

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

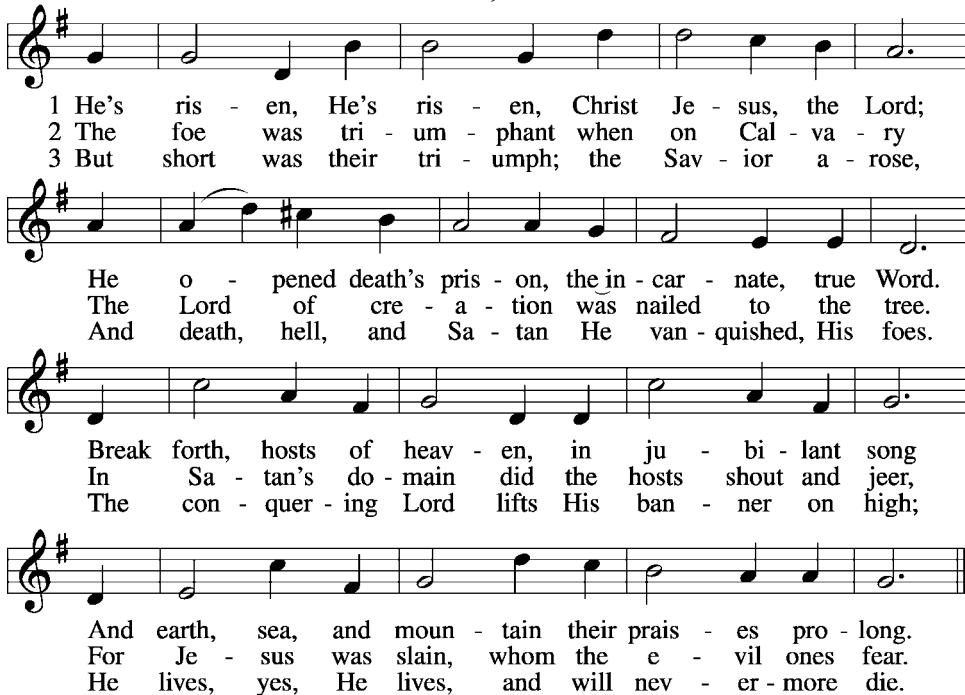
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING II

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

LSB 480 v. 1-3



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,

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.

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;

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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 167

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

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 98

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

C: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

P: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

C: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

P: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

C: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

P: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

C: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

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 172



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-48

Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 173



HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.

ADULT CHOIR

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

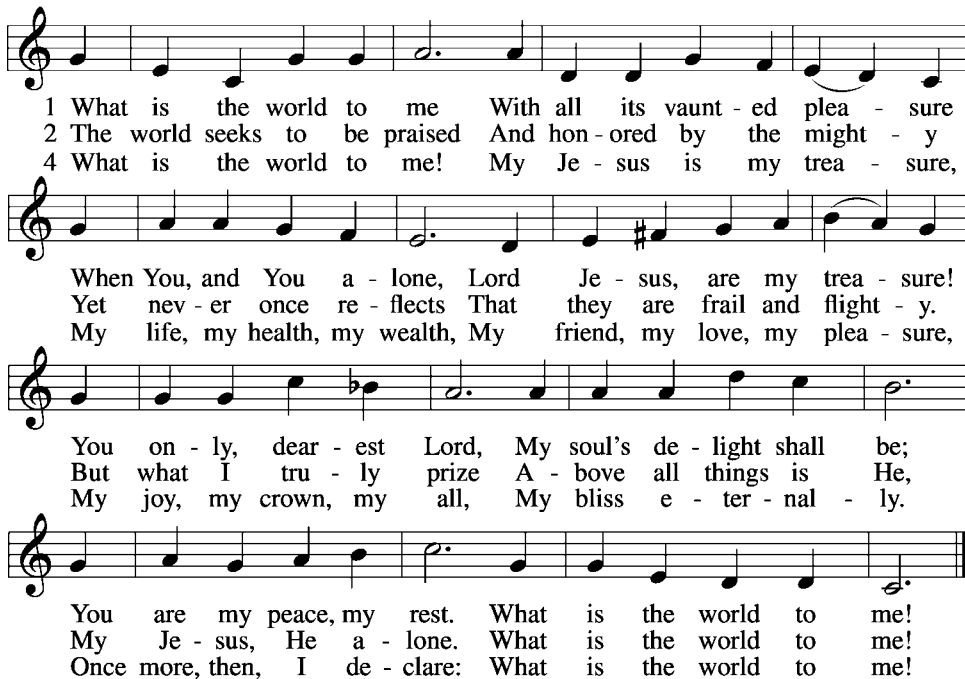
8:00 am

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson

“What Is the World to Me”

LSB 730 v. 1, 2, 4



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt-ed plea-sure
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon-ored by the might-y
4 What is the world to me! My Je-sus is my trea-sure,
When You, and You a-lone, Lord Je-sus, are my trea-sure!
Yet nev-er once re-flects That they are frail and flight-y.
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea-sure,
You on-ly, dear-est Lord, My soul's de-light shall be;
But what I tru-ly prize A-bove all things is He,
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e-ter-nal-ly.
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
My Je-sus, He a-lone. What is the world to me!
Once more, then, I de-clare: What is the world to me!

“Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing”

John 15:9-17

Sermon Notes and Additional References

Don't forget to fly the plane!

We can lose sight of the main thing... as individuals... as households...

Seasons of life can make keeping the main thing central more difficult.

As God's family, Jesus kept God's plan of salvation the main thing—for you!

Keeping the main thing central flows out of God's love for us.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 John 4:7-8)

Faith moms help us keep the main thing the main thing.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

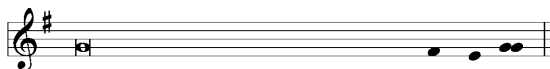
LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 179

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

BENEDICTION



P 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.

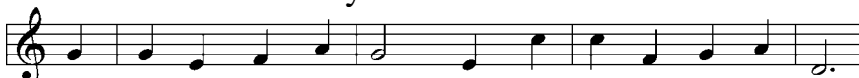


C A - - - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection”

LSB 478



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,

2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right

3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,

△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.

The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light

Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.

All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,

And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,

Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;

Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry,

His own “All hail!” and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.

For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!

And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

Weekly Worship Meditations and Preparation Thoughts

For meditation from Sunday's worship: Read John 15:9-17

-Pray, asking God to help you keep the main thing central this week.

-Thank a Faith Mom who has reminded you or your household of what the main thing is.

For preparation for next week: Read Acts 1:1-11

-When have you been tempted to “know the times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority”?

-As you look at verse 6, what expectations have you felt God didn't fulfill?

Serving Us Today

Pastor - Rev. Peter Weeks

Director of Youth and Family Ministry - Arlyn Meyer

Organist - Rhoda Kolbus

Elders	8:00 am	Danny Kiedaisch	(212-0504)
	10:30 am	Jeff Kuenneth	(533-5844)
Ushers	8:00 am	Gerry Christman (Lead) and Bob McCuen	
	10:30 am	David Liebers (Lead) and Mark Semingson	
Adult Choir	8:00 am	Judy Vasel, director	
		Tracy Holloway, accompanist	

Altar Flowers

*The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Duane and Rhoda Kolbus
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