit

- 1. Moves to Speak or be Silent*
- 2. Moves to Act or Remain Still*

C. Profess and Proclaim

- 1. Repentance*
- 2. Forgiveness*

Sermon in a snippet: Peter uses his interaction with Jesus and name as a metaphor for those connected to Jesus. Peter’s confession is the “rock” on which the church is built. This confession, which can only be given through the Holy Spirit, is the symptom of having Christ live in us. We, as the church, are living stones (rocks)

being built on the Cornerstone of Christ as those connected to Christ continue to grow. You are chosen by Christ Himself. He has drawn you to Him to give you life, to make you a temple, and to build upon Himself with your brothers and sisters in Christ, creating a church that the gates of hell will not prevail against.

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

"The Visit of the Wise Men"

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.

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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.

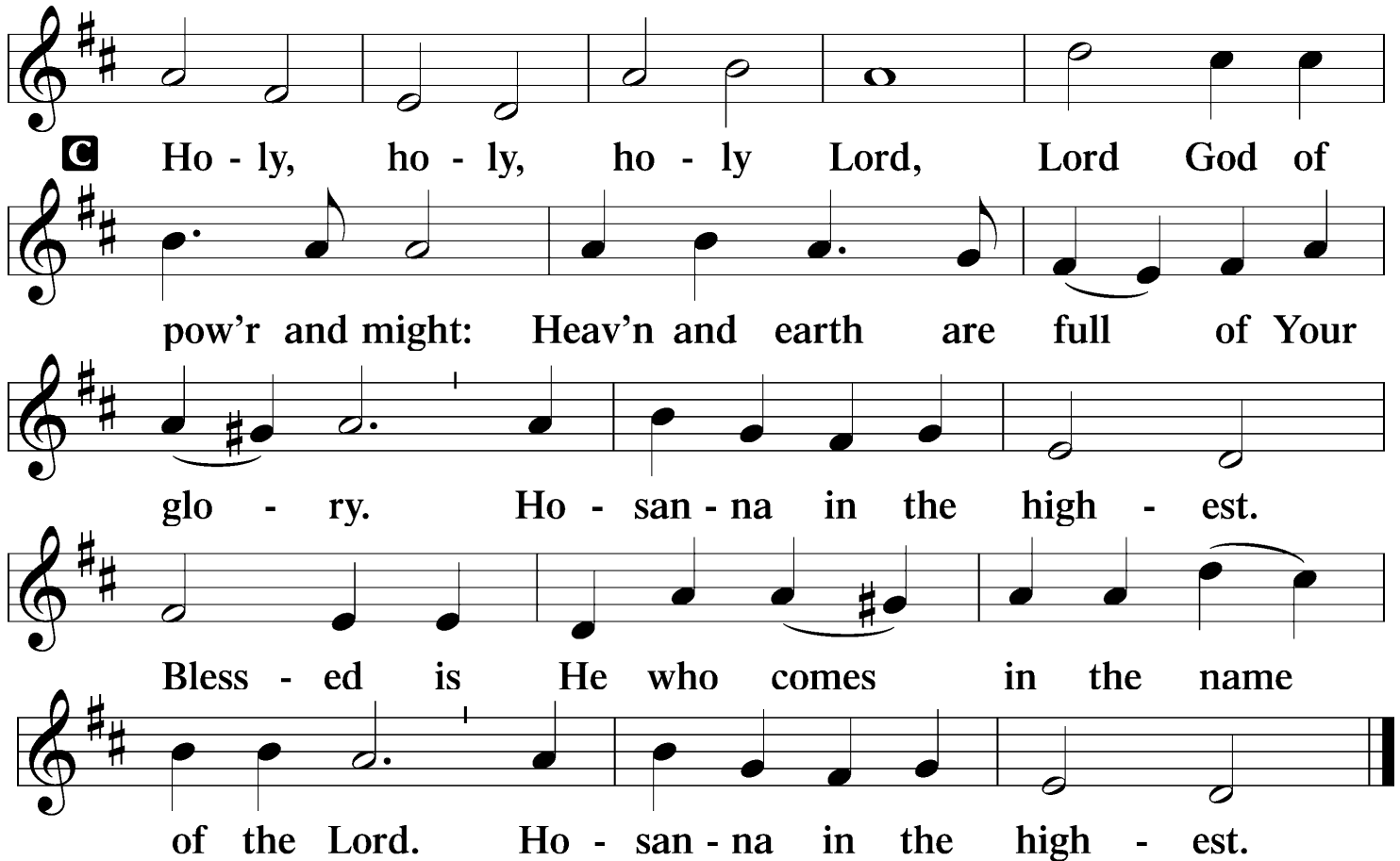
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 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

“Jesus Comes Today With Healing” (LSB 620)



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
me this hour — In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: “Come and taste the bless - ed feast.”
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

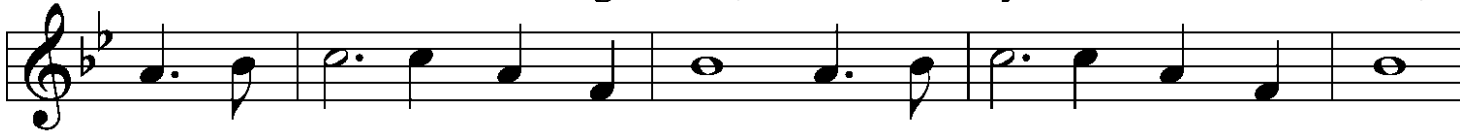
5) Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

6) Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (LSB 761)



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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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

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

(LSB 657)



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat-'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

POSTLUDE

“Go Joyfully”

by Richard Williamson

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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:

- 2 Corinthians with Pastor Jason 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

Helpers wanted for Spring Work Day @Evansville! Join us **this Friday, May 8 @8:30am** at Evansville to help pull weeds, mulch and get us looking good for the season! Please bring wheelbarrow, gloves, rake and shovel.

'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 on 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 ✠

Grief

For the friends and family of Mark Whitehead and Gary Gowers

Illness/Recovery

Joyce W Dianna Tim P Margo Steve R Louise

Intercession

For students, faculty and staff of Oakland City University

For Mason L & family who lost their home in a fire

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

Georgene H, Bill & Deb E, Juan, Brittany, Alexander, Lucia M & Daniella G

Serving Today

May 3, 2026

8:00 am Traditional Worship:

Worship Assistant:	Erin Kieffner	Coffee Makers:	Barry and Chris Hampton
Attending Elder:	Jerry Mills	Organist:	Molly Wuertz
Communion Care:	Monica Mills	Usher:	Janice Elwood

May 3, 2026

10:30 am Traditional Worship:

Worship Assistant:	Pastor Jason Yunker	Coffee Makers:	Barry & Chris Hampton
Attending Elder:	Damon Brown	Communion Care:	Pam Keller
Usher:	Darrell Stevens	Organist:	Molly Wuertz

Serving Next Sunday

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:

Worship Assistant:	Michele Hosmon	Coffee Maker:	Mary Ann Metz
Attending Elder:	Jerry Mills	Communion Care:	Chris Hampton
Organist:	Molly Wuertz		