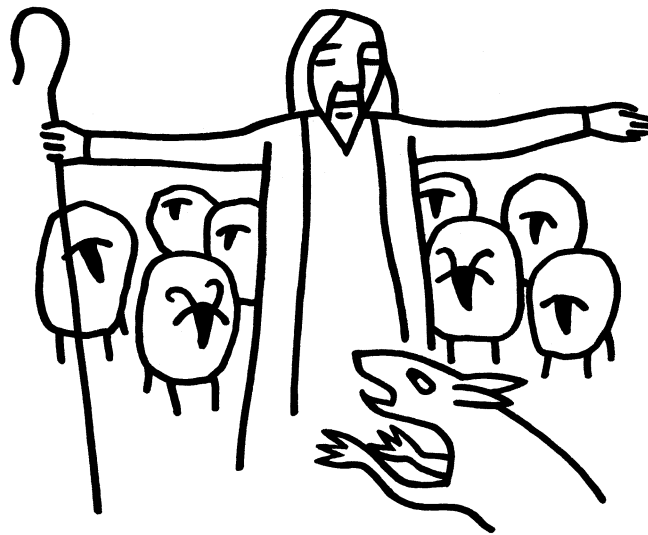


REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

743 East Magnolia Road, Salina, KS 67401

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Worship Time: Sunday 8:00 & 10:30




Fourth Sunday of Easter/ Earth Day

April 21, 2024

Welcome!

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

HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>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.</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>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.</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>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.</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>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 visitors book located in the gathering space.</i> • <i>Please silence your mobile devices. Thank you.</i> 	
Liturgy is Setting 1 Altar Guild: Tom Mertz & Debbie Beckman	
Today's organ music is listed at tiny.cc/redeemermusic Last week's attendance: in person attendance: 8:00 – 13 10:30 – 31; On-line -130	
Pastor: Rev. David Strommen (785)827-8195 (785) 275-2247 mobile phone dstrommen@redeemer-elca.org Administrative Assistant: Volunteers Tuesdays 9am-12pm Office: 785-827-8195 Email: redeemer@redeemer-elca.org Website: redeemer-elca.org  Like us on Facebook	<u>Music Staff</u> Organist: Ruth Mirtz (rmirtz@redeemer-elca.org) Choir & Bell Choir Director: Ann Metcalfe

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PRELUDE

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

**Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.**

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. (From Pope Francis)

We gather in the image of the Creator who is a community of love.

We gather in the name of the Redeemer who reconciles all of creation. +We gather in the presence of the Life-Giver who inspires new life and renews it.

Amen!

(From Lutheran World Federation)

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877
 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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.

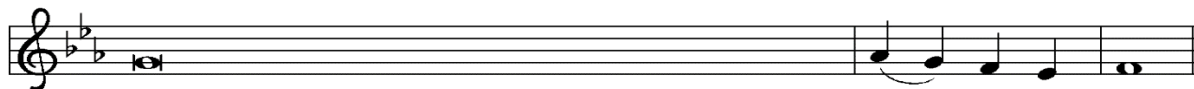
KYRIE AND HYMN OF PRAISE:



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



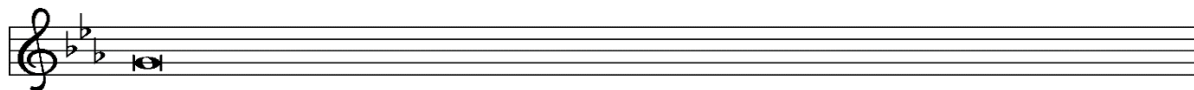
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



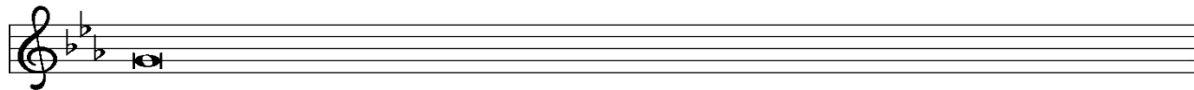
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



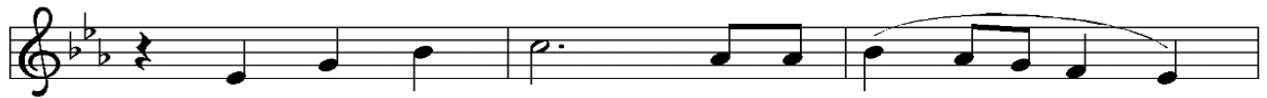
Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

† WORD †

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm: Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down
up- | on the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the
collar | of his robe. R**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon
the | hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing:
life for- | evermore. R

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1--2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say

that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.”

²⁶A 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.” ²⁷Then 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.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ 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.”

SERMO

Pastor David

The Butterfly Song

1. If I were a butterfly, I'd thank you Lord for giving' me wings.

And if I were a robin in a tree, I'd thank you, Lord, that I could sing.

And if I were a fish in the sea, I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee,

But I just thank you, Father, for makin' me me!

Chorus

'Cause you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile,
you gave me Jesus

And you made me your child, but I just thank you,
Father, for makin' me me!

2. If I were an elephant, I'd thank you, Lord, by raising my trunk,

And if I were a kangaroo, I'd just hop right up to you,

And if I were an octopus, I'd thank you , Lord, for my
good looks,

But I just thank you, Father, for makin' me me!

(Chorus)

3. If I were a wiggly worm, I'd thank you, Lord, that I
could squirm,

And if I were a crocodile, I'd thank you, Lord, for my
big smile,

And if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear, I'd thank you Lord,
for my fuzzy wazzy hair,

But I just thank you, Father, for makin' me me!

(Chorus)



1 We lift this prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this
2 We turn our lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our
3 Give thanks to God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to



prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this prayer for the
lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our lives to the
God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to God for the



whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it spin - ning in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957

Music: WHOLENESS OF THE EARTH, Bret Hesla

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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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first

responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and other oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, and other staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you (*especially Dietrich Bonhoeffer and all whose lives have been given in faithfulness to the gospel*). Grant us your peace amid our fears. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

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

† MEAL †

OFFERING and Special Music by Bells

OFFERING PRAYER:

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth.

With all creation, we bless our Creator.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Creator be with you and all creation.
And also with you.

Open your hearts.

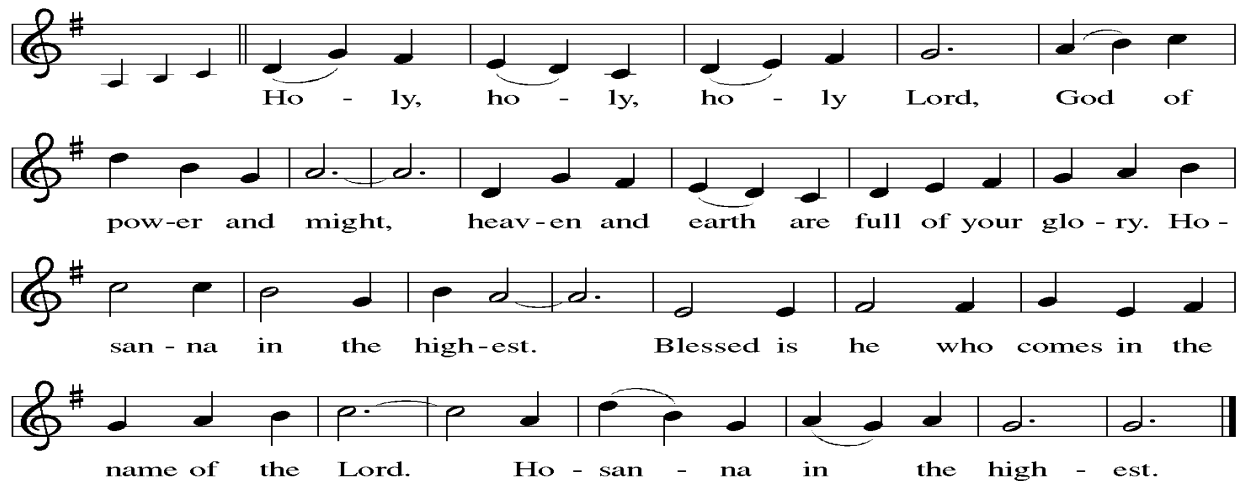
We open them to our Creator.

Let us give thanks to our Creator.

It is right to join creation in thanking God.

It is right and salutary to give you thanks, loving Creator. Your Word is the impulse for all things to be, for space, stars and stardust to appear, for Earth to emerge from the deep, for life to be born of Earth and for humans to be born of Earth and the Spirit. You chose to be born a human being, to become a part of Earth, to suffer, die and rise from death to redeem humankind, renew creation, and affirm all born of Earth and the Spirit.

Your presence is the living impulse in all things, the Christ deep among us, filling Earth—land, sea and air; filling every element and place; filling the grain and the grape we share with you this day. Therefore with angels and archangels, ancient voices in the forest, high voices from the sky, deep voices from the sea and the whole company of creation of past and present and future, we proclaim the fullness of your presence among us:



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. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

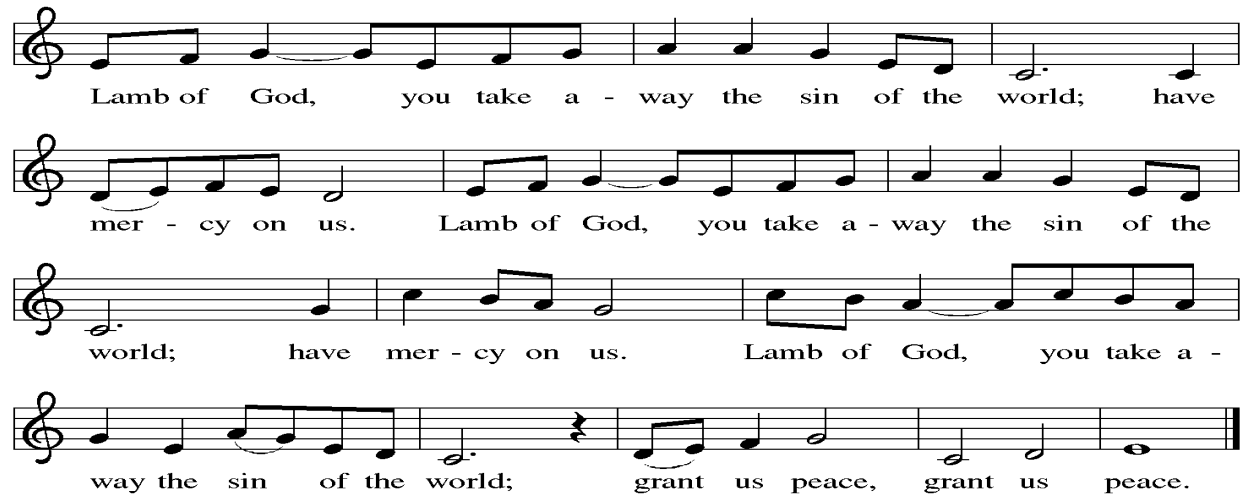
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed are you God, Ruler of the Universe. Through this meal made from the fruits of your good earth and filled with the presence of your Messiah, Jesus, we have been healed. Send us now bearing this healing to a world in need. Make us instruments of your peace.
Amen.

† SENDING †

BLESSING

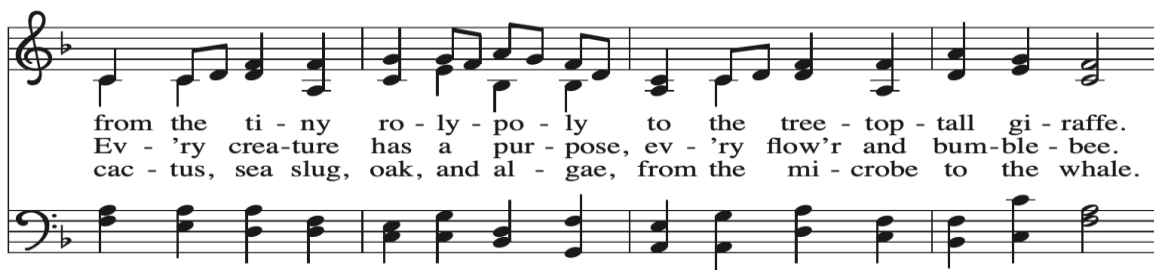
May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth and the pulsing of Christ within you.

Amen

EARTH IS FULL OF WIT AND WISDOM ACS 1064



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - jice
Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

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POSTLUDE

Announcements

Flowers today are given by Kathy Lowman in memory of her mother Ruth Sisler.

Today for second Sunday (actually third) Sunday School we will be observing Earth Day with activities that include earthworms. This time is for members and friends of all ages.

Camp Tomah Shinga will be having their annual fund raiser at The Farm and Odd Fellows in Minneapolis April 27 starting at 6:00. This fundraiser is very important to get to the 2024 budget of \$157,000 for the camp. It is so important for the ministry done at camp – the ministry that grows faith, and builds the church and leaders for the church in the midst of God’s creation. Entertainment, appetizers and drink ticket are included in the admission price. Tickets are \$35/person, \$50/couple or \$90/table of four. RSVP by April 20th on the camp’s website. An online auction will be held April 23-27. You can get your bid number for the auction by going to the camp website also. Camptomahshinga.com

VBS will held May 28 – 31 in the evening. More details will be coming soon but please mark the date on your calendar.

May 5 the Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir and Jazz Choir culminates their 2023-2024 season with a concert tour entitled “Lead Us On to the Light”. The concert will be at the Sacred Heart

Cathedral.

This Week at Redeemer		
Sunday (21st)	8:00	Worship in Person & Online
	10:30	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30	Fellowship
Tuesday (23rd)	9:00-2:00	Office open
Wednesday (24 th)	5:30	Wednesday evening meal
	6:15	Godly Play / Connect
	6:15	Food Distribution
Sunday (21st)	8:00	Worship in Person & Online
	10:30	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30	Fellowship

Partners in Ministry

Altar Guild: Tom Mertz & Debbie Beckman

This Sunday April 21		Next Sunday April 28	
8:00		8:00	
Greeters	Sue Mettlen	Greeters	Jan Jackson
Usher	Denise Dusin	Usher	Sue Mettlen
Lector	Charlotte Herrman	Lector	Ted Wire
Communion	Jan Jackson	Communion	Mary Shaffer
Sound	Perry Jurgensen	Sound	Perry Jurgensen
10:30		10:30	
Greeters	Ray & Debbie Beckman	Greeters	Wayne & Carol Keeler
Ushers	Kathy Heinrich & Janet Whitaker	Ushers	Lana Jordan & Joe Plumer
Lector	Dan Metcalfe	Lector	Debbie Beckman
Communion	Ray Beckman	Communion	Wayne Keeler
Sound	Mary Mertz	Sound	Kris Neff
Fellowship	Lana Jordan	Fellowship	Arlene Keil

~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

MEMBERS: Esther Jording, Diane Conover, Rylee Koers, Brock Alstatt

REDEEMER FRIENDS:

Willis Cox (Father of Becky Shulda)

Virginia Yantes (sister of Jean Sedo)

Eva Decker (Friend of Mary Mertz)

Karen Hendrickson (Sister of Tom Mertz)

Dina Tannous Vega and family and friends of Hope Lutheran Church in Ramallah (Friend of Mary Bridges)

Susan Burklund (Kathy Heinrich's sister)

Mike Holmes (Nancy McDonald's Brother-in-law)

Marty Becker (Friend of Scott and Cheryl Itschner)

Randy Herbel (Friend of Scott and Cheryl Itschner)

Tanner Conrad (Friend of Kyle & Eugene Hale-Hanson)

Donnie Butrea (Friend of Kyle & Eugene Hale-Hanson)

Jerome Herrman (Nephew of Charlotte & Dave Herrman)

Karen Bell (Sister-in-law of Darcy Anderson)

Laure Hertel (Sister of Jan Jackson)

Janie Morris (friend of Mary Mertz)

Patricia Beaver (friend of Carol Keeler and Mary Mertz)

Kristy McGrath (Co-worker of Steve and Shellee Callahan)

Zach Swanson (Grandson of Sandi and Tom Drown)

Hayden Ballou (Great-great Nephew of Kathy Lowman)

Carissa Carlson (Niece of Tim and Anna Prockish)

Brenda Busch (Aunt of Jon Stohs)

Rich Novotne (Brother of Anita Hartley)

Dannie Tillberg, Christal Lantz (Friends of Mary Shaffer)

Keith Smith (Husband of Debbie Smith)

Bryan & Therese Sisler (Brother & Sister-in-law of Kathy Lowman & Diane Conover)

Echternkamp Family (Friends of Viv & Jim Cook)

Judy Bloyd (Former member & friend of Denise Dusin)

Randall Cunningham (Cousin of Anna Prockish)

Crystal Kupar (Diane Conover's stepdaughter)

Joann Singer (Mother of Carol Kuhlman)

Carrie Ryan Wilson (Friend of Mary Shaffer)

Phil Rankin (Father of David Rankin)

Tisha Berns (Friend of Mary Shaffer)

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Kayla & Aalilyah Vasquez (Family of Dan & Angie Botz)

Doris Grogan (Friend to CeCelia Anderson)

Jeni Blair (Friend of CeCelia Anderson)

Beverly Alstatt (Craig Alstatt's mother)

MILITARY & AMERICORPS

Spencer Keil, US Navy, Maryland (Grandson of Arlene Keil)

Gavynn West, US Air Force, Omaha, NE (Nephew of Shellee Callahan)

Tanner Gibson (Great-nephew to CeCelia Anderson)

Eric Blomberg, USS Laboon, (Nephew of Mary Shaffer)