

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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**Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 19, 2026**

Welcome!

May our hearts be open to our creator and to one another
as we share in worship together.

Rev. Del Strecker, Pastor
Tom Mertz and Mary Bridges, PMA's
Ruth Mirtz, Organist
Ann Metcalfe, Director of Music

Announcements

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen

Since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not remove us from your presence; do not take your Spirit away.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your Spirit. Amen

God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. 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 sin, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Gathering Hymn ELW 824 This Is My Father's World

This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

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
God. *to Refrain*

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*

Verse 3 *Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *to Refrain*

The PRAYER OF THE DAY
SALUTATION

Presider: *Congregation:*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Let us pray.

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. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A reading from Acts.

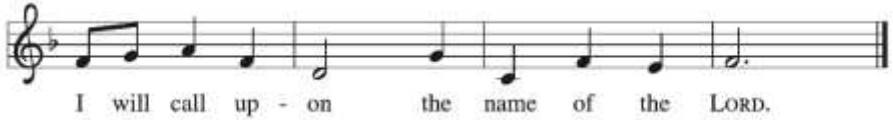
^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ 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?” ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

¹⁶ O LORD, truly I | am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you
have freed me | from my bonds.

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

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

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



SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ 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.

²² 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. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ial

Optional Repeat

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ 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?” ¹⁹ 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,²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

²¹ 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. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,²³ 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. ²⁴ 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.”

²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² 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?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared

to Simon!"³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON PASTOR DEL

HYMN OF THE DAY *Seed Scattered and Sown*
Worship and Praise 121

Seed, scat-tered and sown; wheat, gath-ered and grown;
 bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the Liv-ing Bread of God.
 Vine, fruit of the land; wine, work of our hands; one cup that is
 shared by all; the Liv-ing Cup, the Liv-ing Bread of God.

1 Is not the bread we break a
 2 The seed which falls on the rock will
 3 As wheat up - on the hills was

shar - ing in our Lord? Is not the
 with - er and our will die. The seed the
 gath - ered and was grown, so may with -
 the

cup we bless the blood of Christ out -
 in good ground the will be flow - er and have -
 church of God the be gath - ered in - to -
 one.

Refrain

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.

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick especially.

Marge Hansen, Cecelia Anderson, Paige Alstatt, Barb Wire, Dorothy Hanke, Jerome Herrman, Zach Swanson, Beverly Alstatt, Sandra Anderson, Larry Shulda, Sue Jacobson, Will Biggs, Darla Personney, Chuck Hadlouer, Maxi Cardelle, T.J. Karst, Frank and Mary Gwing, Rev. Melinda Melhus, Kyler Russell, Becky Shulda, Janis Plumer, Jane Botz, Virginia Yantes, Dean Yates, Wilma Beckman, Joyce Karst,

Kyle Siler, the family of **Johnny** Schwein and **Eva** Watson. We lift up **Eric** Blomberg, and **Brayden** Harper who are serving in the military. Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Eternal Light, we give thanks for Olavus Petri, Laurentius Petri and all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. 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.

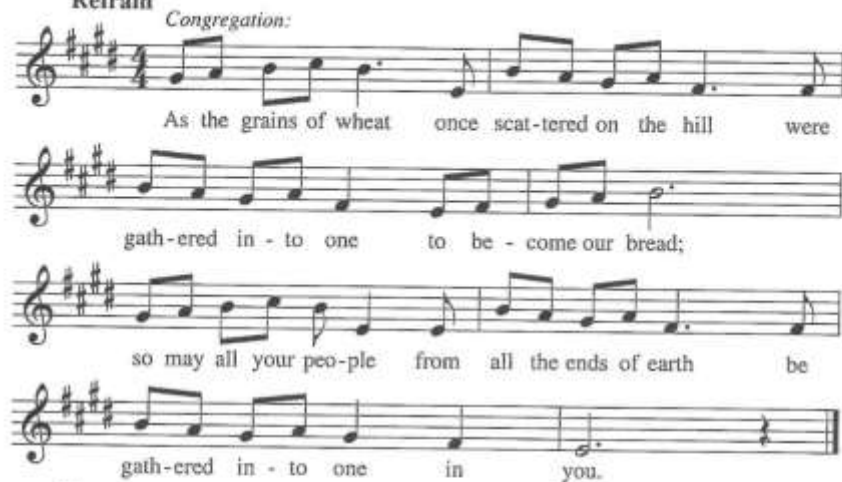
OFFERING

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
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 generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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:

EUCHARISTIC 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 image shows a musical score for a congregational hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with the word 'Congregation:'. The lyrics are: '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 word 'Amen' is written below the final note of the fourth staff.

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.

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 OF PLANTS, SEED, SOIL AND WATER

Blessing of the Soil (The Pastor scoops into the soil and pours it back.) A: God you have created and given us this soil. The soil serves as the medium for the seed to grow, it cleans water, it regulates climate, it provides warmth, nourishment, and support so that new life may emerge. P: (+) Bless this soil that it may feed and nourish the seed. Bless those who work this soil and harvest they produce. Lord in your mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

Blessing of the Seed (Pastor scoops up the seed and places some in the soil) A: Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of heaven and earth, you give seed to the sower and bread for food. P: (+) Bless, nourish, and protect, the seed which people have sown and will sow in hope, so that by your good providence and bountiful giving, it may bring forth fruit in due season and be gathered with thanksgiving to satisfy the needs of your people. Lord in your mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

Blessing of the Water (The Pastor lifts the water and pours it over the soil) A:

God, this water is your creation. Water gives sustenance and nourishment to the soil and the seed. P: (+) Bless the soil and the seed with gentle rain. Bless this water. Let it come as rain at the right time, in the proper amount so that the seed may flourish and grow. Send us favorable weather so that the harvest will be bountiful. Lord in your mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

Prayer for Gardening: Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessings fall upon our seeds and bulbs, our hands and tools, our soil, our potted plants, our gardens, and our allotments and our coconuts. Bless our labor with rain and sunshine, that new life might spring up, that we might be truly at one with the integrity of all creation. Convict us as stewards of your magnificent garden to cry out when it is being abused and misused, to stand firm in our conviction to be your appointed custodians. This we pray in Jesus' name as your humble servants and stewards of this amazing planet.

Amen.

BLESSING

Presider: May God bless and keep us.

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



the breez-es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
 but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.



Refrain
 All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Schedule for the week

Sunday, April 19th, 2026

8:30a.m. 3rd Sunday Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Sunday Service

Monday, April 20th, 2026

6 p.m. Silver needles meeting

Tuesday April 21, 2026

11:30 a.m. Souper Sisters @ Russell's

Partners in Ministry

Sunday, April 19th, 2026

Greeter- Rick & Betty Henderson

Usher- Dan & Kahlan Metcalfe

Lector- Mary Shaffer

Cantor- Sam Neff

Crucifer- Mary Shaffer

Communion- Janet Whitaker

Sound- Ray Beckman

Fellowship- Kernza Theme

Sunday, April 26th, 2026

Greeter- Grant & Kris Johanson

Usher- Jan Jackson & Janet Whitaker

Lector- Sheila Alstatt

Cantor- Ann Metcalfe

Crucifer- LaNita Pratt

Communion- Kathy Lowman

Sound- Kris Neff

Fellowship- Debbie Beckman

Prayer Request

MEMBERS: Marge Hansen, Cecelia Anderson, Paige Alstatt, Barb Wire, 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)

Larry Shulda (Husband of Becky Shulda)

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 Shelia Alstatt)

Maxi Cardelle (Friend's grandson of Kathy Lowman)

T.J Karst (Cousin of Charlotte Herrman)

Dee Wamika (Friend of Shelia Alstatt)
Barbra Stucky (Friend of Kathy Lowman)
Wilma Beckman (Mother of Susan Ramage)
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Dean Yates (Jean Sedo's Brother)
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Matt Beckman (Friend of Scott Cheryl Itschner)
Kyle Siler (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)

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