



**2nd Sunday of Easter**  
**April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Redemption Lutheran Church**  
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## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

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

*The assembly stands.*

#### Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
Break down barriers that divide us.  
Fill us with the breath of peace.  
Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.  
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN – *Now the Green Blade Rises* - ELW 379

#### 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**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE - ELW 388 - Sung Three Times

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

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

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

R: A Reading from Acts

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>22</sup> "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

<sup>29</sup>“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

<sup>32</sup>“This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”L:

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 16:

*The Psalm is read responsively.*

- <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- <sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- <sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- <sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips. R**
- <sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- <sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.
- <sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. R**
- <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me | to the grave,  
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the | path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are  
pleasures for- | evermore. **R**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 1: 3-9

R: A Reading from Peter

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - ELW 673** *The assembly stands to welcome the gospel. We sing the first two verses before the gospel reading and the second two after the reading.*



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

**GOSPEL:** John 20: 19-31

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John

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

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the

Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

**Rev. Ron Wesemann**

*The assembly remains seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – *The Risen Christ* – ELW 390

*The assembly stands.*

## **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 Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* 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 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**

*Each prayer ends with the words, "Merciful God," and the congregation responds, "receive our prayer."*

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

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

**C: And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## **MEAL**

(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.)

*The assembly stands.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P: Let us pray.**

P: Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.  
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,  
that goodness and mercy may follow us  
and bless the world you love.  
In the name of Jesus,  
**C: Amen.**

## **DIALOGUE**

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## **PREFACE**

*The presiding minister continues:*

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:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - ELW 189

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en 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.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

*The assembly may be seated. The bread is broken for communion.*

### **COMMUNION**

*You may come to the rail to receive communion. The bread is gluten free, and you may dip it in the wine or grape juice. If you can't come to the rail communion will be brought to you.*

*The assembly stands.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Let us pray.

P: Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us

and are making all things new.  
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations.  
In the name of Jesus,

**C: Amen**

### **SENDING**

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

### **BLESSING**

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,

✝ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** – *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!* – ELW 380

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

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### **Our Prayer List**

**Our Members:** Bob Conn, Mabel Turner, Ethel Metz, Doris LaMar.

**Our Community:** *Please complete a Prayer Request form.*

## **Announcements**

During this time of pastoral transition, we want to share our financial status with the congregation by reporting the amount budgeted for monthly offering income, versus actual monthly offering income. Budgeted monthly offering income for April is \$5,800, and to date we have received \$2,614.

**Feast of Justice Collection** – Personal Care items are needed. Full-sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Soap, toothpaste, deodorant and especially feminine products would be greatly appreciated. You can place the items in the box in the Narthex.

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** – Join our inaugural Book Club Meeting at 12:00p.m. We will discuss “The Book Club of Troublesome Women” by Marie Bostwick. Light Refreshments will be served. See the sign up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.

### **Save the Date**

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** – We plan to have special music.

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** – The Men of Harmony, an all-male choral group will be joining our 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>** – Join us as we celebrate Semiquincentennial (250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the USA) with a patriotic themed sermon, music and more.

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** – The Faithful Travelers will take their 2<sup>nd</sup> Bus Trip to the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. We will see the 11:00a.m. performance of Joshua and have a family – style luncheon at the Plain and Fancy Restaurant. The cost is \$250 for adults and \$190 for children (under 12). See the sign up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary. A \$125 deposit is due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Ron Wesemann will present a Bible Study on the book of Joshua before the trip.