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YOUR

*Resurrected*

LIFE!



*Loving like Christ*

# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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**WELCOME!** Thank you for joining us for worship today. At Redeemer we believe that the gospel message, the good news that Jesus has won for us forgiveness and eternal life, is more than just words. It's the power God uses to create and strengthen faith in our hearts. Our worship focuses on the proclamation of this life-saving message as we respond with our prayers, praise, and thanksgiving. May you be richly blessed as we worship together!

**PARENT'S ROOM** If you have a young child or nursing infant and you find yourself in need of stepping out for a moment, a parents' room is located in the rear of the sanctuary.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEETS** as well as a collection of Arch books are available to keep little hands busy during worship. They are located on a corner shelf in the gathering area.

**RESTROOMS** are located in the gathering area. A family restroom is immediately to your right as you exit through the double doors in the rear of the sanctuary. The other restrooms are to your left.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** can be found in your church bulletin box or in the literature rack on the rear wall of the sanctuary.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers in the rear of the sanctuary. If you would like more information about Redeemer, please feel free to speak with one of our pastors or any one of the members after the service. You may also contact us anytime using the information below.

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# EASTER: LIVE YOUR RESURRECTED LIFE

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## THE EASTER SEASON

Because Jesus lives we know that our sins have all been paid for and our eternal salvation won. We can live our lives here on this earth with the confidence that our living Lord is always with us and that someday he will take us to be with him in the never-ending joy of heaven. For the seven weeks of Easter we celebrate the resurrection of Christ until the season reaches its climax on the 50th day, Pentecost.

## WORSHIP SERIES

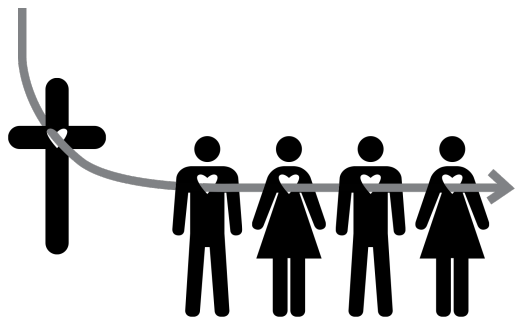
On Easter morning Jesus burst triumphantly from the grave, proclaiming his victory over sin, death, and hell forever. His resurrection is our guarantee that we too will be raised up one day to live with him in the glory of heaven. And yet, Jesus' resurrection gives us more than just hope for the future. It gives us new life here and now.

Yes, your body will be resurrected like Jesus' body one day, but your soul has already been resurrected. Once dead in sin, you have been raised up to live a new life, empowered and strengthened by your risen and living Savior. So go! *Live Your Resurrected Life in Christ!*

*Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live" (John 5:25).*

## LIVE YOUR RESURRECTED LIFE...

- ...Fearlessly in Christ (April 11<sup>th</sup>)
- ...With Clarity from Christ (April 18<sup>th</sup>)
- ...Beloved by Christ (April 25<sup>th</sup>)
- ...Connected to Christ (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- ...**Loving Like Christ (May 9<sup>th</sup>)**
- ...Triumphantly with Christ (May 13<sup>th</sup>)
- ...Prayed for by Christ (May 16<sup>th</sup>)



# ORDER OF SERVICE

May 9 & 10, 2021

## OPENING HYMN

*God Himself Is Present* | 224



1 God him - self is pres - ent— Let us now a - dore him  
2 God him - self is pres - ent— Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore him.  
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing.  
Trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it.



God is in his tem - ple— All with - in keep si - lence,  
“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly”— Hear the hymn as - cend - ing,  
Like the ho - ly an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore you,



Hum - bly kneel in deep - est rev - 'rence.  
Songs of saints and an - gels blend - ing.  
May I cease - less - ly a - dore you.



He a - lone On his throne Is our  
Bow your ear To us here: Hear, O  
Let your will Ev - er still Rule your



God and Sav - ior; Praise his name for - ev - er!  
Christ, the prais - es That your Church now rais - es.  
church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

## EASTER SEASON CALL TO WORSHIP

*Selected Verses*

**[M]** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**[C]** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**[M]** I will not die, but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

**[C]** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**[M]** The Lord's right hand is majestic in power. The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy. In the greatness of his majesty he threw down those who opposed him.

**[C]** **Death has been swallowed up in victory.**

**[M]** The Lord will not abandon me to the grave. He has made known to me the path of life.

**[C]** **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**

**[M]** Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

**[C]** **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through out Lord Jesus Christ.**

**[M]** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**[C]** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

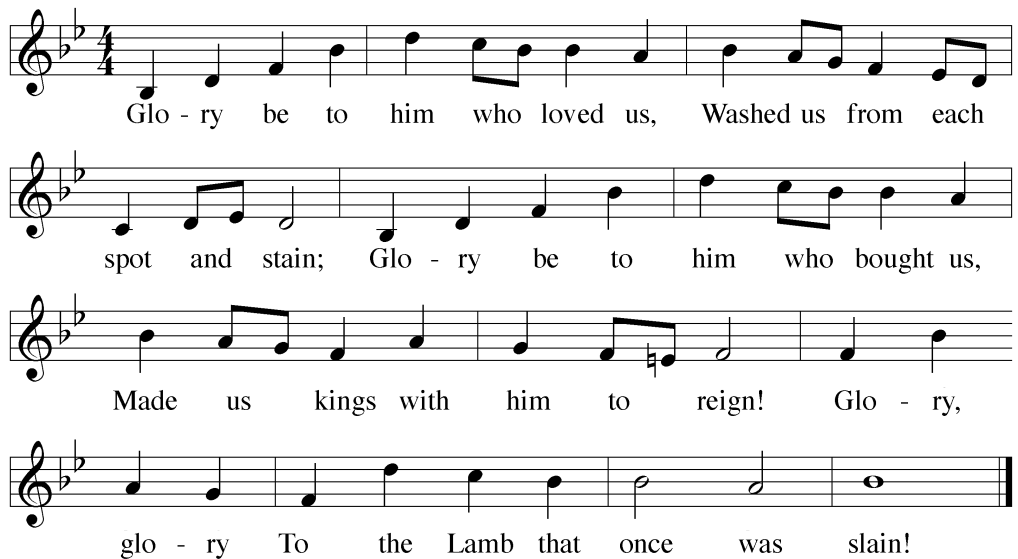
## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**[M]** Brothers and Sisters: Our Savior Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification. We have been declared innocent in the eyes of God our heavenly Father. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and confidently ask for his forgiveness.

**[C]** **Heavenly Father, I confess my sins to you. In so many ways, I have failed to love you with my whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. At times, I place my own wants in front of your perfect will for my life. I give in to temptation and sin. I have earned your punishment and deserve to be forsaken forever. In Jesus' name, hear my cry for mercy, and give me the comfort of your forgiveness.**

- M** For all who trust in his only begotten Son, God will not withhold his forgiveness. Instead, he richly pours out his grace upon everyone who believes. Having heard your confession, I announce the grace of God to you for the sake of Jesus Christ, our eternal Savior. All your sins are forgiven; your guilt is taken away. Serve the Living God in peace, joy, and everlasting thanks for his undeserved kindness to you.

**C** **Amen. Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**



Glo - ry be to him who loved us, Washed us from each  
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to him who bought us,  
Made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,  
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- M** Heavenly Father, we know that at the heart of why you chose us is because you love us. And the greatest expression of your love was sending your own Son to die for us. Help us reflect that perfect love by loving our neighbors. Help us to live our resurrected lives with acts of kindness, service, and selflessness. In your name we pray.

**C** **Amen.**

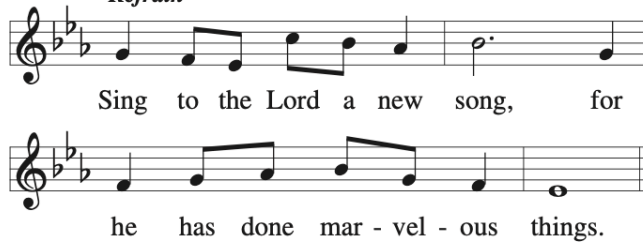
<sup>19</sup> Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews. <sup>20</sup> Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

<sup>22</sup> News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. <sup>24</sup> He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

<sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup> and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.



*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



Sing to the LORD a new song,\*  
for he has done marvelous things.

The LORD has made his salvation known\*  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness  
to the house of Ísrael,\*  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

*Refrain*

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,\*  
burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the LORD with the harp,\*  
with the harp and the sound of singing.

Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.\*  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*



## SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

<sup>4</sup> You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

John 14:23

I Je - sus, your bound - less love to me No thought  
can reach, no tongue de - clare. Dwell in my heart e -  
ter - nal - ly, And reign with - out a ri - val there.  
To you a - lone, dear Lord, I live;  
My - self to you, dear Lord, I give.

<sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>17</sup>This is my command: Love each other.

**[M]** The Gospel of the Lord.

**[C]** Praise be to you, O Christ!

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**[C]** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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



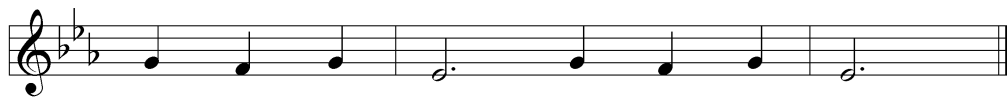
1 "This is my will, my one com - mand,  
 2 "No great - er love can an - y have  
 3 "I call you now no long - er slaves;  
 4 "You chose not me, but I chose you,  
 5 "All that you ask my Fa - ther dear



That love should dwell a - mong you all.  
 Than that one die to save his friends.  
 No slave knows all the mas - ter does.  
 That you should go and bear much fruit.  
 For my name's sake you shall re - ceive.



This is my will, that you should love  
 You are my friends if you o - bey  
 I call you friends, for all I hear  
 I chose you out that you in me  
 This is my will, my one com - mand,



As I have shown that I love you.  
 What I com - mand that you should do.  
 My Fa - ther say, you hear from me.  
 Should bear much fruit that will a - bide.  
 That love should dwell in each, in all."

## SERMON

## OFFERTORY

*Do They See Jesus in Me*  
By Joy Williams

Is the face that I see in the mirror  
The one I want others to see  
Do I show in the way that I walk in my life  
The love that You've given to me  
My heart's desire is to be like You  
In all that I do all that I am

Do they see Jesus in me  
Do they recognize Your face  
Do I communicate Your love  
And Your grace  
Do I reflect who You are  
In the way I choose to be  
Do they see Jesus  
Jesus in me

Well it's amazing that You'd ever use me  
But use me the way You will  
Help me to hold out a heart of compassion  
and grace  
A heart that Your spirit fills  
May I show forgiveness and mercy  
The same way You've shown it to me

Do they see Jesus in me  
Do they recognize Your face  
Do I communicate Your love  
And Your grace  
Do I reflect who You are  
In the way I choose to be  
Do they see Jesus in me

Well I wanna show all the world that You are  
The reason I live and breathe  
So You'll be the one that they see  
When they see me

Do they see Jesus in me  
Do they recognize Your face  
Do I communicate Your love  
And Your grace  
Do I reflect who You are  
In the way I choose to be  
Do they see Jesus in me

## THE OFFERING IS BROUGHT FORWARD

*This is a moment in our worship when members and friends of Redeemer respond to God's good news of salvation with gifts to support his saving work. If you are a guest with us today, you are welcome to participate, but please do not feel obligated. We are simply grateful that you have joined us for worship. At the current time, we are not passing the offering plates during the service. If you wish to leave an offering, you may place it in the plate at the rear of the sanctuary or in the offering box in the gathering area.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M** Lord, make us instruments of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
- C** **where there is injury, pardon;**
- M** where there is doubt, faith;
- C** **where there is despair, hope;**
- M** where there is darkness, light;
- C** **and where there is sadness, joy.**
- M** O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek  
**C** **to be consoled, as to console;**
- M** to be understood, as to understand;
- C** **to be loved, as to love;**
- M** for it is in giving that we receive,
- C** **it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**
- M** and it is in dying
- C** **that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## BLESSING

Romans 15:5,6

**[M]** May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**[C]** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Love Is the Gracious Gift* | **505**



1 Love is the gra - cious gift of your good - ness;  
2 You loved me first, Lord, send - ing me Je - sus.  
3 Love means for - give - ness, pa - tience, and kind - ness;  
4 Love in a mar - riage, love free - ly giv - en,  
5 Love a - mong Chris - tians, love in the fam - 'ly,



Love is the pa - tient fruit of your care;  
Then I re - spond - ed, trust - ing your Son.  
Love is not jeal - ous, boast - ful, or rude.  
Love of a hus - band, love of a wife—  
Love for the Sav - ior, whose blood was shed,



Love is the gen - tle work of your Spir - it,  
Now you in - vite me to love my neigh - bor,  
Love en - dures all things, bear - ing, be - liev - ing;  
Made to con - tin - ue, blos - som, and flour - ish,  
Love and sub - mis - sion one to an - oth - er



Who is the source of love ev - 'ry - where.  
Show - ing your true love to ev - 'ry - one.  
Love hopes for - ev - er, re - joic - es in truth.  
Grow ev - er deep - er through - out this life.  
As un - to Christ, who reigns as our head.





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*WE EXIST TO GLORIFY GOD AS  
WE GATHER, GROW, AND GO*

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