

Charlotte Stonecrab's Game at 4:30pm. This is a youth group-congregation outing. Cost is \$24.00, however all the youth are invited and will be paid for. The cost will include a ticket to the game, a Stonecrab baseball hat, a buffet dinner, a program and a great night out. Transportation will be provided from the church if you need a ride. If you do not have your payment today, you can pay in the office until May 12th!

**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:15:** The Sunday School students study the story of "Lydia" today. Just as God worked His miracle beside the river, clothing Lydia with Christ in Baptism, so God works His miracles in pulpits and fonts around the world today, destroying the work of Satan, ripping believers from the jaws of death, washing away sins in water tinged with Jesus' blood, and clothing believers with His righteousness. Parents could ask, "How did God use water to save Lydia and us? Who does God use to reveal His Word to us today?"

**JOB BUS:** Career opportunities provided by Helping Hand who will be involved with this job fair hosted at the Englewood United Methodist Church on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month, from 9AM to 12PM.

**FREE MAILBOXES:** For people who are homeless at Christ Lutheran Church. Contact: (941) 474-1989 or [christlutheran@daystar.net](mailto:christlutheran@daystar.net). Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9AM-1:00PM.

**YOUTH OUTING:** Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Sun Splash Water Park in Cape Coral. Bus will pick the children up between 8:45am and 9:15am. Permission slips are required. Attached Bus will bring them home about 5-5:30pm. Lunch will be provided, however please send spending money if your child wishes to purchase something at the park. Chaparones for the day are Jim Wright, Lisa Vassallo and Jennifer Steele....maybe even Pastor and Lisa Kress will join us. Friends of the youth are also welcome.

**Public Examination Service for Confirmands:** Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, all are invited to attend.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to the Ladies Guild for their generous gift to the Angel Scholarship Fund. The Child Care and families greatly appreciate your support. God Bless....your caring thoughts truly make a difference.



## **ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY**

**MAY 10, 2009  
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE LSB**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care  
6465 MAYPORT RD.  
East Englewood, Florida 34224 PH: 475-2410  
Child Care Phone: 475-2631**

**WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM  
ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 9:15 AM**

**WEB SITE: <http://www.redeemerfl.com>  
SECRETARY EMAIL: [redeemerfl@verizon.net](mailto:redemerfl@verizon.net)  
PASTOR EMAIL: [redemerpastor1@verizon.net](mailto:redemerpastor1@verizon.net)**

**Pastor: Rev. James T. Kress, Sr.  
Cell Phone: (941) 979-2976**



**Prelude**

**Call to Worship Bells**

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn:** “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

*LSB 611*

**Invocation, Confession and Absolution**

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

C **Amen.**

Organist: Doris Dykhuizen

Altar Committee: Helen Sturzenbecker and Avis Stuck

**CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MAY 11<sup>th</sup> THRU MAY 17<sup>th</sup>**

**MONDAY:** 3:30 PM Child Care Chapel  
5:30 PM Weight Watchers  
7:00 PM Council Meeting

**TUESDAY:** 7:00 PM AA Meeting

**THURSDAY:** 4:00-5:30 PM Confirmation Class

**SUNDAY:** 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service with Communion  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
9:15 AM Adult Bible Class  
5:45 PM Youth Group Game

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOTHER’S DAY:** We wish all Redeemer mothers a Happy Mother’s Day. We would especially like to congratulate our oldest mother, Gloria Carlsen, who is now a resident of River Oaks, but is unable to attend church services. We would also like to honor Olga Nagel, who is the oldest mother regularly attending our services.

**REMINDER:** There will be a regularly scheduled Voter Assembly on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am between services. Please plan to attend.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This Sunday’s altar flowers are given in celebration of Mother’s Day.

**APPRECIATION BOXES:** There are boxes located in the narthex for both Pastor Thomason and Pastor Schmidt in appreciation of their faithful service at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Deadline is May 24<sup>th</sup>!

**CONCORDIA COLLEGE CHOIR TOUR:** The Concordia College Choir is singing Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Good Shepherd...5659 Honore Avenue, Sarasota.

**YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER – CONGREGATION GET TOGETHER:** The Port

**Gratitude For God's Blessings:** 1 John 4:1-11: This passage of Holy Scripture encourages us to love one another because love comes from God who sent His only-begotten Son into the world so that we might have life through him. God's stewards demonstrate their love for Him by loving others.

**PRAY FOR**

**SHUT-INS:** Ilse Berner, Herb Bohm, Gloria Carlson, Evelyn Etheridge, Earl Gossett, Ruth Jansch, Clara & Walter Mitchell, and Ruth Sutley.

**HEALING: Members:** Henrietta Appold, Ione Comstock, Marie Elphick. Cecil Grahl, Arlene Harden, Roland Hansen, Bob & Joan Johnson, Charles Keller, Cliff Larsen, Leona Morrison, Harriet Payne, Carolyn Plesner, Don Plesner, Duwayne Schoeneck, Sharron Schultz, Pastor Thomason, Arline Twombly, Lisa Vassallo, John Wacker, Pat Wilcoxon and Eileen Zwick.

**Friends & Relatives:** Elaine Baron, Alice and Casimer Borowski and family, Georgia Bush, Sharon Eisele, Bruce Gnatkowski II, Debbie Harrison, Larry Headun, Michelle Hickner, Rachel Kagay, Howard Kagay, Rev. Howie Krienke, Estella Lewis, John Lichty, Marie Liebl, Elsie Malecki, Ann McCullough, Kaye Ann Nagel, Judy Nagel, Charles Pentecost Jr., Sherrie Rhoades, David Sinowetski, Audrey Slusher, Nancy Sly, Michael Stio, Marion Talley, Katie Taseff, Polly Tice, Phyllis Tucker, Kathy Walsh, Helen Weishaar and Andrew Wolgast.

**Military Personnel:** Daniel Anderson, Adam Buchner, Eric Byrne, Kevin Copeman, Christopher Dutch, Stephen Geib, Brian Hollis, Nathan Hudson, Brian Jackson, Jennie Janssen, Keith Janssen Joshua Jones, Steven Siegmundt, Jeremy Twombly, Matthew Walenta, and Charles Weishaar.

**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

**8:00 Elder on Duty:** Ray Janssen  
**Elders:** Ray Janssen  
**Reader:** Ray Janssen

**10:30 Elder on Duty:** Tim Byrne  
**Elders:** Tim Byrne  
**Reader:** Tim Byrne

10:30 Acolyte: Matthew Geist  
 Greeters: 8:00 AM: Ray Janssen and Wilbur Bruce  
 10:30 AM: Herb and Pat Petersen  
 Coffee Hour: Mother's Day

**Service of the Word**

**Introit - Sung in Unison**

*Ps. 145:1-2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16*

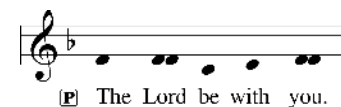


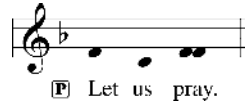
A little while, and you will see me no | longer; \*  
 and again a little while, and you will | see me.  
 I will extol you, my | God and King, \*  
 and bless your name forever and | ever.  
 Every day I will | bless you \*  
 and praise your name forever and | ever.  
 The LORD is gracious and | merciful, \*  
 slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.  
 All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD, \*  
 and all your saints shall | bless you!  
 My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD, \*  
 and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy | Spirit;  
 as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
 A little while, and you will see me no | longer; \*  
 and again a little while, and you will | see me.

**Kyrie**



**Salutation and Collect of the Day**





*(Pastor will sing the prayer)*

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

### Feeding of the Lambs - "Connected to Jesus"

#### First Reading

*Acts 8:26-40*

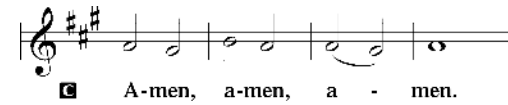
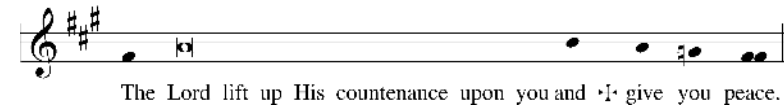
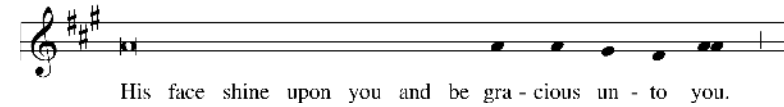
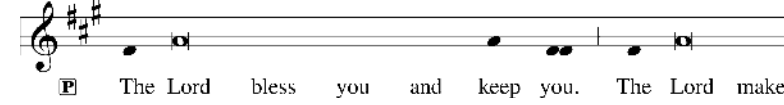
<sup>26</sup>Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."



#### Benediction



#### Closing Hymn: "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"

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#### Postlude

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**WELCOME!** It is our pleasure to worship with you this morning here in God's house. It is our sincere desire that the Holy Spirit will deepen the faith of each one of us through God's holy Word and Sacrament. **Guests** are kindly asked to refer to the guidelines for Holy Communion printed on the yellow placard in the pew rack. **We ask ALL members and visitors to please PRINT their name, children, local address and phone number in our Record of Fellowship book in the pew.** **Visitors**, please be sure to introduce yourself to our Pastor as you leave the sanctuary.

**A QUIET REMINDER:** Worshipers are reminded that the "quiet times"...during the pre-service Prelude and the Offering ...are intended for personal meditation and prayer. **Please keep conversation to a minimum.** You are encouraged to make use of our beautiful narthex for visiting. Thank you.

**Gathering of our Tithes and Offerings - Organ Interlude**

**Lord's Prayer**

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.**

**Concluding Collect**



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

*(Pastor will sing the prayer)*

Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

*1 John 4:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**G** Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Apostles' Creed**

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C 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.**

Sit

**Hymn of the Day:** “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

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**Sermon - "Bearing Fruit"**

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

Stand

**Offertory**

**G** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Stand

**Prayer of the Church: Congregation responds with "Lord, have mercy" (If you are unable to stand for the prayers, please feel free to sit)**