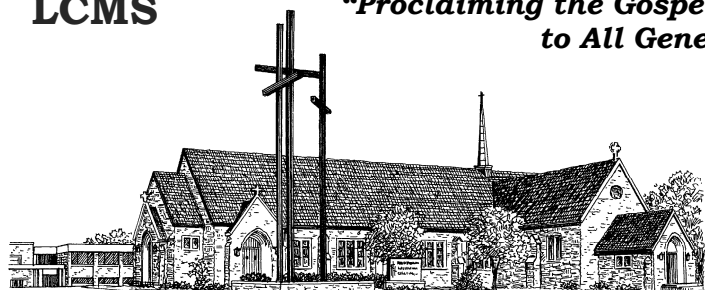


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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday, May 24, 2020

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THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: *O Christ, You were sent down to earth to save us, and for that reason, we are now Your people. Show us how to live as Your people in this world. Guide our words and actions so that they may bring glory to You and glory to the Father. In the end, may Your name be known to all people everywhere. Glorious Lord, by Your grace bring glory to the world. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP *(LSB, pp. 151-166)*

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION

THE HYMN: 650 – "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's

realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,

O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,
Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,
Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,

ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,
ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we
ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -

life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.
praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.
mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P (Pastor): In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C (Congregation): Amen.

P: When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.

C: We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.

P: Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, so that, having humbled ourselves under the mighty hand of God, we may know His power to restore, support, strengthen, and establish us.

P: Almighty and all-merciful God,

C: we are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise. We have offended Your majesty and denied Your divinity; we have brought death and darkness where You once said, “Let there be light.” We deserve the doom You have decreed. For Jesus’ sake, our Father, we implore You: forgive our sins, and unite us as His body, the communion of saints. Let us be raised with Christ!

P: Christ is risen.

C: Risen indeed!

P: Since we have been united with Him in a death like His,

C: we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

P: "Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in His name." That Word is now proclaimed to you. Your sins are forgiven. Go in Peace.

C: We have seen the Lord! Alleluia! Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: “This is the Feast” (*LSB*, p. 155)

All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE SALUTATION (*Spoken*)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

All: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26

P: The First Reading for the Seventh Sunday of Easter is from the 1st chapter of Acts.

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.

¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

²⁰ “For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

““May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

““Let another take his office.’”

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles. (ESV)

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

THE GRADUAL (*Spoken*)

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,

P: He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
C: he has put all things under his feet. (ESV)

THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

P: The Epistle is from the 4th and 5th chapters of 1 Peter.

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

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^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. (ESV)

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

THE VERSE (*Spoken; LSB, p.156*)

All: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶ “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE HYMN: 539 – “Christ Is the World's Redeemer”



1 Christ is the world's Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,
2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs bright,
3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,
△ 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,

The font of heav'n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,
Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.
And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.
All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,

The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,
Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done
And now, to heav'n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne
And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.

Our health while we are liv - ing, Our life when we shall die.
And, suf - f'ring for the sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.
Whence He had ne'er de - part - ed, His Fa - ther's and His own.
Let all the worlds give an - swer: A - men! So let it be.

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THE SERMON

Text: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Title: “...Even Though You Suffer...”

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All: 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.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

(At the conclusion of each petition, the Pastor will say, “Lord, in your mercy.” The congregation should then respond, “Hear Our Prayer.”)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE 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.

THE HYMN: 525 – “Crown Him with Many Crowns”



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won - drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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THE COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE 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: Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE THREE CHIMES

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Pastor Mark H. Ebert

Preacher: Pastor Joel A. C. Dietrich

Organist: Joseph Herl

Children's Message: DCE Rod Lane

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< NEWS & NOTES >

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our Lord Jesus Is with Us in the Upper Room of His Church on Earth

On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus prayed for His apostles and His Church on earth. “*The hour*” had come when the Father would glorify His Son by the cross (John 17:1). Through the shedding of His blood, He would bring forgiveness for the sins of the world, and in His resurrection and ascension He would unite all Christians with the Father

“that they may be one” with God (John 17:11). He manifested His name to the apostles and gave them the words of the Father to speak in His name. The apostolic witness of His cross and resurrection (Acts 1:21–22) gathers disciples together “with one accord” into the one Body of Christ (Acts 1:14). “Devoting themselves to prayer,” they wait upon the Lord in “the upper room” (Acts 1:13–14), the place of His Holy Supper. Strengthened by the Gospel, Christians bear the cross of Christ in patience and peace, rejoicing to share in His suffering, in order that they “may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed” (1 Peter 4:13).

HOSPITALIZED: Eileen Bode (St. Elizabeth)

REHABILITATION: Les Roberts (Tabitha Rehab); Wayne Wolf (Gateway Vista)

HOSPICE: Marian Radford (Tabitha)

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the friends and family of Elmer Holtzen. Elmer, father of Barb Bedke, was called to eternal rest on Friday, May 15th.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO REDEEMER:

David & Marjorie Lauer—*Letter of Transfer from Messiah Lutheran Church; Prosser, WA.*

Marvin & Anita Shields—*Letter of Transfer from Trinity Lutheran Church; Lincoln, NE.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS for May 31st

Numbers 11:24–30

Acts 2:1–21

John 7:37–39

Prepare to worship by reading and meditating on these sections of Scripture.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE REDEEMER LAST WEEKEND

Worship: 380*

Sunday School & Bible Classes Attendance: 14**

<u>Unified Budget Receipts</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Ahead (Behind)</u>
5-17-20 \$16,408.70	\$16,974.17	(\$565.47)
YTD \$323,915.62	\$339,483.46	(\$15,567.84)

*Number of views online as of 5/22/20

**Middle/High School via Zoom.

Church Reopens June 6 & 7!!!

We will resume our 3 regular worship services
(Saturday—6:00PM; Sunday—8:30 & 11:00AM)
the weekend of June 6 & 7.

Seating will be limited to 100 per service.
(75 - Main Sanctuary; 25 - Fellowship Hall)

Registration

Before attending, all people are asked to register weekly in one of the following ways:

- Register online at our website **redeemerlincoln.org**.
OR
- Call the church office (402-477-1710).

Registration opens at 8:00AM on Monday, **starting June 1**, and closes at 4:00PM on Friday for the following Sunday.

(You must register each week for the upcoming Sunday and may not register ahead of time for the rest of the Sundays.)

Although not required, we strongly recommend that all worshippers wear a facemask during the service.

Please bring your own facemasks.

If you forget, we do have a limited number available.

A more detailed list of guidelines will be included in the next edition of Cross Talk. Please read it carefully!

We desire to offer a clean, safe, environment for worship. As with all activities here at church, individuals assume their own risk.

If you are ill or in an at-risk group, please do not attend, but join in the online service.