



**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
**April 19<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 – Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! - ELW 377**

**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!

The first instance of the hymn is written on a grand staff with a treble clef on the top line and a bass clef on the bottom line. The music is in 4/4 time and features a melody in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

P: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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, 36-41**

R: A Reading from Acts

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19

*The Psalm is read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

<sup>2</sup> **for the LORD has given | ear to me  
whenev- | er I called.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.” R**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup | of salvation  
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God’s people.

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in your | sight, O LORD,  
is the death | of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from  
my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD. R**

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God’s people,

<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of | the LORD’s house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah! R**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1: 17-23**

R: A Reading from Peter

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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:** Luke 24:13-35

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

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

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from

recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then 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?” <sup>19</sup> He 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, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But 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. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and 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. <sup>24</sup> Some 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.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But 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. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They 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?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

**Rev. Kari Hart**

*The assembly remains seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – *With High Delight Let Us Unite* – ELW 368

*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** – *Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus* – ELW 501

## **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:** Joe Wolf (uncle of Lynn), Barbara Laundenbacker, (daughter of Helen), Bill Traubel (brother of Helen), Kathy Schultz (cousin of Karen), Dave Speece (friend of John & Diane), Karen Giampetro (friend of John & Diane).

*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 \$5,322.

**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.

## **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 the 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.