

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

VISITORS AND MEMBERS

Good morning and welcome! Attendance cards and offerings will be collected at the door as you enter or leave, or you can do both electronically using the QR code on the back cover of this bulletin. We are glad you're here and look forward to meeting you. If you wish, you may also send an email to pastor@redeemerchurch.org.

✠ The Resurrection of Our Lord ✠

AS WE GATHER

There are many benefits of belonging to Jesus and living to serve Him, but nothing compares to the benefits of eternal life and the resurrection of our bodies. This isn't just wishful thinking. Our hope is rooted in substantial historical evidence and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Thine Is the Glory"

by Handel arr Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP

"The Lord is Arisen" arr. Clarence Dickinson (Choir)

*The Lord is arisen!
The tidings are glorious!
Hath burst the grave's prison,
O'er death is victorious.*

*A rock sealed up strongly
The tomb where He lay,
But Angels came softly,
And rolled it away.*

*Three women came weeping,
They brought spices rare,
And thought to anoint Him,
With tenderest care.*

*To them spake an angel,
"Tho' empty the grave,
Fear not! He is risen,
Almighty to save!"*

*Then sing!
Choirs supernal,
The Lord is arisen!
Now life is eternal,
The Lord is arisen!*

(please stand)

EASTER GREETING

Pastor: Christ is risen, alleluia!

People: He is risen indeed, alleluia!

EASTER PROCESSIONAL HYMN “*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*” (LSB 457)

Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky He’s King, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!

Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

(As the processional cross passes, please turn to face it.)

INVOCATION AND DOXOLOGY

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: You make known to me the path of life;

People: in Your presence there is fullness of joy. *Psalm 16:11*

Pastor: Christ has been raised from the dead,

People: the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. *1 Corinthians 15:20*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Because of Jesus' victory, God has offered us forgiveness of sins.
Confess your sins to Him and experience His mercy and peace.

(time for personal confession)

Pastor: Jesus Christ has paid the price for your sins. He has died, but He is risen! By the grace of God, you are forgiven.

HYMN

"He's Risen, He's Risen"

(LSB 480)



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
△ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

✠ WORD ✠

(readings from the English Standard Version Bible (ESV))

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

*“For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.*

*¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.*

*¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in My people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.*

*²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.*

*²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.*

*²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.*

*²³ They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord,
and their descendants with them.*

*²⁴ Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.*

*²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.*

*They shall not hurt or destroy
in all My holy mountain,”
says the Lord.*

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered His words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

The children are invited to go to the front of the Sanctuary to place a flower on the cross while the choir and congregation sings the following hymn.

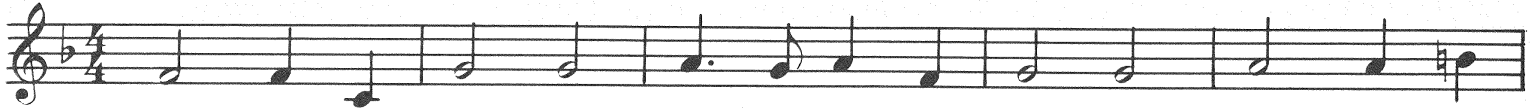
The Tree of Life

Pécselyi Király Imre von, 1961

Paraphrased by Erik Routley, 1974

K. Lee Scott

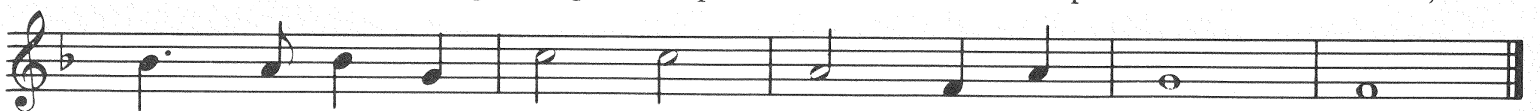
(♩ = 88)



All 1. There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom, whose leaves hold
Women 2. Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!" There on its
All 3. Thorns not his own are tan - gled in its fo - liage; our greed has
Choir 4. See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come; hear what the
All 5. This is my end - ing, this my res - ur - rec - tion; in - to your
All 6. All heav'n is sing - ing, "Thanks to Christ whose Pas - sion of - fers in



forth the heal - ing of the na - tions: Tree of all know - ledge,
branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring; see where the ten - drills
starved it, our de - spite has choked it. Yet, look! it lives! its
Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry! Give me your sick - ness,
hands, Lord, I com - mit my spir - it. This have I searched for;
mer - cy heal - ing, strength and par - don. Peo - ples and na - tions,



Tree of all com - pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
of our hu - man self - hood feed on its life - blood.
grief has not de - stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
give me all your sor - row, I will give bless - ing."
now I can pos - sess it. This ground is ho - ly.
take it, take it free - ly!" A - men! My Mas - ter!

SERMON

“Of Absolute Importance” Luke 24:1-12

Intro: I can live without religion

I. This story doesn't matter if...

- A. It is just a cultural myth*
- B. Jesus' death is a morality tale*

II. This story is both historical and absolutely relevant to you

- A. It was foretold (Isaiah 53 and Jesus Himself)*
- B. It was preceded by miraculous signs*
- C. It was observed*
- D. It was observed by critics*
- E. It is in non-biblical sources*
- F. It is either a stumbling block or the source of eternal life with God*

III. Why don't some people believe it?

- A. They don't want to*
 - 1. They can't accept the world as it is*
 - 2. They want to normalize their sin*
 - 3. They would lose their culture*
 - 4. They would lose their worldview*
- B. They believe they have a better explanation*
- C. There is something that God can't/won't get past in them*

IV. If you see the importance

- A. Be baptized into Christ*
- B. Rejoice you are not that common (Matt. 7:13f)*
- C. You have the most critical asset in life*

RESPONSE OF FAITH *Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth**

and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,**

**begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING

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our website redeemerchurch.org and click 'online giving', or text
the word GIVE to (812) 362-2848 and follow the link****You can
make a one-time gift OR sign up for a recurring donation.
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Sing to the Lord for He has done glorious things,

People: let this be known to all the world.

Pastor: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion.

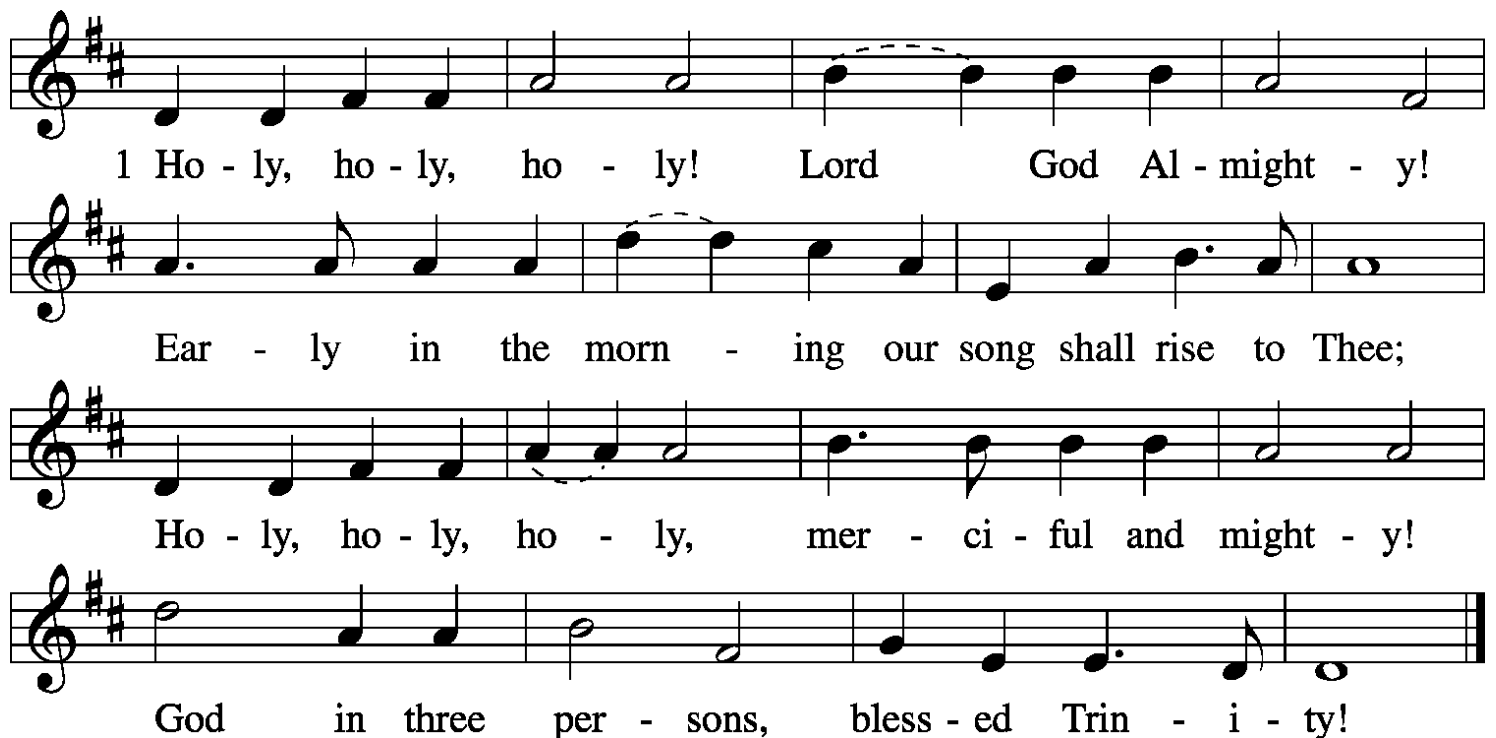
People: For great is the Holy One of Israel among you.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

(LSB 507 v. 1)



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)



C 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.

DISTRIBUTION

PLEASE NOTE: Because the sacrament can be taken to one's spiritual harm if not properly understood, *1 Corinthians 11:27*, we ask all visitors to refer to our statement of belief found inside the back cover of this service folder before communing. We are eager for you to participate fully in every aspect of this ministry, but we do not want to compromise any portion of God's Word among us.

Even if you are not partaking in this Sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest. Children are invited to come forward and receive a baptismal blessing.

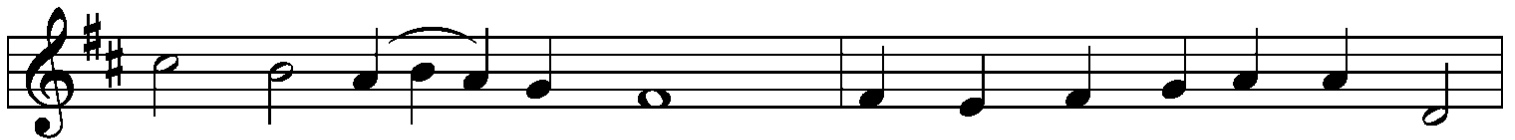
Gluten-free wafers are available if your health requires it. Please ask the Pastor for one when communing. For those who prefer not to have alcohol, there is white grape juice in the cups toward the center of the tray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (LSB 633)



1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death’s dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael’s hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pier - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5) Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

7) Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

6) Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

8) Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

“O Sons and Daughters of the King” (LSB 470)



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them
5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
speaks un - to the three, “Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee.”
came their mas - ter dear And said, “My peace be with you here.”
seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples’ word.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 6) “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.” Alleluia!
- 7) No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried. Alleluia!
- 8) How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!
- 9) On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"* arr. J. Behnke (Choir, Congregation)

All: I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead:
He lives, my ever living head!

All: He lives triumphant, from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above;
He lives to rule His Church in love.

Women: He lives to grant me rich supply,
He lives to guide me with His eye:
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

Choir: He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

Men: He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

All: He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing.
He lives my Prophet, Priest and King!

*Choir: He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.*

**All: He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives:
I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!!!!**

POSTLUDE *“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”* *by Barnett*

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Donna Klausmeier in memory of our families.

THE NURSERY is available for the care of your little ones. It is located in the southwest corner of the Education Wing/Preschool Hallway and is clearly marked. Please use the nursery at your convenience or when you find that the younger members of your family are disturbing your time of worship. *(The nursery is not currently staffed, but is available for use. Parents must remain with their children. Audio of the worship services is available in the nursery.)*

*****THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN’S, YOUTH OR
ADULT BIBLE STUDIES ON EASTER SUNDAY.*****

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is ALMS Sunday.

Easter Fellowship! FREE Breakfast and Egg Hunt - Everyone is invited to join us for a Fellowship Breakfast Easter morning at Redeemer Evansville! Breakfast will be in the Fellowship Hall, 9:15am-10:15am. You are welcome to bring a food item to share or just bring yourself! At 9:30am kids of all ages are invited to join us in the Courtyard for an Egg Hunt.

Connect is Coming! People don't often talk about deep and important issues. We're afraid of arguments, differences, and challenges to our thinking. **Connect** is an opportunity to share your views and hear others' views without judgment or argument. We will understand each other better and maybe even make friends along the way. Plus, there's snacks. **Connect** begins May 21 @6pm and continues on Wednesday nights for four sessions, with different topics each week including **"Why is there so much evil in the world?"** and **"Why is there scandal in the Church?"**. Those who have attended Connect in the past have found it stimulating and well worth the time. Don't miss it.

Giving Tree Fundraiser - The Giving Tree is an ongoing fundraiser for the 2025 Youth Gathering and other youth activities. Trees are posted at Evansville and Newburgh. It is a simple fundraiser where people can pick a leaf with a set denomination from \$5-\$100 to donate towards the Gathering. Redeemer has always been super supportive of the Youth Ministry and we are so thankful for all your prayers and love!

Hotel Points Wanted - The youth are taking a charter bus to the Youth Gathering this July. I am looking for a member who would want to donate hotel points to cover the bus driver's hotel stay. It can be any chain of hotels that are in New Orleans. The hotel needs to be one that has bus parking. Please let me know if you are able to help out! Thanks, Sarah Prentice

Lutherans for Habitat Volunteer Day will be on April 26th starting at 7:30am at 1104 N Garvin. We will be doing interior paint that day. Go to evansvillehabitat.org and click on 'volunteer opportunities'. If *Lutherans for Habitat* doesn't pop up as an option, click on 'view more opportunities'.

✝ In Our Prayers ✝

Praise and Thanks

For our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

For the marriage yesterday of Bryce W and Kellie W

Illness/Recovery

Janice E Kelley K John B Tim B Drew Rose Nicole Ren Ann L Vickie K

Intercession

For those coping with the aftermath of recent flooding and storms

For the Kairos team members and the prisoners they will minister to as they go to

Wabash and Branchville prisons this week, Thursday through Sunday

For Lutheran Hour Ministries and all of their efforts to share the gospel

For Angela G and the children in her care that we support through our “Never Alone” Ministry

For peace around the world

For persecuted Christians around the world

For our congregation in Evansville and Newburgh

Wisdom for our country’s leaders and all those in authority

For our military and their families; Kurt, Cason, Ben, Cody & Katy M

Redeemer Families

Betty W

Betty M

Dean K

Serving Today - Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

8:00 am Traditional Worship:

Attending Elder: Ty Winiger

Organist: Molly Wuertz

Ushers: Janice Elwood, Judy Cameron

Communion Care: Chris Hampton

April 20, 2025

10:30 am Traditional Worship:

Attending Elder: Chris Gamble

Organist: Molly Wuertz

Ushers: Will and Lori Smith

Communion Care: Cara Baumgart

Serving Next Sunday

April 27, 2025

8:00 am Traditional Worship:

Worship Assistant: Sarah Prentice

Organist: Molly Wuertz

Attending Elder: Barry Hampton

Coffee Makers: David and Kelley Greer

Ushers: Darren Birge, Judy Cameron

April 27, 2025

10:30 am Traditional Worship:

Worship Assistant: Pastor Jason Yunker

Ushers: Will and Lori Smith

Attending Elder: David Greer

Organist: Molly Wuertz

Communion Cleanup: Pam Keller

Coffee Makers: David and Kelley Greer