5th Sunday of Easter *May 18*, *2025*



Redeemer Lutheran Ministries Church, School, & Child Care Englewood, Florida

Sunday Divine Service: 9:15 a.m.

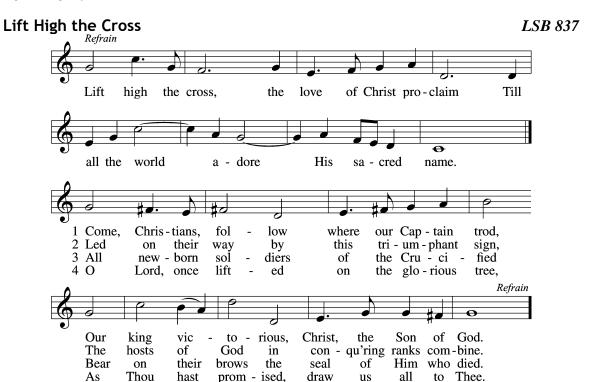
Interim Pastor: Rev. Craig Mathews

Vicar: Collins Sita

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Opening Hymn



- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- 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.

Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

Absolution [John 20:19–23]

- 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.

Introit

Psalm 98:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

- 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.
- 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. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- P Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

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

Mark 10:47

• Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

mer - cy

up - on

Gloria in Excelsis

on

Luke 2:14: John 1:29

us.

P Glory be to God on high:

us.

Lord,

have





Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** We pray:

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.

C Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading Acts 11:1–18

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³"You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

C Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor. He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for

her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Please stand





Holy Gospel John 16:12–22

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

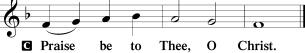


¹²[Jesus said:] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what

you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."





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.

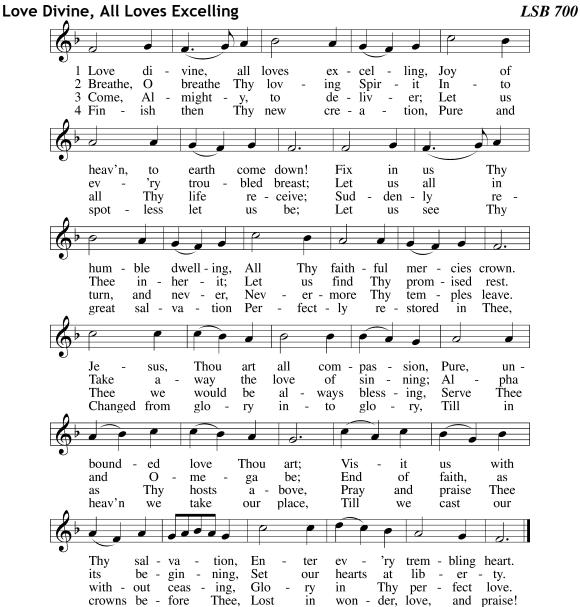
He suffered and was buried.

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.

Hymn of the Day



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Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response following each petition

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- ...hear our prayer.
- O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P Lift up your hearts.



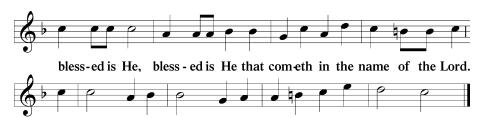
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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 Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

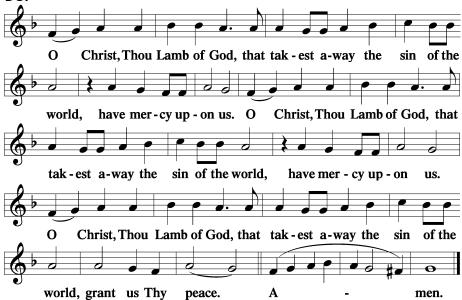
- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini John 20:19

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

men.

Agnus Dei John 1:29



Please be seated

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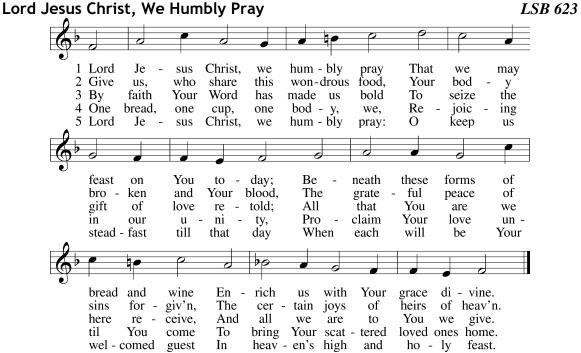
Holy Communion Statement:

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS), we believe Scripture teaches that the Lord's Supper is a gift of God in which Christ gives us His true body and blood (in a miraculous way), together with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. The Bible also teaches that this Sacrament may be spiritually harmful if misused, and that participation in the Lord's Supper is an act of confession of faith, therefore this Sacrament requires careful administration. Redeemer ordinarily communes only those who have been instructed in the teachings of our church and who have confessed their faith in these teachings. If you have any questions, if possible, please speak to the pastor before the service begins.

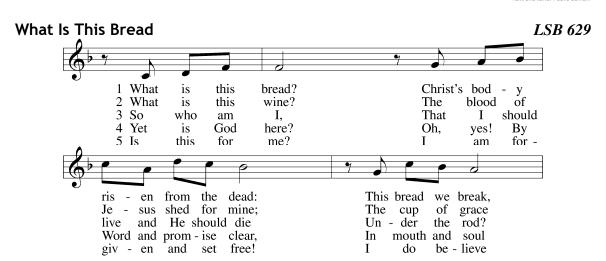
*Those unsure of receiving Communion are still invited to come forward for a blessing. At the Communion rail, simply bow your head and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

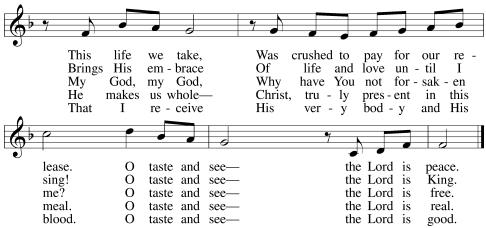
For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered.

Distribution Hymns



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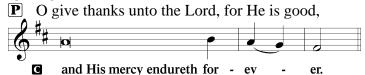




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Thanksgiving Psalm 107:1



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation 2 Timothy 4:22



Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

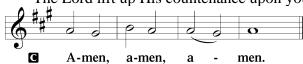


Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



Closing Hymn



- By grace to timid hearts that tremble, in tribulation's furnace tried, By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, the Father's heart is open wide. Where could I help and strength secure if grace were not my anchor sure?
- By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; in Jesus' promise I rejoice; For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice. My heart is glad, all grief has flown since I am saved by grace alone.

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Postlude

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Welcome to those who are visiting us today! We ask that all our members and visitors sign in at the Coffee Table in the narthex. If this is your first visit, there is also a Guest Book on the Coffee Table that has room for your contact information; we would love the opportunity to connect with you.

Serving in the Lord's house today:

Reader & Preacher: Vicar Collins Sita
Celebrant: Rev. Martin Kiesel

Thank you to all those who came yesterday and contributed to the success of our **Property Appreciation Day!** Every effort is much appreciated! The next opportunity will be on Saturday, June 21.

Monthly Ladies' Luncheon: the ladies of Redeemer meet up for lunch on the third Tuesday of every month. They are planning to meet at Original Word of Mouth restaurant, on Dearborn St. in Englewood, this Tuesday, 5/20/25, at 12:00 p.m. All women invited – bring your friends!

Thursday morning Bible class: **Table Talk** meets at 9:30 a.m. All are invited as we search the Scriptures and have open dialogue in the study of God's Word.

Redeemer Lutheran School News:

We need your help! For the last day of school, on **Thursday, May 29**, the school is presenting an "**Around the World**" event for our students. We are looking for some church members (or it could be a group project, maybe each Board?) to select a country and participate in this event.



Each country should prepare a display of "fun facts", a snack, and maybe a small craft for the students to do.

Please contact Wendy Horvath if you have an interest in participating in this event. This is a great opportunity to assist our School and interact with our students and staff. Thank you to those that have already volunteered to be a part of this event!

Sign up now to help with weekly **Coffee Hour!** There is a sign-up list on the bulletin board in the narthex to provide snacks every Sunday. Thank you to all of those who have been providing the weekly treats!

(Note: if you would like to help with Coffee Hour, please know that you can submit any receipts for the treats you provide. It is a huge help to have someone bring snacks, get the coffee started and set out cups and napkins, etc., and we don't want this service to be a financial burden for anyone.)



Please pray for:

Healing for members: Catalina Bakas, Wayne Buel, Ed & Jan DeTrow, Judy Guastella, Jane Harty, Jerry Lindberg, Chuck & Elaine Malecki, Mike Nagel, Tom & Sue Poyer, Randy Schaubs, Jim & Bonnie Schluentz, Bob Varone, Pauline Vickey, and Lori Wasson

School & Child Care staff & families: Eve & Connie Hoffner and family (Eve is a student at our Child Care & Connie is Eve's mother. Connie's husband, Greg, was fighting cancer and lost that battle several weeks ago when he passed away unexpectedly.); Rob Lewis (father of student in After School program, bike accident in January, unable to breathe on his own); Karis Russell.

Friends and relatives: Karen Bartram (daughter of Bernadine, who has been recently attending Redeemer; Karen has been diagnosed with brain cancer and was given a sobering prognosis, she is in her 40s and has four children); Joseph Caivano (Lucia's son, continued recovery); Michelle Cote; Pat & Charlie Finkenbine; Paulette Gaines (Cherylann Galway's sister); Glenn Galway; Mikayla Hacksunda and her infant son, Lukas; Joan Labbus (Pastor Mathews' mother-in-law); Connor Morrell, Cerena Morrell, and Ann Ledesma; Esther Murphy; Merry Sammons; and Karen Wasson-Geis (Lori Wasson's sister).



General Offerings for week ending 05/11/25: Other recent gifts also included: Human Care & Child Care \$ 1,050.00

This week at Redeemer: May 19 – May 25

Monday 7:00 p.m. Gulf Coast Bead Society

Tuesday 12:00 p.m. Ladies' Fellowship Lunch

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. Church Council meeting

4:00 p.m. Chapel for After School

Thursday 8:30 a.m. Chapel for School & VPK

9:30 a.m. Table Talk Bible study

Friday Saturday

Sunday 9:15 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Bible study class

There are some new books in our Redeemer "Library Shelves" in the church narthex. You are welcome to take books out but we ask that you return them in a timely manner so others can enjoy them. The books are now labeled, and there is a clipboard where you can sign out any books you would like to borrow. Very simple process for now, and if there is any further interest, we can work on implementing a catalogue system.

If you have previously subscribed to The Lutheran Witness magazine through the FL/GA District, they have let us know that they are no longer facilitating these subscriptions. You can renew your subscription (or begin a new subscription) at: cph.org/witness.

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