

# OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 16, 2021

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit  
has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses  
in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria,  
and to the end of the earth.”*

*Acts 1:8*



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## **OUR MISSION**

“The Our Redeemer church family exists to **welcome** people to faith;  
help people **grow** in the faith that works in real life;  
and **serve** our community and the world together in **Jesus’** name.”

## **GUESTS AND MEMBERS – WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER**

We’re happy that you’ve joined us in worship, especially if you are a visitor with us.  
We pray that the Lord who led you here would lead you into a time of knowing Him better,  
trusting in Him more, and growing deeper in His love as He places His Word  
and cross before your eyes, ears, and hearts.

## **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE**

Please see an usher for assistance with these items.

### **COVID-19 Reminder**

As ministry opportunities sponsored by Our Redeemer continue to resume onsite and elsewhere, the leadership of our congregation recognizes the new challenges that exist when gathering together. Below is a reminder to consider before participating in any worship service or activity:

*The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. We are doing everything we can to be compliant with all regulations and ensure your safety. We have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but we cannot guarantee that you or family members will not become infected with COVID-19.*

# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING III

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

*LSB 493 v. 1-3*



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -  
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 stand and gaze up - on the sky?” Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers  
 al - le - lu - ia! “This is the Sav - ior,” thus they



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of  
 see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -  
 say; “This is His glo - rious tri - umph



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 day!” Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



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

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

PSALM

*Psalm 47*

P: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**C: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**

P: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**C: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

P: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**C: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

P: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

C: **God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

P: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

C: **For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

*LSB 189*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## FIRST READING

*Acts 1:1-11*

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*LSB 190*



■ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we -  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -



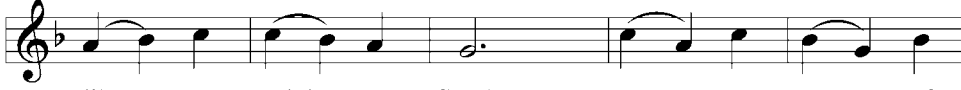
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the  
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in



like a might - y flood: “Je - sus out of  
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -  
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood.”  
 get His prom - ise: “I am with you ev - er - more”?  
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.



SERMON

“Life In Between  
Acts 1:1-11

Sermon Notes and Additional References

Life In Between

Reverting to what we “know”

Rushing ahead

We are living life in between

“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”

*(John 17:17)*

Life in between in

Jerusalem

Judea

Samaria

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PEACE OF THE LORD

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

### DISTRIBUTION

HOLY COMMUNION ... Because we believe Jesus' word that in communion He gives us His body and blood, forgives our sins, and strengthens our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we welcome to communion those

- \* who are part of God's family through baptism;
- \* who are growing by the power of the Holy Spirit in true faith in Jesus as their savior;
- \* who are truly repentant and sorrowful for their sins; and
- \* who intend by the power of the Holy Spirit to amend their lives.

If you feel your relationship with God is not of this nature, you may still receive a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms), rather than communing to your spiritual harm. For those communing, both wine and grape juice are available.

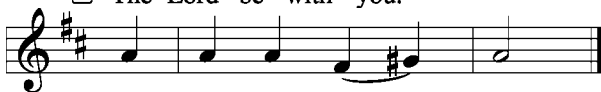
*(Pastor and an Elder will bring communion to the pews beginning on the east outside aisle followed by the center and then west outside aisle. Please remain seated.)*

### BENEDICTION

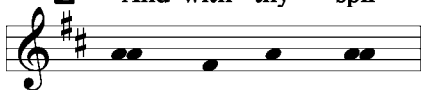
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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make  
 His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN “Up through Endless Ranks of Angels” *LSB 491 v. 1-3*  
*Sung to the tune of “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

- 1 **Up through endless ranks of angels, Cries of triumph in His ears,  
 To His heav’nly throne ascending, Having vanquished all their fears,  
 Christ looks down upon His faithful, Leaving them in happy tears.**
- 2 **Death-destroying, life-restoring, Proven equal to our need,  
 Now for us before the Father, As our brother intercede;  
 Flesh that for our world was wounded, Living, for the wounded plead!**
- 3 **To our lives of wanton wand’ring, Send Your Spirit, promised guide;  
 Through our lives of fear and failure, With Your pow’r and love abide;  
 Welcome us, as You were welcomed, To an endless Eastertide.**

## Weekly Worship Meditations and Preparation Thoughts

For meditation from Sunday's worship: Read Acts 1:1-11

-Where do you most experience life "in between" right now?

-What is your "Jerusalem"? "Judea"? "Samaria"? "Ends of the Earth"?

For preparation for next week: Read Acts 2:1-21

-What stands out to you most?

-Where do you hear God's power at work? His authority?

### *Serving Us Today*

**Pastor** - Rev. Peter Weeks

**Director of Youth and Family Ministry** - Arlyn Meyer

**Pianist** - Tracy Holloway

<b>Elders</b>	8:00 am	Chris Byers	(275-5040)
	10:30 am	John Ohlendorf	(826-6335)
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 am	Ron Lund (Lead) and Doris Davenport	
	10:30 am	Kevin Holmes (Lead) and Pam Fuller	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:00 am	Kris Boerger	

### *Altar Flowers*

*The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Doris Davenport  
in celebration of granddaughter Sydney Rouleau's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 11<sup>th</sup>.*

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