



Third Sunday After Easter

April 18, 2021 | 11 AM



WELCOME!

Welcome! It is a joy to worship together!

As a community in the model of Christ, we warmly welcome all who have come seeking God in worship at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We welcome people of every race, gender, ethnic background, social status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Together in our diversity and as a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we seek to embrace the love of God offered to us in Jesus Christ. We gather to experience the presence of God in Word and Sacrament and to give praise to God who loves us unconditionally.

ONLINE: Our Redeemer's live streams worship services online using Zoom and Facebook Live. Please join us! Here's how:

- By phone: call 1-206-337-9723. Then enter this number when prompted: 822 691 346. This method will let you listen in, but not view the service.
- By Facebook Live: Go to www.facebook.com/ourredeemers. You don't have to have a facebook account – it's a public channel.
- By Zoom:
Download the Zoom app to your computer, tablet, or cell phone. It's free!
Click this link: [https:// Zoom.us/j/822691346](https://zoom.us/j/822691346).

BULLETINS: The bulletin for Sunday and any special services is available on our website for download: www.ourredeemers.net/virtual-worship. You can print it at home, or follow the pdf document on-screen.

Prayers of the People: Following the Hymn of the Day, the Assisting Minister will lead us in praying for the church, the world, and all those in need. To have your prayer requests, concerns or praises included, please post them in the chat window on Facebook or Zoom and the Welcome Minister will confidentially pass them on to the Assisting Minister.

OUR MISSION:

In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks and grows.

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GATHER

PRELUDE

*"Let Us Break Bread Together" – African American Spiritual,
setting by John Carter*

"Spirituals for Piano" by John Carter, Augsburg Fortress

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN

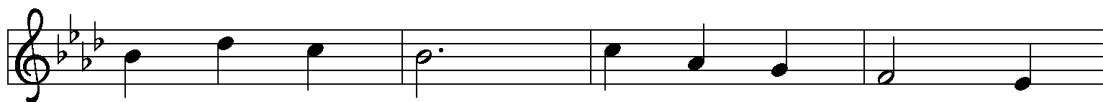
"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep-ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light!
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen-dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

continued

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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*GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our risen Lord, the love of God and the joy of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

And also with you!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

God who makes all things new,

companion on the way,

you walk behind, beside, beyond:

you catch us unawares.

Break through the disillusionment and despair

clouding our vision,

so, with wide-eyed wonder,

we find our way

and journey on as messengers of your good news.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

1 John 3:1-7

Listen for the word of God.

Our ears and hearts are open.

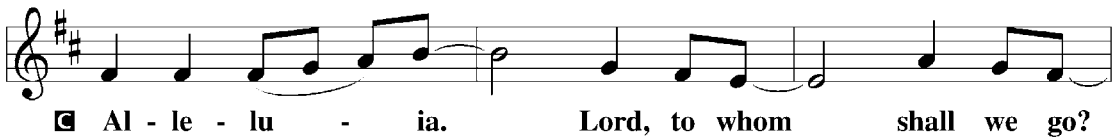
¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 24.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Kathy Hawks

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and

3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,

this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness

dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:

world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:

Refrain

With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration. Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders of people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness. Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For what else do the people of God pray?

God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us. Assure us of the peace you promise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***PEACE**

May the peace of the risen Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

*Choir and Orchestra - "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"
arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams*

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of love,
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer
as simple tokens of our commitment
to be on this resurrection journey with you.
Send us in service to
bring new, abundant life for all your creation;
in your risen name we pray.
Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

O God,
early in the morning,
when the world was young,
you made life in all its beauty and terror;
you gave birth to all we know:
sky and seas; plants and trees;
bodies of light in the sky;
creatures of the land, water, and air;
human beings.
Alleluia! Amen.

Early in the morning, when the world least expected it,
a newborn child crying in a cradle
announced that you had come among us,
that you were one of us.
Alleluia! Amen.

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Early one night,
the night in which you were betrayed,
you took bread, gave thanks, broke it,
and gave it to your friends, saying,
Take. Eat. This is my body.
Broken for you.

After supper, you took the cup,
and when you had given thanks,
you gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new and eternal covenant relationship in my blood.
Shed for you and shed for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Early in the morning,
surrounded by blinded religious leaders,
anxious statesmen,
and silent friends,
you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God:
you shouldered and suffered the cross
and with the words, "It is finished!"
you put an end to our hopeless state of death,
giving instead the promise of salvation and life.

Alleluia! Amen!

Early in the morning,
a voice in a guarded graveyard
and footsteps in the dew
proved that you had risen,
that you had come back
to those and for those
who had forgotten, denied and destroyed you.
Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

Breathe your Spirit of new life
upon us and upon this bread and wine.
As the feast we now share becomes part of us,

continued

may we be changed to become part of you,
Creator, Redeemer and Life-Giver,
One God, now and forever.
Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray as Jesus has taught us, saying...

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

***INVITATION TO THE MEAL**

The risen Christ invites us to this table with the words, "This is for you."
Come, eat and be satisfied.

All Are Welcome
to participate in communion, including children (as parents permit).



LAMB OF GOD



■ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

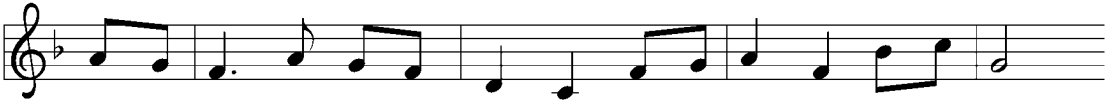


grant us peace, grant us peace.



COMMUNION HYMN

"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv-en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re - stored.

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*TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us,
and keep us always in his grace.

Amen.



SENDING

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

May our glorious God grant us a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.



*SENDING HYMN

"This Joyful Eastertide"



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.
wake the dead in num - - ber.
pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

We Pray for...

Carol Alley, Katelyn Bjugstad, Anita Dickinson, John Ellingboe, Anna Freyberg, Michael & Margaret Hlastala, Richard & Shirley Holt, Janice Jacobson, Chauntae Kukowski, Richard (Dick) Labrash, Miles Lybeck, Patci Mungerson, Mandy Neill, Latife Neu, Barbara Olsen, Jerry Pickering, Linda Ravenhorst, Jennifer Seyler, Deborah Sjoquist, Erik Smith, Doug Starup, Elaine Stevens, Julie Vannoy, Katherine Voss, Charlotte Wallstrom, Eileen Weller, Karen Westley; those staying in long term care facilities who face long stretches of loneliness and time without visits; educators; doctors, nurses, and other health professionals; all affected by COVID-19 economically, physically, and emotionally; mental health of members and staff; immigrant families remaining separated; Road2Housing guests; loved ones with cancer.

Grieving the Loss of...

Shirley Anderson; Anna Marie Butler; Wayne Hegeberg; Marie Herring; Pete Paulson; James Leon Scates; Jim Voss

To include someone in the prayers for 4 weeks, please email the church.

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Preaching/Presiding: Pastor Kathy Hawks
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, check the website or current newsletter.



worship sundays 11am

[Zoom Online or via Facebook](#)

Join us each Sunday at 11am online for fellowship and worship – a blend of our traditional and informal services. All are welcome!

Centering Prayer Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:00 PM

[Zoom Link](#)

Join by phone call: +1 (206) 337-9723

Meeting ID: 984 1700 9634

Passcode: 132934

Each Wednesday at 6:30 PM, 30 minutes of quiet prayer is yours. Those who come to prayer remain quiet the whole time. You can view the recording anytime on Facebook, (or view recording on [Facebook](#)).



community

Madonna's Book Group

Today, April 18, 4pm [via Zoom](#)

We will again be discussing interesting books we have read and want to share – there are so many ideas for books we want to read! Today we will decide on one book for us all to read and discuss in May. Please join us! If you are new to the group and have questions, contact Lynne McNeill buckomcneill@yahoo.com.

Note: Pastor Gretchen is vacationing and will return to work tomorrow.

Help with Vaccination Appointments

Jennifer Seyler and Valerie Tung are offering their assistance to people having trouble using their computers to set up COVID-19 vaccination appointments. Contact either of them if you need help.

Jennifer: jenniferseyler@mac.com

Valerie: valolin@gmail.com



faith formation

Sunday Adult Forums: "How do I Read the Bible?"

Today, 1:00 - 2:30 PM (new time!) [Zoom Link](#) Passcode "Adult"

Taught by Dr. Judy Stack

Do I Really Want to Read The Bible? Then, come! Learn how to enjoy curiously explore the Bible. Come, whether you're a seasoned reader, or just beginning, discover how scripture opens up who God is for you, and opens your eyes to where God is moving in today's changing, challenging world.

The classes don't aim to give you a huge amount of information ABOUT the Bible. It will help you read the Bible confidently for yourself, and with others. We will take the Bible off the shelf, out of the classroom, and put it in YOUR hands, your life...connecting with God's living grace for you.

This 8-week course is an invitation to come and curiously explore the Bible. Professor Judy Stack zooms in with years of experience and passion to help us all discover, hear, and be blessed directly by the Bible. Learn more about this upcoming series at this [LINK](#).

Wednesday Bible Study

Every Wednesday, 10:30 AM [via Zoom](#) - Passcode: bible

We're looking at The History and Archaeology of the Bible. This

Wednesday's subject is "The Kingdom of David". [LEARN MORE](#)

All are welcome! Let Carolyn Swanson know if have questions: cdkswan@gmail.com or call her at 206-390-7732.

Sprouts Class – Sunday morning Zoom classes for 3-5 year olds at 9:30am before church. The class is 25 minutes long. [Contact Pastor Gretchen](#) for Zoom info.

Bible Connections for Families

If you've been hoping for a tool to help your child grow in faith and stay connected to church without adding yet another Zoom or Teams meeting, we've developed a resource for you! You will receive an online guide to help you take 20 minutes to grow in faith as a family. If you have questions, contact [Mandy Neill](#).



social justice

Ramadan Mubarak!

This month we wish our Muslim neighbors a *Ramadan Mubarak*, or *Blessed Ramadan*. In this sacred month, which this year goes from sundown April 12 to sundown May 12, Muslims celebrate the revelation of the Quran. This is a time for fasting from food and mean-spirited speech, for praying and renewing one's relationship with the Quran and Allah, and for generosity to those in need.

Calling Lutherans to Advocate for the Equality Act

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and Our Redeemer's support equal rights for our LGBTQIA+ siblings. The ELCA's social statement [Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust](#) states that the "dignity of the human being reflects God's deep love and stands against all forms of violence, discrimination, and injustice." We now have the opportunity to urge adoption of legislation that ensures the full rights of LGBTQIA+ persons. The House has passed the bipartisan [Equality Act \(H.R. 5\)](#), a bill that would add sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes alongside race, gender, religion, national origin, age, and disability. Now we have the opportunity to urge the Senate to introduce and pass an amended version of this legislation too. To learn more and take action, please go to the ELCA Action Center [HERE](#).

Interrogating Privilege in Church and Our Lives

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:30 PM, through May 19 [More info/Register](#)

Co-facilitated by Rev. Priscilla Austin and David Hahn

The Racial Justice Committee invites lay leaders of Our Redeemer's to this 6-week course beginning April 14. [Registration and details LINK](#). Please contact Lars Sveum-Hanson at larssveum@gmail.com or John-Otto Liljenstolpe at jotto15@gmail.com if you plan to participate.

Volunteer to Help at Ballard Sunday Dinner

Every third Sunday of the month members from Our Redeemer's head over to Ballard First Lutheran Church to prepare a meal for the community's population in need. We always need at least 6 volunteers to put together around 50 meals to go, hand them out, and then clean up after ourselves. You can sign up for meal prep and serving, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, or clean up from 5:00 to 6:30 PM or so. Sign up online at this [LINK](#). Questions? Contact Emilie Purvine: emiliepurvine@gmail.com.



This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, Sunday, April 18

9:30 AM - Sprouts Class

11 AM - Sunday Worship | [Zoom/Facebook](#)

1 PM Adult Forum: How Do I Read the Bible?

2 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner

4 PM - Madonna's Book Group

Monday, April 19

7 PM - Capital Campaign Team

Tuesday, April 20

10 AM - 1 PM - Pastor Gretchen Virtual Office Hours

7 PM - Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 21

10:30 AM - Bible Study

1 PM - Staff Meeting

6 PM - Interrogating Privilege Class

6:30 PM - Centering Prayer | [Zoom/Facebook](#)

Thursday, April 22

9 AM-noon - Pastor Kathy Virtual Office Hours

Sunday, April 25

9:30 AM - Sprouts Class

11 AM - Sunday Worship | [Zoom/Facebook](#)

1 PM Adult Forum

* Email office@ourredeemers.net if you need Zoom meeting help. Find meeting and Zoom link information in the announcements herein or on the church's [website calendar](#).



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