

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pastor Dave Weber

Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 Worship

April 24, 2022

Welcome All Who Worship Here

Call to Worship

Welcome

Pastor Wally Kimari

Opening Hymn

"Built on the Rock"

Hymnal page 645, verses 1-4

Confession and Absolution

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all

your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please be seated . . .

Introit

Psalm 148

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

Congregation: praise him in the heights!

Pastor: Praise him, all his angels;

Congregation: praise him, all his hosts!

Pastor: Praise him, sun and moon,

Congregation: praise him, all you shining stars!

Pastor: Praise him, you highest heavens,

Congregation: and you waters above the heavens!

Pastor: Let them praise the name of the Lord!

Congregation: For he commanded and they were created.

Pastor: And he established them forever and ever;

Congregation: he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Pastor: Praise the Lord from the earth,

Congregation: you great sea creatures and all deeps,

Pastor: fire and hail, snow and mist,

Congregation: stormy wind fulfilling his word!

Pastor: Mountains and all hills,

Congregation: fruit trees and all cedars!

Pastor: Beasts and all livestock,

Congregation: creeping things and flying birds!

Pastor: Kings of the earth and all peoples,

Congregation: princes and all rulers of the earth!

Pastor: Young men and maidens together,

Congregation: old men and children!

Pastor: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

Congregation: his majesty is above earth and heaven.

Pastor: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,

Congregation: for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!

Pastor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

Congregation: and to the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: As it was in the beginning

Congregation: is now and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy) Page 152

Cantor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis (Glory to God in the Highest) Page 154

Cantor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Congregation: Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord You alone are the most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you. Congregation: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Together we pray...

Congregation: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading**Acts 5:12-20*****“We are witnesses to these things.”***

¹²The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon’s Colonnade. ¹³No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. ¹⁴Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.

¹⁵As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. ¹⁶Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

¹⁷Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ²⁰“Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn***“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”****Hymnal 641, verses 1-4***Epistle Reading****Revelation 1:4-18*****“I am the first and the last.”***

⁴John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”

and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;

and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”
So shall it be! Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

⁹ I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, ¹¹ which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”

¹² I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

We rise for the reading of God’s Holy Gospel...

Congregation: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: The Gospel according to Saint John, the twentieth chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord!

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

Jesus appears to the disciples and to Thomas.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he

breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ

We Proclaim Our Faith

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.

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.

Please be seated . . .

Sermon Hymn

Hymnal page 744, verses 1-4

“Amazing Grace“

Morning Message

Pastor Wally Kimari

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory / Offertory Response

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence;

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;

And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Please be seated . . .

Prayers *Pastor: Lord in Your mercy. Congregation: Hear our prayer.*

Lord's Prayer (We sing together...Please Rise)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please be seated . . .

Service of the Sacrament

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

Congregation: And also with you;

Pastor: Lift up your hearts,

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord;

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Pastor: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God: Therefore with angels and
archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and
magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising you and
singing...*

Congregation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us children of men and given Your only-begotten Son that whosoever believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.

Congregation: Amen.

Words of Institution

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always

Congregation: and also with you.

We sing . . .

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant us peace, grant us peace.

At the close of Communion:

Pastor: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent

love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Hymnal page 549, verses 1-4

Informal Moments

A special thank you to Carl McCullough and Sue Porterfield for serving as Lay Readers.

Our prayer list is ever increasing and prayer is a good thing. When you request a person on our prayer list they will be on for 4 weeks. If you'd like them to continue to be on our prayer list please let us know.