

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 17 2026**

Welcome to Redeemer!

We are a loving ELCA community that adheres to Jesus' commandment to love one another by welcoming, acknowledging, and accepting all people including (but not limited to) those of all races, backgrounds, ages, political affiliations, economic and social status, sexual orientations, gender identities and expression, and mental and physical abilities. We strive to spread the word of God's Grace and love throughout our congregation, community, and world. In Christ, we are one body.

Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.


Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *God Is Here!* (ELW 526)


God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com- ing of the Spir- it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with- out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

GREETING

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
 mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all ... (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word ... (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O
 God. A - men.

Congregation:

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er.

to Refrain

let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who | rides the clouds;

I AM is that name, rejoice | before God! R

**⁵ In your holy habita- | tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;**

⁶ you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom;

but the rebels shall live in | desert places.

**⁷ O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,
when you marched | through the wilderness,**

**⁸ the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the | God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.**

**⁹ You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance | when it languished.**

**¹⁰ Your people found their | home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made
provision | for the poor. R**

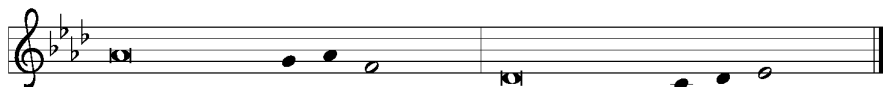
**³² Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth;
sing praises | to the Lord.**

**³³ You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient
heavens;**

you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.

**³⁴ Ascribe pow- | er to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in
the skies.**

**³⁵ How wonderful you are in your holy places, O |
God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! |
Blessed be God!**



SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

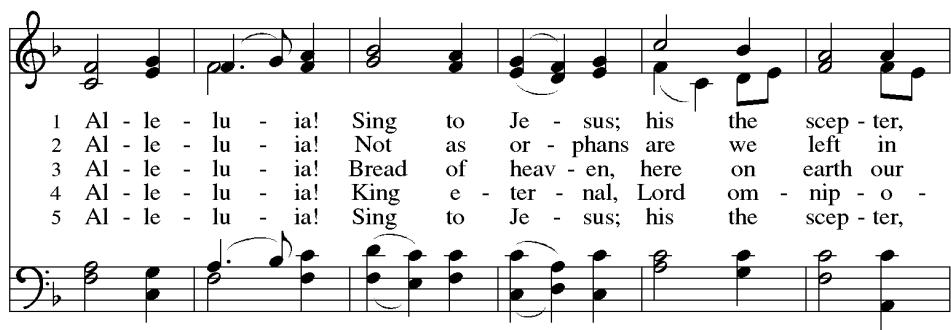
⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON PASTOR DEL

HYMN OF THE DAY *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* (ELW 392)

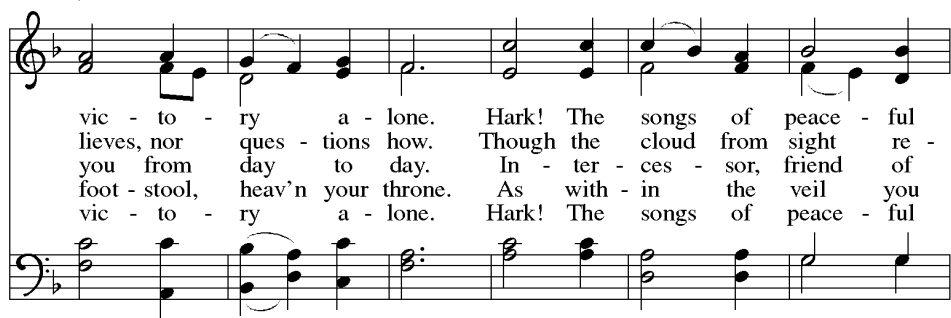
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scept - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scept - ter,



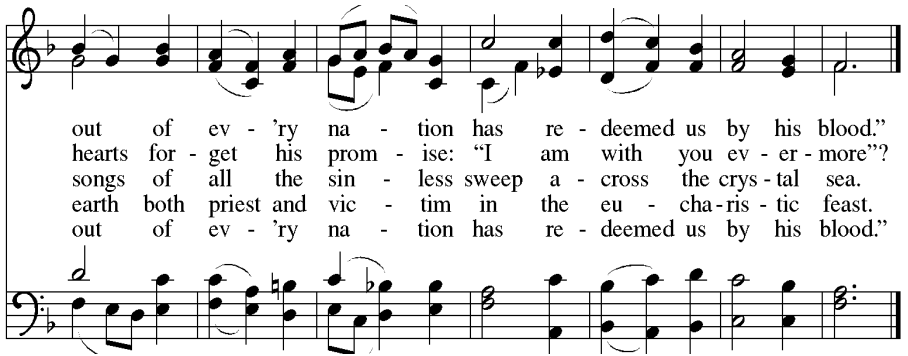
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism

for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace and equity. Merciful God,

receive our prayer. Loving and Gracious God, you have called us to be in community. We share the message of

the Gospel with our fellow siblings in Christ, whom we lift up in prayer today: **Bethlehem Lutheran Church:**

Wakeeney, Ks, **Hebron Lutheran Church:** Burdick,

Ks, **St Mark Lutheran Church:** Waterville, Ks; May

the Holy Spirit bless our ministry as well as theirs, so that together we make your message of love known to the world. Merciful God

Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick especially, **Marge Hansen, Cecelia Anderson, Janis Plumer Paige Alstatt, Barb Wire, Dorothy Hanke, Jerome Herrman, Zach Swanson, Beverly Alstatt, Sandra Anderson, Sue Jacobson, Will Biggs, Darla Personney, Chuck Hadlouer, Maxi Cardelle, Frank and Mary Gwing, Rev. Melinda Melhus, Kyler Russell, Jane Botz, Virginia Yantes, Dean Yantes, Wilma Beckman, Kyle Siler, Darren Vargas, Paula Smith, Christine Naylor, Matt Beckman, Eva Watson, Dee Warkina and Barbara Stucky.** We lift up **Eric Blomberg, Brayden Harper and Trey Davis** who are serving in the military.. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment and accompany us in our prayers during these times.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

The PEACE is shared.

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: and also with you Sit The offering is received as the table is prepared.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERTORY

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

Refrain

Congregation:

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
to Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and

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Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace. On the night of his betrayal 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. 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 his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 2

Presider: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.
 A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Empower us by that same Spirit, to love and forgive that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 3

Presider: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the

u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is

yours, O God, now and for ev - er.

A - men.

The Lord's Prayer:

Presider: Make us bold, O merciful God to address you as our Abba as we pray: **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 COMMUNION

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are they who are called to his table.

O Christ, our Good Shepherd, be with us this day in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup.

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation or Assistant:

Congregation: world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza
Congregation or Assistant: mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
Congregation: take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

*At the repeat, one or more of these verses may be sung ,
 or one of the seasonal verses which follow:
 Easter: you broke the bonds of sin and of death:

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Everyone is welcome at God’s Table. There are gluten free communion wafers available upon request.

TABLE BLESSING

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words:

Presider: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of the body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Congregation: **AMEN.**

THANKS BE TO YOU

Congregation:

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
 2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
 Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
 you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your
 love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of

life with us. 3. Praise to you, O
 God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
 Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for
 ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen**

BLESSING

Presider: May God bless and keep us.

May God’s face shine on us and be gracious.

May God look on us with favor and give us peace.

Presider: — give us peace. *Congregation:* A - men.

SENDING SONG *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (ELW547)

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—
The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.
The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.
Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing
to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Announcement

Prayer list-We are in the process of updating the prayer list. Unless you let us know that you want someone to remain on the prayer list, we will be removing names from the current prayer list for the June 7 bulletin. Please notify the church office of those you want kept on the prayer list.

Vacation Bible School-Weird Animals VBS is coming to Redeemer May 27-29. We will start the evening at 5:30 with a meal. Throughout the night we will learn about “Where Jesus’s Love is One -of-a-Kind.” Please get your kids signed up, invite your kids’ friends, your grandkids, your neighbors’ kids. We would love to have a large group attending. Registration forms are on the gathering space.

Meetings-There will be a meeting of the chairs and council liaisons for the following committees on May 19 at 7pm Property, Finance, Arts & Environment, Creations Cares, & Memorial committee. This will be to make plans for the prayer labyrinth.

Blessing Box-There is a list of items on the welcome center of items that could be used to fill out pantry for the blessing box. Items may be left in the grocery cart outside the Blessing Box pantry or can be placed in the pantry itself. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Graduations

Arlene Keil’s Great-Grandson, son of Andrea and Travis Thompson Graduating from Lanard High: Tristan Thompson

Ray and Debbie Beckman’s Granddaughter: Kennedy Weisshaar

Steve and Shellee Callahan's son is Graduating from University of Nebraska in Business and will be starting at Woodman Life Insurance: Nathan Callahan

Congratulations to all!!

Flowers- Thank your Ray and Debbie Beckman for donation of Altar flowers in honor of the graduation of their granddaughter.

Schedule for the week

Sunday May 17, 2026-9:30a.m. Sunday Service

Monday May 18, 2026-6p.m. Silver Needles Meeting

Tuesday May 19, 2026-11:30p.m. Souper Sisters@
Burger Theory

Wednesday May 20, 2026-6:30p.m. Choir/Bell Rehearsal

Thursday May 21, 2026-9:30am Silver Needles Sew-in

Partners in Ministry

Sunday May 17, 2026

Greeter-Jim & Vivian Cook

Usher-Rick & Betty Henderson

Lector-Ann Metcalfe

Cantor-Sam Neff

Communion-Kathy Lowman

Sound-Kyle Tonniges

Fellowship-Carol Keeler

Crucifer-Dan Metcalfe

Sunday May 24, 2026

Greeter-Arlene Keil & Lana Jordan

Usher-Joe Plumer & Mike Ramage

Lector-Mary Shaffer

Cantor-Ann Metcalfe

Communion-Denise Dusin

Sound-Perry Jurgensen

Fellowship-Shirley Meyer & Kris Neff

Crucifer-Carol Keeler

Prayer Request

MEMBERS: Marge Hansen, Cecelia Anderson, Paige Alstatt, Barb Wire and Janis Plumer.

REDEEMER FRIENDS

Dorothy Hanke (Mother of Debbie Beckman)

Jerome Herrman (Nephew of Charlotte and Dave Herrman)

Zach Swanson(Grandson of Sandi and Tom Drown)

Beverly Alstatt (Mother of Craig Alstatt)

Sandra Anderson, (Cecelia Anderson's daughter-in-law)

Sue Jacobson (Sister of Wayne Keeler)

Will Biggs (Charlotte and Dave Herrman's son-in-law)

Darla Personney (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)

Chuck Hadlouer (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)

Maxi Cardelle (Friend's grandson of Kathy Lowman)

Dee Warnika (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)

Barbra Stucky (Friend of Kathy Lowman)

Wilma Beckman (Mother of Susan Ramage)

Virginia Yantes (Jean Sedo's Sister)

Jane Botz (Jean Sedo's Sister)

Dean Yantes (Jean Sedo's Brother)

Eva Watson (Friend of Alicia Miller)

Matt Beckman (Friend of Scott & Cheryl Itschner)

Kyle Siler (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)

Larren Vargas (Friends of Sheila Alstatt)

Paula Smith (Daughter of Marge Hansen)

Christine Naylor (Sister-n-Law of Cheryl Itschner)

MILITARY

Eric Blomberg, USS Laboon (Nephew of Mary Shaffer)

Brayden Harper , USS Washington (Great Great Nephew of Mary Bridges) Trey Davis (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)

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Tom Mertz and Mary Bridges, PMA's

Ruth Mirtz, Organist

Ann Metcalfe, Director of Music