## REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

743 East Magnolia Road, Salina, KS 67401 785-827-8195 Worship Time: Sunday 9:30



6th Sunday of Easter May 25, 2025 Welcome!

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

#### Worship at Redeemer

- We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church in the hope that you truly experience God's gracious presence through the joy and celebration of our worship and fellowship together. We are glad that you have decided to worship with us and invite you to join us for refreshments following our service.
- Redeemer is a family friendly congregation, encouraging children and youth of all ages to join us in worship. We are delighted to offer a fully equipped Cry Room located on the north wall of the sanctuary to the far left of the altar.
- Restrooms are located at the west end of our Gathering Space and are wheelchair accessible. If you need a wheelchair during worship, an usher may assist you. We also have hearing devices.
- If you would like to receive more information about Redeemer or if you desire to be contacted by our pastor, please indicate so as you write your name and contact information in the visitor's book located in the gathering space.
- Please silence your mobile devices. Thank you.

Liturgy is Sitting 10

Altar Guild: Vivian Cook & Kris Johanson

Last week's attendance: in person attendance 9:30 –39, On-line -109

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#### **PRELUDE**

## **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

#### Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

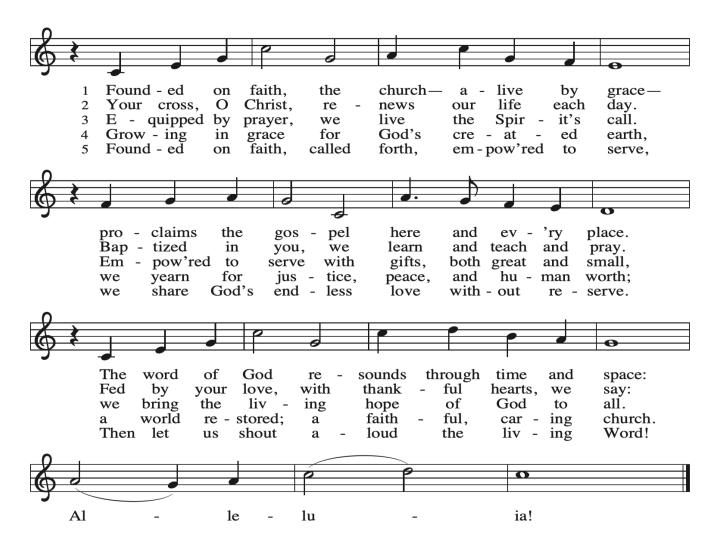
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

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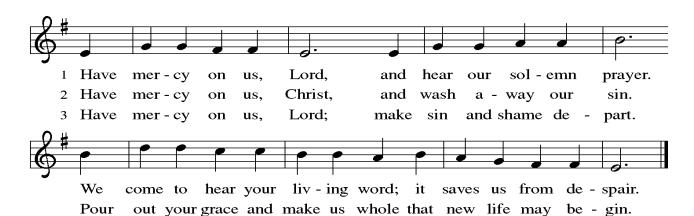
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#### **GREETING**

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**



Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**



in

us

new hearts!

- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex alt ed thus!"
- 3 Je sus is wor thy to re-ceive hon or and pow'r di vine;
- 4 Let all cre a tion join in one to bless the sa cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one. "Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!" and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine. of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

# † WORD †

# Prayer of the Day

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

# First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and

from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

# Psalm: Psalm 67

- <sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to <sup>|</sup> us and bless us; may the light of God's face <sup>|</sup> shine upon us.
- <sup>2</sup> Let your way be known | upon earth, your saving health a- | mong all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise I you, O God; let all the I peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and <sup>|</sup> sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- <sup>|</sup> tions on earth. R
  - <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples | praise you, O God; let all the | peoples praise you.

# <sup>6</sup> The earth has brought | forth its increase; God, our own | God, has blessed us.

<sup>7</sup> May God <sup>|</sup> give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth <sup>|</sup> stand in awe. R

## Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

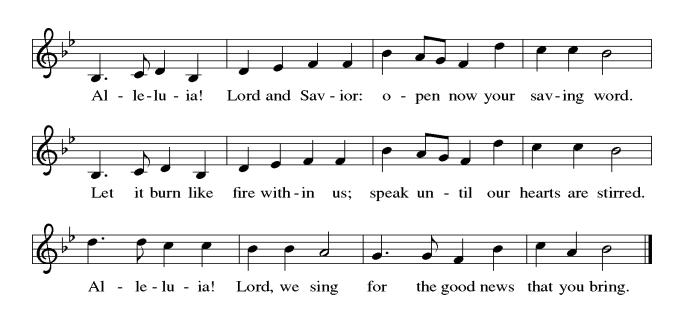
<sup>10</sup> And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life

with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



# Gospel: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Now that day was a sabbath.

**SERMON** 

Mary Bridges, PMA

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH ELW 879



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#### **NICENE 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**

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors (*specific partners may be named here*), that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling (especially). Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ (*especially*). Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

† MEAL

**OFFERING** 

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

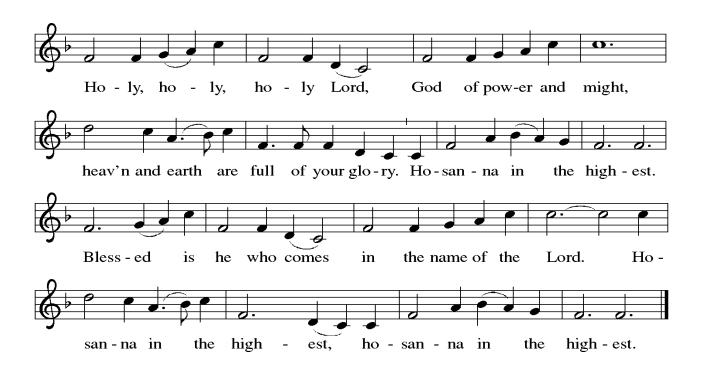
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

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:



#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

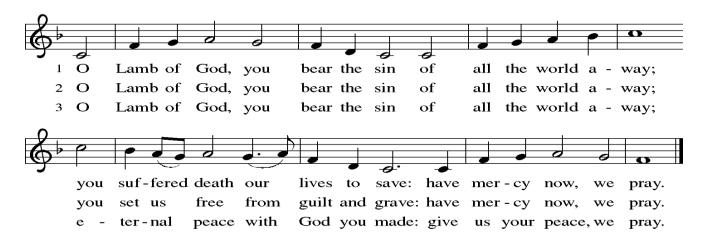
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

#### forever and ever. Amen

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

#### **COMMUNION SONG**



#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

#### Amen.

† SENDING †

## **BLESSING**

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,

light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING
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## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **POSTLUDE**

Please join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments and fellowship

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>Thank you</u> Mary Bridges, PMA, for leading us in our worship service today. Mary has permission from Bishop Susan to preside at communion today.

Pandamanin VBS was a great success. We were a small group – only 9 kids but we were mighty. I'd like to thank those who helped make the program so fun – Sue Mettlen and Charlotte Hermann provided delicious meals each night, Ann Metcalfe led the exciting songs, Sam Neff told the bible story every night, Mary Mertz led us in energizing games, Brenda Tonniges helped create wonderful crafts, Marlie Potter was Panda Patsy and a group leader, and Kris Neff and Kris

Johanson were group leaders. Thank you everyone, Debbie Beckman, VBS director.

<u>Next Sunday</u> following fellowship we will pick up the table and chairs in the fellowship hall in preparation of the quarterly cleaning of the fellowship room floors. We will meet again Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 to set them back up.

The Gospel music group WESTWORD ROAD will be ministering in concert Saturday May 31 at 6:00pm at the First United Methodist Church in Abilene. This is a free concert but a love offering will be received on behalf of the group.

This Week at Redeemer						
Sunday (25th)	9:30	Worship in person and on-line				
	10:30	Fellowship				
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## **Partners in Ministry**

Altar Guild Vivian Cook & Kris Johanson

This Sunday May 25		Next Sunday June 1		
9:30		9:30		
Greeters	Rod & Rosemary	Greeters	Debbie & Ray Beckman	
	Anderson	Ushers	Sue & Gary Mettlen	
Ushers	Lana Jordan & Kris	Lector	Mary Mertz	
	Johanson	Communion	Mary Shaffer	
Lector	Phil Sedo	Sound	Perry Jurgensen	

Communion	Sam Neff	Fellowship	Debbie & Ray Beckman
Sound	Kirs Neff		
Fellowship	Vivian & Jim Cook		

#### ~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

**MEMBERS:** Tom Mertz, Cecelia Anderson, Tom Drown

#### **REDEEMER FRIENDS:**

AJ Conley (Cousin of Scott Itschner)
Lane Mai (Friend of Cheryl and Scott Itschner)
Wayne & Dorothy Hanke (Parents of Debbie Beckman)
Jerome Herrman (Nephew of Charlotte & Dave Herrman)
Zach Swanson (Grandson of Sandi and Tom Drown)
Beverly Alstatt (Mother of Craig Alstatt)

#### **MILITARY & AMERICORPS**

Tanner Gibson (Great-nephew to Cecelia Anderson)
Eric Blomberg, USS Laboon, (Nephew of Mary Shaffer)