



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 25, 2021
10:30 a.m. Livestream

*Then they prayed and
said, "Lord, you know
everyone's heart."*

Acts 1:24, NRSV

PRAISE AND GLORY

"Glorious Day" – Passion Worship

I was buried beneath my shame.
Who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb 'til I met You.

I was breathing, but not alive.
All my failures I tried to hide.
It was my tomb 'til I met You.

*You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!*

Now Your mercy has saved my soul.
Now Your freedom is all that I know.
The old made new, Jesus, when I met You.

I needed rescue. My sin was heavy,
But chains break at the weight of Your glory.
I needed shelter, I was an orphan.
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven.
When I was broken, You were my healing;
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing.
I have a future. My eyes are open,

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

“The Same Jesus” – Matt Redman

This Jesus, that carried our shame,
This Jesus, who rose from the grave,
The same Jesus we worship today,
We worship today.

Came to us, with grace and in truth;
Still with us, and still on the move,
The same Jesus, He is making us new,
He is making us new.

*I know that my Redeemer lives;
I know that my Redeemer lives.
He's still keeping all His promises;
The same Jesus, the same Jesus.
Whoa. Whoa.*

He's commanding the wind and the waves;
His kingdom forever shall reign.
We know that - He is coming again,
He is coming again.

*Oh, He's the first and the last, the Beginning and End;
At the sound of His cry all the world came alive.
And He formed us from dust, put His breath in our lungs;
We were made for His love, but we ran from the light.
But He wouldn't give up on His daughters and sons;
So He took up the cross, and He laid down His life.
And He did what He said when He rose from the dead,
And He's coming back again.*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FIRST READING – Acts 1:15-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) and said, “Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.”

(With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

“For,” said Peter, “it is written in the Book of Psalms:
“‘May his place be deserted;
let there be no one to dwell in it,’

and,

“‘May another take his place of leadership.’

Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.”

So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias.

Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

“I am the Good Shepherd; I know My sheep and My sheep know me— just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father —and I lay down My life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to My voice, and there shall be one flock and one Shepherd. The reason My Father loves Me is that I lay down My life —only to take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from My Father.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (based on John 10, Psalm 23)

Pastor: We are Easter people, yet we often walk in darkness, and do not live in the light. Let us look to Jesus, confession our sins and failures to God Almighty.

People: **Good Shepherd, we take Your care for granted. In the midst of Your many blessings, we complain of not having enough. In the presence of danger, we fail to trust Your abiding love. When You set a table before us, we turn aside from You. Call us back into Your grace and help us trust Your caring presence, that our actions may proclaim Your truth.** (Psalm 23, 1 John)

Pastor: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives. Jesus, the Good Shepherd laid down His life for us. God forgives our sins and calls us back into His flock.

People: **The Lord is my Shepherd. I have everything I need.** (Psalm 23)
Amen!

THE 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FAITH STORY

MUSIC MINISTRY – “I Will Praise Him Still” - Ortega

When the morning falls on the farthest hill
I will sing His name I will praise Him still

When dark trials come and my heart is filled
With the weight of doubt I will praise Him still

*For the Lord our God He is strong to save
From the arms of death from the deepest grave
And He gave us life in His perfect will
And by His good grace I will praise Him still*

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SERMON – “Acts 1 and 2: An Inconvenient Truth”

HYMN - “He Is Lord” – Traditional

He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Words of Our Lord
Distribution
Dismissal

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
All: He is risen indeed! Allelujah!

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

DISMISSAL

“Glorious Day”

Joysound Band

Preacher: Rev. Steve Ferber

Worship Director: Dan Oie

Musicians: Kathy Banisky, Todd Bartels, Isabel Johnson, Tim Johnson,
Cheryl Oie, Mike Stewart

Lay Reader: Hannah Ferber

Elder: Lynn Grave

Ushers and Greeters: Tim Anderson, Bob Past

April Altar Guild: Rie Schibilla and Gretchen Blount



CAMP OMEGA IS COMING TO REDEEMER TO LEAD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

JUNE 28 – JULY 2

MONDAY – THURSDAY 9AM – 3PM

FRIDAY 9AM-NOON

We are looking for some adult help (over age 18) to help the counselors as well as a few other worker bees to serve snacks, set up and clean up – you know – EASY PEASY STUFF!

Please sign up via our Email blasts on Fridays or call/email Deaconess Kris to sign up! Work as few or as many hours as you want. This promises to be a FUN WEEK! Camp Omega counselors are full of energy and excitement for the Lord! (Registration is only \$35 per child for the whole week!)

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- 4/25** 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4/26** 9:00 a.m. AA (Gathering Room)
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon (Gathering Room)
8:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)
- 4/29** 8:45 and 9:15 a.m. Chapel (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Gathering Room – Zoom)
6:00 p.m. Youth
- 5/1** 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
9:00 a.m. Crafts (Auditorium)
10:00 a.m. EDiBs (Zoom)
- 5/2** **Confirmation Sunday**
9:00 and 10:30 Worship (Sanctuary)

“An Inconvenient Truth” – Acts 1:15-26
Redeemer Lutheran Church – Sunday, April 25th, 2021

1. When Peter said, “...the Scripture had to be fulfilled...”, what did he mean?
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Acts 1:20 – “For,” said Peter, “it is written in the book of Psalms, ‘May his Place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,’ and, ‘May another take his place of leadership.’”

2. What claim was Jesus making when He spoke to the disciples on Easter Sunday, and how can we find comfort in His words? _____

Luke 24:44 – “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.”

John 11:25 – “I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in me will live, even though He dies.”

3. It was important for the disciples to replace Judas with another witness of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. What is the more important “inconvenient truth” about Judas? -
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Acts 1:25 – “Judas left to go where he belongs.”

4. What hypocrisy did Dr. Michael Brown write about? Do you agree with him?-
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5. What effort will Redeemer be making to encourage the faith of believers and reach the lost? How can you be involved? _____