



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**April 25, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m. Livestream**

**PRELUDE**

"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" – Handel  
"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Dan Oie, organ  
Isabel Johnson, cello

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN** "The Day of Resurrection"

LSB #478

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The passover of gladness, the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!

All praise to God the Father, all praise to God the Son,  
All praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne  
And honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

**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.**

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!**

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

Tim Johnson, Isabel Johnson

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 – “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

LSB #709

The King of Love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY AND 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.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Words of Our Lord  
Distribution  
Dismissal  
Agnus Dei – Lamb of God

**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. Grant us peace.**

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

## BENEDICTION

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.

## HYMN – “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

LSB # 461

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives;  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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## DISMISSAL

## POSTLUDE “Toccata on Duke Street” - Martin

Dan Oie, organ

**Preacher:** Rev. Steve Ferber  
**Worship Director:** Dan Oie  
**Musicians:** Cheryl Oie, Tim Johnson, Isabel Johnson  
**Lay Reader:** Linda Krantz  
**Elder:** Stephen Kaminski  
**Ushers and Greeters:** Loren and Linda Krantz, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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? \_\_\_\_\_