

# Redeemer Lutheran Church

You have a place at God's table. You have a place here.



**Sunday, May 14, 2023**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Rev. Sara Gorman**

# GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one  
another.  
Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from  
you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly  
sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us  
our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and  
things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and  
uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve  
you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

**GATHERING SONG: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (631)**



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry  
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
 trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us  
 life re-ceive; sud-der-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect -



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
 find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;  
 more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
 ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with  
 Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.  
 its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
 with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.  
 crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

## KYRIE (Verses 2 & 4)


*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

**C Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*



## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

R A reading from Acts.

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the

places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

R A reading from 1 Peter.

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who

in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, 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, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

**P** The holy gospel according to John.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*



## HYMN OF THE DAY: *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* (398)



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;  
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.  
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.  
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.  
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.  
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892

Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

*Please stand.*

## CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A** Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

## **PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*



## **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## **OFFERING**

## Offertory Song: *To God Our Thanks We Give* (682)

To God our thanks we give,  
to God our thanks we give,  
to God our thanks we give,  
our thanks to God we give.

Text: Botswanan traditional, as taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe; tr. I-Loh, b. 1936  
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*Please stand.*

### OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray,

**C Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
**C** **Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome to the Lord's table. You do not need to be a member of this congregation nor a Lutheran. Communion is a gift from God for the people of God, no matter where they are on their faith journey.*

*Gluten-free bread is available, as is grape juice. If you have questions about Baptism, Holy Communion, or faith, please take a moment and speak with the pastor.*

## COMMUNION SONGS

### **Loving Spirit (397)**



- 1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
- 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.  
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (392)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

## *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (611)*



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Heratius Bonar, 1808–1889  
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

*Please stand.*

### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

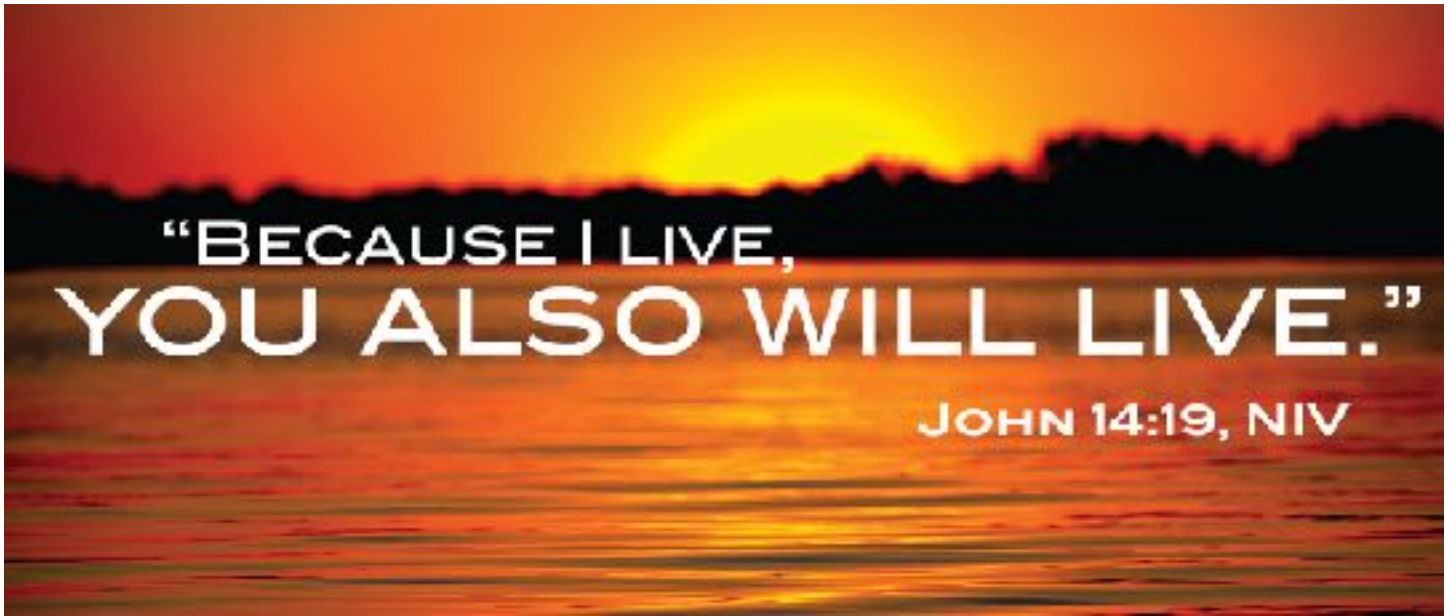
**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen  
and preserve you in eternal life.

**C** Amen.



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**C** Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.



## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS

### BLESSING

**P** The God of all,  
who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.

**C** Amen.

## SENDING SONG: *Now Thank We All Our God* (840)



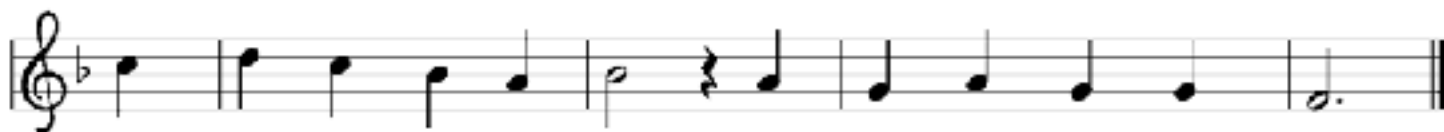
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878

Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**C** Thanks be to God.



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# Announcements

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## Redeemer Calendar

### May 14, 2023 Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday Worship

### May 16, 2023 Tuesday

6:00 PM Christian Life Team

7:00 PM Council

### May 17, 2023 Wednesday

9:00 AM Quilting

### May 18, 2023 Thursday

5:30 PM Altar Guild

### May 21, 2023 Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday Worship & Graduate Recognition

10:15 AM Children's Sunday School

10:15 AM VBS Planning Meeting

### May 24, 2023 Wednesday

9:00 AM Quilting

6:00 PM Confirmation

### May 28, 2023 Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday Worship

### May 31, 2023 Wednesday

9:00 AM Quilting

6:00 PM Communion Class

### June 4, 2023 Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday Worship & Communion Celebration

### June 7, 2023 Wednesday

9:00 AM Quilting

### June 11, 2023 Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday Worship

### June 14, 2023 Wednesday

9:00 AM Quilting

### June 18, 2023 Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday Worship

### June 20, 2023 Tuesday

7:00 PM Council Meeting

### June 22, 2023 Thursday

Concession Sale in the Park

## Sheets Needed



Support our quilting ministry by donating full/double or queen size flat sheets.

Bring to Redeemer and place them in the Compassion Corner or drop off in the office.



PLYMOUTH FOOD PANTRY  
HELP LOAD  
OUR SHELVES

## May Item of the Month: Baked Beans

Each month we focus on a specific food item, but any non-perishable items are welcome. There is a labeled bin across from the church member mailboxes where you can place your donations.

Vacation Bible School at Redeemer  
JULY 16-20, 2023  
5:30 - 8 PM