



May 2020



In Faith Moving Forward Cautiously

The LORD spoke to the prophet Isaiah to say to the people who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you” (Isaiah 35:4).

This, of course, is true because God sent His Son Jesus to save us from sin, death and the power of the devil. Moreover, in His death He destroyed death and crushed the serpent’s lying head. Jesus assures us that even though we live in a corrupt and sinful world, full of danger, disease and trouble, He nevertheless says, “take heart; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

Let us therefore give thanks to God even in the midst of this pandemic, in our isolation, the shut-down of our economy, the fear and uncertainty of what tomorrow will deliver. Our faith in Him has not wavered but has supplied us with the wisdom to conduct ourselves in a way to love God and our neighbor. We have done and continue to do what the medical leaders have advised us to do. We have stayed home safe. We have isolated ourselves from society and social gatherings.

Our senior citizens have taught us a valuable lesson in regards to “be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution” (1 Peter 2:13). They themselves have done well and we too by following their lead. The State of Florida was predicted to be a “hot spot” in much the same way as New York City. Tens of thousands of lives were expected to be lost to COVID-19. And even though we have done well to “flatten the curve,” we are far from being out of the woods. There will still be fatalities as a result of the coronavirus through the remainder of this year and most likely into the next. So let us, in faith, move forward cautiously.

Let us also give thanks to God for granting courage, safety and health to all “essential” workers. Not only to doctors, nurses, those who work in nursing homes as well as all who work in the medical field, but also to workers in housekeeping, grocery store employees, gas station attendants, postal packaging and delivery services, child care services, etc. Thank you for your courage and providing for our needs during a difficult time such as these.

More than seven weeks ago the Board of Elders and I came to a decision to do what was necessary to keep the Redeemer community safe as well as to do our part in loving our neighbor in the communities in which we live during the COVID-19 crisis. In the middle of the Lenten Season and with Holy Week on the horizon, we decided not to cancel services but to offer more services so that members could receive the comfort in hearing God’s saving Word and receiving the gifts of our Lord in the Sacrament of the Altar all the while practicing social distancing. We implemented procedures for a safe, virus-free environment for all worshipers. We also wanted to give all worshipers a sense of confidence and assurance in a disinfected sanctuary as well as a sanitized Holy Communion

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distribution practice. Our decision was not meant to ostracize members or visitors but to make them feel welcome in God's house of worship and prayer.

Now that our great state of Florida is beginning to strategically and cautiously reopen, the Board of Elders and I again want to keep in step insuring our members of the opportunities for worship and receiving God's gifts in both Word and Sacrament. Because some of the restrictions of Governor's Executive Orders are slowly becoming relaxed, we will begin this Sunday, May 10th – Mother's Day – to cautiously open up our sanctuary to more than 10 in attendance. Availabilities for worship will continue at 9:15 and 11 am. Because of the slightly increased number of attendees for these two services, the 7:30 am service will discontinue.

Some of what worshipers should be prepared to experience during Divine Service are purposely modified in order to maintain a sanitary environment and effective social distancing practices. Hand sanitizer is available in various places in the narthex. Because we are not using "Fellowship" booklets to sign-in, please sign-in at the coffee hour table. Bulletins are stationed on a table as you walk into the sanctuary. Also on that table is the offering plate. You may place your offering in the plate provided. Pews with hymnbooks on the seats of the pews are prohibited from use. When entering a pew, please maintain a distance of no less than 6 feet from members who are not of the same household. Couples and family units are exempt from distancing measures within the members of the same household.

Before and after each service, pews are sanitized with sanitary wipes. We continue to also practice social distancing at the communion rail. Again, couples and family units are exempt. Only 4-6 members at a time on each side of the communion rail will be welcomed by the pastor to receive the Lord's Supper. After each table is dismissed by the pastor an usher will disinfect the communion rail with a sanitizing wipe. Following this procedure the next table will be welcomed to the Lord's Supper by the pastor. This procedure to ensure a clean and sanitized area will continue until the last communion table is dismissed. Following the completion of the service, members can either take service bulletins home or deposit them in the basket on the coffee hour table when leaving. Fellowship may continue in the narthex, but again social distancing should continue to be applied. At this time we will also

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discontinue greeting one another with a handshake or other physical methods.

We also wish to continue to offer the opportunities to members who might not yet be comfortable with social gatherings. Pastor will continue to provide a “Drive-up” Communion Service on Saturday morning between 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. The procedure is easy to follow. Simply drive your vehicle underneath the carport outside the doors entering the church building. There pastor, fully vested, will greet you as he stands next to a small altar containing a cross and the elements for Holy Communion. Place your vehicle in park, roll down your windows and turn off your vehicle. The Communion Service is about 8 - 10 minutes in length. The pastor conducts an abbreviated communion service containing confession and absolution, prayer, reading of Holy Scripture, a “brief” homily, the Lord’s Prayer, the Words of Institution, the distribution, singing of a hymn, and concluding with the Benediction at which time you may place your offering in the offering plate that is present. After receiving the Benediction, you may start your car and carry on with your day giving glory to God.

For those who do not feel safe to come out of their home, pastor is honored to come to you to deliver to you the Word of God and the precious gifts of Christ’s true body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. Please call either the church office or his cell number in order to schedule a visit from him.

And in the event you are not aware, our 9:15 a.m. Divine Service is videotaped for your viewing and participation through Facebook Live. A link is provided below.

<https://www.facebook.com/RedeemerEnglewood>

For a daily dose of God’s Word, pastor provides a Daily Devotion of Comfort & Assurance which can be viewed at your convenience either on Redeemer Facebook Page (link above) or on the Redeemer Lutheran Church website (link provided below).

<https://www.redeemerfl.com/daily-devotions>

This year has been a crazy year, but no crazier than any other year. This year only seems crazier because none of us have ever lived during a global pandemic. Let us continue to respect the decision of others, even when their decision isn’t in agreement with ours. Let us take careful note to what the Apostle Paul advises the Christian Church in Galatia:

“I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.” – Galatians 16-26

In the Name of Jesus,
Pastor Jim Kress

HUMAN CARE BOARD



A very special thank you to all of those that contributed to the Easter baskets for shut ins. This project quickly escalated from 10 baskets to 16 as the order for Stay at Home came out by Governor DeSantis. As a board we received many thanks from the church members that received these baskets, and we are grateful to the church members that were generous with monetary donations, baskets, flowers and candy to provide some care and joy from the church during unprecedented times. Additional thanks to the Human Care board for putting these together and to Rob Tilton for helping to deliver them during Holy Week. In Christ, Lisa Kress

Treasurer's Report

<i>As of March 31, 2020</i>			
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>OVER/UNDER</u>
INCOME	22,915	14,618	8,297
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>17,241</u>	<u>17,658</u>	(417)
+/-	5,674	(3,040)	
YEAR TO DATE			
INCOME	71,513	43,822	27,691
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>59,604</u>	<u>52,994</u>	6,610
+/-	11,909	(9,172)	

An illustration of a stack of green banknotes tied with a rubber band, with several gold coins scattered around the base.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Clappe-Mixell
North Star Bookkeeping LLC

Altar Guild May 2020

As you are all aware we have been maintaining the CDC guidelines since the last week of March. At this point, as the state begins to open up, we will change to 2 services on Sunday, and continue drive-up communion on Saturday morning. Pastor will maintain handling communion set up himself thereby eliminating any issues with Covid. Until we hear something new from Governor DeSantis this will continue to be the process.

I personally look forward to the day that we can all worship together here in our sanctuary, and go back to some sense of normalcy. There is nothing like the body of believers praising our Lord together.

May God continue to keep you safe during this time. God's Peace, Lisa



Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. "For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you." (John 13:15) We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God – that job's already done!

But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow Jesus' example of generous giving. And this is not merely an example alone. It's also our Lord's command. "The one who contributes, (let him give) in generosity." (Rom. 12:8)

So, when we give to help others who are in need, and when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. So, we should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought, but according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world.

So, when it comes to our offerings to the Lord, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability – and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3) – we can and should give a generous portion of the income that God provides us to honor the Lord.

So also, we should give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. Nor do we give grudgingly. We should give freely and cheerfully because we want to out of thanksgiving. "Each as he purposes in his heart," as the Lord says. (2 Cor. 9:7) There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us.

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of love – love for Him and for our neighbor. Genuine love is always love in deed (1 John 3:18), love such as Jesus showed us all. It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we give for a good purpose to thank the Lord and support His gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously for the service of God's gospel purposes, to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle. For that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly – so abundantly that they had to be told to stop giving. (Ex. 36:5-6)

In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord's work of bestowing His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in our congregations through the preaching and teaching of His Word, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. We should support the Lord's work of caring for those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

APATHY

By The Rev. Roberto Rojas, Jr.

There will be a lot of side-effects from this forced lock-down. We are seeing some of the side-effects already. Loneliness, isolation, depression, anxiety, etc., are all bound to affect a good number of the population. Our bodies and minds are in danger. But worst of all, our souls are in danger.

I believe that apathy will be (if it isn't already) the greatest side-effect that will affect our soul. Apathy means having a lack of interest in something; spiritual apathy is losing interest in the Word of God.

Falling prey to perpetual fear-mongering and being riddled with anxiety every day only does one thing: it stops us from praying. This coldness of faith and overall boredom and laziness with God's Word is a tremendous spiritual danger. Keep this in mind: The opposite of love is not hate; it's indifference. Hatred presupposes that you care about something enough to hate it or be angry. But indifference doesn't even care enough to argue or consider it. It won't even entertain a conversation about it because it doesn't matter. Remember what our Lord says about the lukewarm in Revelation (3:16). In some of the Psalms (6, 10, 13, 35, etc.), the Psalmist is upset with God, and even question Him. This is not unbelief. To be angry with God presupposes faith. Even angry prayers are still true prayers. And a prayer in anger is better than no prayer at all.

The longer we go without church, the more prone we are to apathy. The great danger is growing cold in the faith and becoming completely indifferent to the Word. God has given the Sacrament of the Altar not only for the forgiveness of our sins, but also to strengthen our faith. That's why going for long periods of time without the Lord's Supper does *not* increase our appetite for the Lord's Supper. In fact, the less we hear God's Word, the less we *want* to hear it. The same goes for the Lord's Supper. The less we receive the Lord's Supper, the less we *want* to receive it. We are tempted to think that it's really unnecessary for the Christian life. We are tempted to believe that our souls will be fine without it. But the more we go without the sacrament, the more the devil tempts us to diminish its worth.

This is a very serious danger to faith. God kills apathy with His Word. If you are bored and tired of hearing the Word of God, the solution is to not go away and "clear your mind" or do something like that. The solution is to hear the Word of God all the more. God gives us the appetite, and He even increases that appetite, *only* through His Word. Hearing the Word of God leads you to hearing the Word of God. God's Word won't drive you away from Him. Your apathy and indifference will. That's why skipping church and going so long without the Lord's Supper is harmful to faith. The more you miss church, the more you will miss it, that is, missing one Sunday leads to missing two, and so on. Unless you repent, your faith will grow cold and die.

This is an exhortation to you so that you don't grow cold and lose the faith. If you've read this and are not moved in the slightest, then repent and pray that God give you faith. Ask the Lord to be merciful to you and not hand you over to your indifference and unbelief. But if these words and warnings against apathy disturb and make you uncomfortable, then good. That means you still believe and your faith is alive. The words of God which bother you and terrify you are meant to drive you back to Him, to find your comfort in the forgiveness of sins which Christ has purchased and won for you. Seek out the Word of God at all costs. You can't afford to lose the Word. Without the Word, your faith will die. Be courageous and go and get the Lord's Supper where it is offered,

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even if it costs you your goods, fame, child, wife, and life. Seek first the kingdom of God.

The devil wants to sift us like wheat. Pray that your faith will not fail. Pray for yourselves, your loved ones, and all Christians. Pray that we all don't fall into apathy and make a shipwreck of the faith that God has given us. Flee to the altar where the precious blood of Christ forgives your sins and strengthened your faith against all indifference and apathy. Look to the cross and see that your God was not indifferent or apathetic when it came to saving you. He poured out every drop of blood and water from His heart for you, and for your salvation.



WORSHIP SERVICES

As we now are in the first week of May, Pastor Kress and the board of Elders have been discussing ongoing ways to continue meeting the needs of our Redeemer families. They have been closely reviewing the executive orders from the governor of Florida and the gradual reopening of some businesses and public buildings. As you may know, some places have been allowed to reopen as long as they limit the number of people to no more than 25% of their total capacity and make provisions for ongoing social distancing.

The decision has been made here at Redeemer to change our current limitations of 10 people or less at each worship service. The capacity of the sanctuary is large enough to allow for a higher number of congregants while still practicing safe distancing.

What this decision means to you:

- We will now be having Divine Services on Sundays at **9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** (There will no longer be a service at 7:30 a.m.)
- You do not need to contact the church office to reserve a place at Divine Service.
- *However, if you are not feeling well, it is advised that you remain at home.*
- Our other measures are in still place inside the narthex and sanctuary, including sanitizing pews and other surfaces before and after each service, no handshaking, etc.
- Please use any pews that **DO NOT** have hymnals on the seat cushions. When entering a pew, please use safe distancing measures. (Family units are exempt.)
- During the distribution of Holy Communion, safe distancing measures still apply, with the exception of couples and families. After each Communion table, an elder will sanitize the Communion rail before the next Communion table is admitted by the pastor.
- The wearing of masks is not required, but worshipers are free to wear them during worship service to insure personal safety and comfort.
- We continue to broadcast the [9:15 a.m. Divine Service on Facebook Live](#) on Sunday mornings so you can watch from home or at a later time. We will make a [PDF copy of the service bulletin](#) available online so you can print or download a copy of the bulletin and follow along with the readings and hymns as you watch from home. *If you would like a copy sent by email, please contact the church office.*
- **Drive-Up Communion Services** continue on Saturdays, from **10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

If you are not comfortable with any of these options to receive the Lord's Supper, please contact the church office or Pastor Kress directly, and he will arrange to visit you at home to bring you these gifts of our Lord Jesus.

PRAYERS

SHUT-INS: Judy Clasen, Susan Jahns, Rita Kaufmann, and Donna Weston

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Military Personnel: Mark Baranowsky, Michael Broughton, Joseph Garay, Thomas Francis Stynes II, Brian Jackson, Jonathan Koen, and Charles D. Weishaar



Pastor and members of the church are always willing to pray for you, family members and friends. If a loved one appears on our prayer list above, please call Pastor or the church office to give us a health update so that we may either keep or remove their name. Thank you!

HOW THE VIRUS STOLE EASTER

'Twas late in '19 when the virus began
Bringing chaos and fear to all people, each land.
People were sick, hospitals full,
Doctors overwhelmed, no one in school.
As winter gave way to the promise of spring,
The virus raged on, touching peasant and king.
People hid in their homes from the enemy unseen.
They YouTubed and Zoomed, social-distanced, and cleaned.
April approached and churches were closed.
"There won't be an Easter," the world supposed.
"There won't be church services, and egg hunts are out.
No reason for new dresses when we can't go about."
Holy Week started, as bleak as the rest.
The world was focused on masks and on tests.
"Easter can't happen this year," it proclaimed.
"Online and at home, it just won't be the same."
Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the days came and went.
The virus pressed on; it just would not relent.
The world woke Sunday and nothing had changed.
The virus still menaced, the people, estranged.
"Pooh pooh to the saints," the world was grumbling.
"They're finding out now that no Easter is coming.
"They're just waking up! We know just what they'll do!
Their mouths will hang open a minute or two,
And then all the saints will all cry boo-hoo."
"That noise," said the world, "will be something to hear."
So it paused and the world put a hand to its ear.
And it did hear a sound coming through all the skies.
It started down low, then it started to rise.
But the sound wasn't depressed.
Why, this sound was triumphant!
It couldn't be so!
But it grew with abundance!
The world stared around, popping its eyes.
Then it shook! What it saw was a shocking surprise!
Every saint in every nation, the tall and the small,
Was celebrating Jesus in spite of it all!
It hadn't stopped Easter from coming! It came!
Somehow or other, it came just the same!
And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine
Stood puzzling and puzzling.
"Just how can it be?"
"It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies,
It came without egg hunts, cantatas, or money."
Then the world thought of something it hadn't before.
"Maybe Easter," it thought, "doesn't come from a store.
Maybe Easter, perhaps, means a little bit more."
And what happened then?
Well....the story's not done.

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INSPIRATION

What will YOU do?
Will you share with that one
Or two or more people needing hope in this night?
Will you share the source of your life in this fight?
The churches are empty – but so is the tomb,
And Jesus is victor over death, doom, and gloom.
So this year at Easter, let this be our prayer,
As the virus still rages all around, everywhere.
May the world see hope when it looks at God's people.
May the world see the church is not a building or steeple.
May the world find Faith in Jesus' death and resurrection,
May the world find Joy in a time of dejection.
May 2020 be known as the year of survival,
But not only that –
Let it start a revival.

Kristi Bothur
Inspired by Dr. Seuss!



PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY

We sure could use some help on our Property Appreciation Days every month. There is outside work to do and cleaning and dusting that needs done inside the Church. If you can help, please come to the church and we will put you to work. **Our next Property Appreciation Day is Saturday, May 16th at 8:00 am.**



***The deadline for the June Newsletter is May 18th
Please have all your submissions sent to patchas123@gmail.com
OR drop them off at the church office by the date indicated above. Thank You!***

Happy May!

This past month has been very different than we had expected due to the Coronavirus pandemic. We sent the kids off for Spring Break on Friday, March 13 and haven't gotten to see them in class since. However, we have created a new system for working and learning from a distance using Zoom and work packets for each student. Every morning we get to use the wonderful technology of Zoom to have a morning meeting with our students for 30-40 minutes. We started out with connecting, reading books, and doing journal prompts. As we got used to Zoom, we included other activities such as directed drawings with a journal prompt, doing scavenger hunts, playing Math BINGO, writing Realistic Fiction stories, making butter together, and more. We worked together to create an Easter Egg Hunt for each student during Holy Week using plastic eggs, candy, and John 3:16-17. Each egg had a piece of candy and a puzzle piece to the verse of John 3:16-17. We went to family houses and hid eggs before our Zoom call and then students used the last 10 minutes of our call to find their eggs. They had so much fun and it was a joy to be able to love on our students in that way! Our students also finished publishing their first realistic fiction stories. We have been reading books and teaching lessons on realistic fiction and each day they worked on their stories until they were published. It has been so fun to read their stories that they came up with! Just this past week, we made butter together. We got jars and filled them with buttercream for each family, then during our calls we learned how to make butter for Science. The students shook up their buttercream until it turned into butter!

In addition to Zoom, our students are continuing on in their curriculum as normal using work packets from our Abeka curriculum. Every Wednesday and Friday evening, parents bring completed work and pick up new work. Each day, students cover handwriting, math, science and health, language, and history from home using the work packets from our Abeka curriculum. Both students and parents have been doing an amazing job keeping up with their work. This is allowing them to continue learning and staying on track for the next school year. Every morning after our class Zoom call, both of us teachers meet with a small group of students to provide some guided reading time. Each student gets met with twice per week to read with a teacher and is provided reading homework to do each day from home as well. Although this is not an ideal situation, we are working together as teachers to find ways to continue to teach and have fun doing so! We are grateful that we are able to see and teach our students on Zoom each day!

Luke 12:48 says "to whom much is given, much is required." We have been taking this verse to heart this month. God has given us these children in our school. We are responsible for them academically, emotionally, and spiritually. We have been blessed with an amazing group of students and families. On a normal day and time we are committed to this mission, but in this time of uncertainty we feel even more blessed to be their teachers. It is not easy teaching our students online or getting them engaged in their work. It is not easy for our students to be learning at home. It is not easy for parents to help students with their school work while also working themselves. But this is the situation we are in and we have to rise to the occasion. We do feel blessed for much has been given to us, and much is required.







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REDEEMER REPORTER

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

Divine Service: 9:15 and 11:00 am

Bible Class: *temporarily postponed*

Sunday School: *temporarily postponed*

The Redeemer Lutheran Church, School & Child Care Family are called into the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by His command (Matthew 28:18-20) to:

- ◆Disciple all nations, that is, all people;*
- ◆Baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;*
- ◆Proclaim the Gospel and teach His Word in its truth and purity; and*
- ◆Never be ashamed of the Gospel—it is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16).*