

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 7, 2024**



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and place it in the Offering Box.*

Opening Hymn: 603 We Know That Christ Is Raised

↑ Invocation, Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P Let us 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.

♪ **This Is the Feast**

(LSB p. 155)

C **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.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. ... Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 4:32–35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

↑ Alleluia and Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

Sermon

Offertory

☐ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now
in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

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. ... Heavenly Father, Your Son is the firstborn from the dead. In Him, we have been reborn into a new and living hope. Nurture us with the pure milk of Your Word, that we may grow to maturity of faith and have everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant to those ordained for Your service the gift of the Spirit, wisdom that comes down from above, and grace to faithfully fulfill their holy calling where You have placed them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As Your people are united in the common life and love of our Savior, grant that we would share that life and love with those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Build up the households of Your people, that Your holy children, begotten in Baptism, may grow in Your grace and share together in Your forgiveness and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P You have instituted authorities to carry out Your justice. Bless all who make, administer and judge the laws of our land. Give them wisdom, integrity and honor to serve according to Your good will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As Your Son's wounds brought gladness and peace to the troubled disciples, give Your presence and comfort to the troubled in our midst. Comfort also those who weep with the blessed joy of Easter morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father of the risen Christ, You give us the crucified and risen body and blood of our Lord in this Holy Supper. Let us taste that the Lord is good and continually grow up unto salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that out of Your indescribable grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel and instituted the blessed Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and the forgiveness of sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe Your Word, and through the Holy Sacraments establish our faith day by day, until at last we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

(♫ LSB pp. 160-166)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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:

Sanctus

☩ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

☩ 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.”

☩ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☩ Amen.

Agnus Dei

**☩ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Distribution Hymns:

763 When Peace, like a River

467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Post-Communion Hymn: Thank the Lord

**☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev'ryone what He has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
and proudly bear His name.**

**He recalls His promises
and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect

☐ 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.

☐ Amen.

Benediction

☐ 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.

☐ Amen.

Closing Hymn: 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

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Worship Times: Sunday at 9:00 A.M. & Monday at 6:00 P.M.

Welcome

We are glad that you have joined us today as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you have any questions during worship, please feel free to ask an usher at any time.

Small children are part of the Body of Christ. We always welcome them in worship. However, we understand that it may not be easy to remain still or quiet. If a break is needed, “Busy Bags” are hanging up as you enter the Sanctuary.

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Lee Matthias

Altar Guild

Doris Griepentrog & Shirley Bowe

CD Recording

Keith & Laurie Magyar

Altar Flowers

Prayers

For the family of Casey Hafeman



This Week at Redeemer

Sunday, April 7th

9:00 am Worship

Fellowship

10:00 am Sunday School

Monday, April 8th

6:00 pm Worship

Tuesday, April 9th

7:30 am Men's Bible Study

8:15 am Finance

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 10th

Thursday, April 11th

6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting

Friday, April 12th

Saturday, April 13th

Sunday, April 14th

9:00 am Worship

Fellowship

10:00 am Sunday School

Last Week Attendance: Maundy Thursday, 55

Good Friday, 85

Easter, 231

Last Week Offering: \$7,879

Statement on Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here every weekend and on other holy days. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

All members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor before communing for the first time. When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:17-34), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.

Hartman's Gift Certificates for sale!

Redeemer Preschool is once again selling Hartman's gift certificates. Certificates are \$10/each and can be used for anything sold at Hartman's. They make wonderful gifts (Mother's Day, Father's Day, teachers, etc.) All profits from these certificates go directly into the preschool budget for materials and supplies. We will have order forms available at the Welcome Center, or you can always stop in the office to purchase. Thank you for your support!



Update from the Call Committee

As many of you may know by now, Pastor Hovland has declined the call to Redeemer. The pull to his ministry at his church's Elementary School was one of the biggest factors in his decision, but he reiterated that there was much prayerful consideration after what was a wonderful visit to Redeemer. The process has begun again for the call committee and we are already reviewing the next list of potential candidates from the District. Firstly, I want to thank those on the call committee for their continued service to Redeemer. Both Pastors that we have extended a call to have had very positive comments about the process and have praised the committee, the executive board and the church - so we know we are on the right track. Secondly, while disappointed, we know that God has a plan for Redeemer. We know that he has already chosen this individual to be our Shepard and we are just on the path of finding him. Please keep the call committee and the Church in your prayers.

We are blessed to have Pastor Schmitt continue to serve as our Vacancy Pastor as we continue our search, and we thank him for his efforts in continuing to fill our worship schedule with Pastors and organists who uplift every one of our services.

Isaiah 40:11: "He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young." This verse reminds us that God Himself is the ultimate shepherd, and He will guide our church during this time of transition. Know that he is always caring for us.

2024-25 Preschool Registration Is Open

We are now accepting registrations for preschool. All forms are available in the office or on our website. Please share this information with friends and family! Word of mouth is our best advertising.

Redeemer Lutheran Let's Play Pickleball

Join us for an afternoon of playing Pickleball. This will be a fun afternoon where anyone new to Pickleball can learn the rules and learn how to play! Families are welcome, there is a lounge area where people/children are able to watch. Paddles and balls are provided. You can bring snacks and beverages.

When: Saturday, April 20th 1:00-3:00 pm



Where: The Pickleball Connection
*(A beautiful indoor Pickleball facility located at
1455 N. Rapids Road, Manitowoc)*

***If you have any questions,
contact Bob Gregurich 920-652-6632.***

Please sign up at Welcome Center by April 13th!

Preschool Job Search

Redeemer Lutherans preschool program is currently searching for a new director and teacher to join our team, and we haven't had much luck finding suitable candidates thus far.

If you know of anyone who possesses the necessary qualifications, experience, and shares our commitment to providing quality education and nurturing environments for our young learners, we would greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Your recommendations could make all the difference in finding the right individuals to lead and teach within our preschool . Please don't hesitate to reach out to any board member or the church office with recommendations.

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool: 3K/4K Teacher Vacancy

Description:

Redeemer Lutheran Church - Manitowoc is looking for a Part-Time 3K/4K Teacher starting in the 2024-25 school year with the possibility to shadow teachers during the current school year as available. We operate Monday - Friday, with the exact days and hours for this position to be determined.

We are licensed through the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and offer small class sizes with two teachers for each class. By God's grace, our students have their faith in Jesus nourished through our curriculum which is guided by Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards.

Responsibilities:

1. Prepare and carry out daily lessons.
2. Formulate classroom routines that will help children develop skills, confidence and self-regulation.
3. Support creating and maintaining a developmentally appropriate classroom environment.
4. Assist in classroom behavior management.
5. Build and maintain strong relationships with students, parents/guardians, colleagues, administrators and Pastor.
6. Attend activities that are church and school related: all staff are expected to support preschool related fundraisers and at least two (2) staff members are expected to attend activities that are associated with the church and preschool.
7. Reports to the Director or Administrator.

Qualifications

1. Must be at least 18 years of age.
2. High School Diploma or equivalent.
3. Meet state requirements for Child Care Teacher per DCF Wisconsin Administrative Code.
4. Previous experience as teacher or assistant teacher in group child care center preferred.

How to Apply:

Please send your resume and cover letter to office@redeermanty.com.

Who We Are:

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool is a non-profit Christian preschool that has been educating children in Manitowoc County for over 30 years! Our mission is to equip our students in Christian living and spread the Gospel throughout the community

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool: Director Vacancy

Description:

Redeemer Lutheran Church - Manitowoc is looking for a Part-Time Preschool Director starting in the 2024-25 school year with the possibility to shadow the director during the current school year as available. We operate Monday - Friday, with the exact days and hours for this position to be determined.

We are licensed through the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and offer small class sizes with two teachers for each class. By God's grace, our students have their faith in Jesus nourished through our curriculum which is guided by Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards.

Responsibilities:

1. Oversee preschool budget (including holding fundraisers and applying for grants).
2. Set preschool calendar.
3. Manage required reporting for grants received.
4. Responsible - in conjunction with Redeemer Lutheran Church Executive Board – for advertising and striving for full class enrollment.
5. Facilitate classroom tours.
6. Build and maintain strong relationships with students, parents/guardians, colleagues, administrators, Pastor and Executive Board (including writing newsletters, attending meetings and communicating as needed).
7. Attend activities that are church and school related: all staff are expected to support preschool related fundraisers and at least two (2) staff members are expected to attend activities that are associated with the church and preschool.
8. Facilitate staff meetings.
9. Organize continuing education opportunities for staff.
10. Ensure facility & curriculum meet DCF regulations.

Qualifications

1. Must be at least 21 years of age.
2. High School Diploma or equivalent.
3. Meet state requirements for Center Director per DCF Wisconsin Administrative Code.
4. Previous experience as teacher or assistant teacher in group child care center preferred.

How to Apply:

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