

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026 - 10:30 am

The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome to the Easter season! The 40 days of Lent have passed, and today we gather as a community of faith to celebrate victory over darkness, hope over despair, and life over death, basking in the light of the resurrection. As we worship together, may the joy of the Risen Lord fill your hearts and renew your spirits. We celebrate that Jesus has opened the gates of paradise for us, and his resurrection power is available to us all. Welcome to this celebration of salvation and eternal life.

It is our hope that as we join in song, liturgy, and word that you will continue to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord here at The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer. Our vibrant parish invites you to join us each Sunday as we continue to celebrate Easter and the blessings that God has bestowed on us.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer is a Christian community of diverse people called and guided by the Holy Spirit to nurture with God's love those within and beyond our congregation.

A place where God is at work!
All are welcome. No exceptions.

..... ✝ **GATHERING** ✝

Voluntaries

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
The Call
Day of Arising

Paul Manz
Jacob Weber
David Cherwien

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of ✝ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life. Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Thine is the Glory

ELW Hymn 376

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together. God who calls us into service, **Transform us as you transformed Paul.**

Shape us into children who rejoice in knowing and proclaiming you to the world. Amen.

<We sit.>

READING

Acts 9:1-19a

Pew Bible page 893

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 6:24

Pew Bible page 787

"No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

<We sit.>

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Titus

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

Here I Am Lord

ELW Hymn 574

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

<We kneel.>

*Each prayer petition will end with "Merciful God," and the response is "receive our prayer."
At the conclusion of the prayers, ... through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. "Amen."*

<We stand.>

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also, with you.

You are invited to share the peace however you and those around you are comfortable.

<We sit.>

..... ✚ MEAL ✚

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

K. Lee Scott

<We stand.>

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray... Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

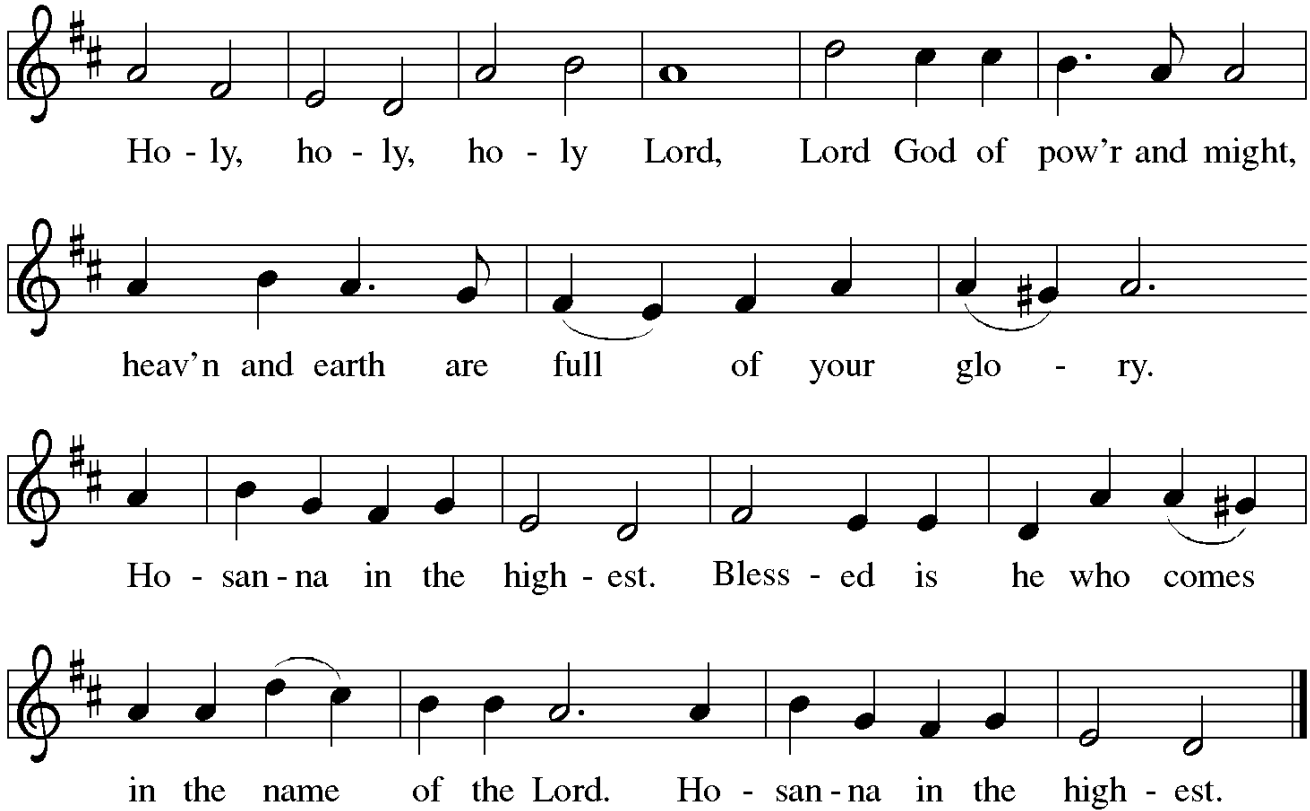
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... *here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding ...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, ...

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

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.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

<We sit.>

COMMUNION

Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world. You are invited to come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice of wine. If you are not able, the meal will be brought to you. A gluten-free wafer is available, upon request for those who need it.

<We stand.>

THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

..... ✚ SENDING ✚

SUNG BLESSING

In the name of the Father.
In the name of the Father.
In the name of the Son.
In the name of the Son.
In the name of the Spirit.
In the name of the Spirit.
The Three-in-One.
The Three-in-One.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May God’s face shine upon you.
May God’s face shine upon you.
May God’s blessings be with you.
May God’s blessings be with you.
And give you peace.
And give you peace.

SENDING HYMN

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

ELW Hymn 380

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

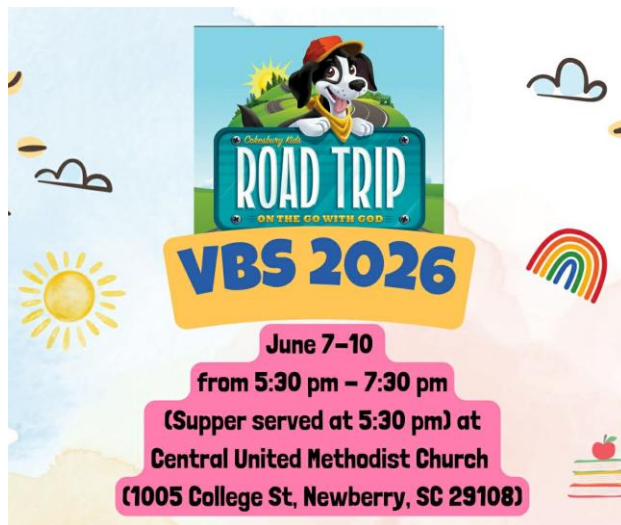
Thine is the Glory

Karl Osterland

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Audio and Visual Team by Ben & Nikki Chapman.

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We’re grateful you’ve joined us in worship during this holy season. If you would like to support the ongoing ministry and life of this congregation, you can do so by scanning the QR code. May God’s blessings be with you today and always.



..... **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Redeemer's Lutheran Men in Mission and Women of the ELCA invite the congregation to a catered luncheon on Sunday, May 3 in the Family Life Center immediately following worship. There is no cost for the meal, but RSVPs are required to ensure we have enough food. The meal is BBQ chicken, rice and gravy, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, rolls, banana pudding, and tea/water.

The theme of this luncheon is "Picture it, Redeemer". Bring pictures that you have of Redeemer that include family, friends, activities, celebrations, etc. We will have places set up for you to display your pictures.

Tickets will be available in the narthex on Sundays, April 19 and 26 as well as in the church office starting on Monday, April 20. The deadline to RSVP is Wednesday, April 29.

Altar Guild training sessions will be offered on Wednesday, April 22 at 6:00 pm and Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in learning more about communion preparation or want more information about our paraments, banners, and linens, please plan to attend. There will be a morning session offered this summer.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
19 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	20	21 Library Reserved	22 Handbell Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	23 FLC Reserved - Basketball	24	25 FLC Reserved - Wedding	26 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Confirmation - 4pm

Worship Leadership - Today

Worship Asst: Eve Kneece
Acolyte: Gavin Garner
Crucifer: JC Hazel
Comm Prep: Kathy Lindsay
Altar Flowers: Nikki Chapman
Ushers: Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia, Tom Gilson, Dennis Caughman

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Worship Asst: Johnny Lindsay
Acolyte: Taygen Hazel
Crucifer: Jacob Chapman
Comm Prep: Robert Kneece & Eve Kneece
Flowers: Nikki Chapman
Ushers: Elmer Long, Mack Garner, Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman

Numbers for April 12, 2026:

Attendance:

SS: 25
 In-Person: 84
 Online: 236
Total: 320

Offering:

Gen Operating Account: \$ 8,870.38
 Major Maintenance: \$ 1,045.00
 Prayer & Care Card Class: \$ 50.00
Dedicated Accounts
 Abiding Memorial: \$ 460.00
 Special Flowers: \$ 40.00
 Roof Fund: \$ 1,000.00
 Lutheridge Scholarship Fund: \$ 5,000.00

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor · Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper
Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr., Organist · Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director
A/V Team: Annette Belcher, Wayden Caughman, Nikki Chapman, and Matt Bowers

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