

# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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!

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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.

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

..... ✝ **GATHERING** ✝ .....

**Voluntaries**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!*  
*Processional from "An Easter Suite"*  
*Hymn of Promise*

Wayne Wold  
Charles Callahan  
Roberta Rowland-Raybold

**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**

**Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing**

*ELW Hymn 389*



# 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 of freedom, **Paul and Silas worshiped you, even when they were flogged and imprisoned. Transform our hearts so that we may also rejoice in you at all times and in all situations. Amen.**

<We sit.>

**READING**

**Acts 16:16-34**

*Pew Bible page 900*

*One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.*

*But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.*

*About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.*

<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 Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 6:18-19, 22-23**

*Pew Bible page 838*

*They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.*

*"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.*

<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**

**When in Our Music God is Glorified**

*ELW Hymn 850*

**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**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

arr. Michael Rosewall

<We stand.>

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**OFFETORY 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**

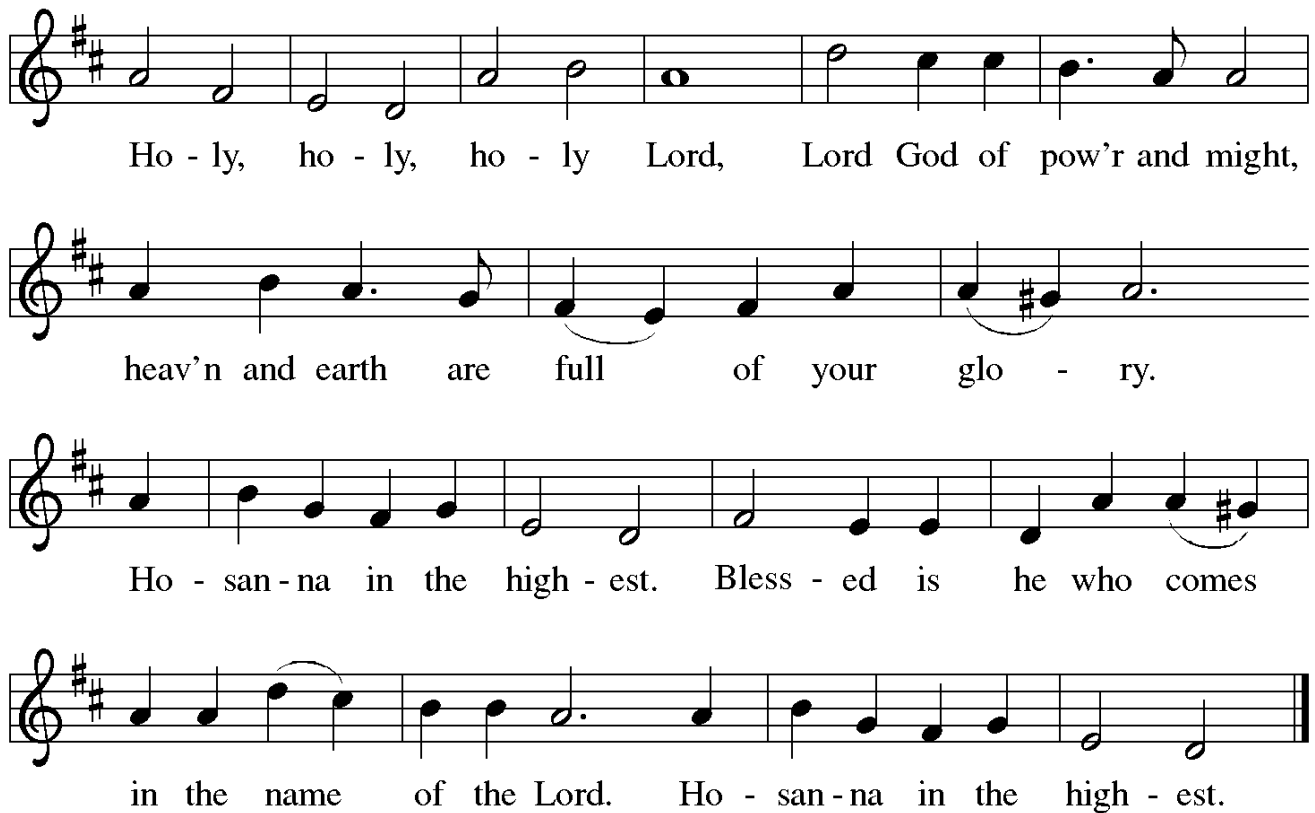
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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 - joice 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**

**Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**

*ELW Hymn 363*

**DISMISSAL**

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

**VOLUNTARY**

*Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

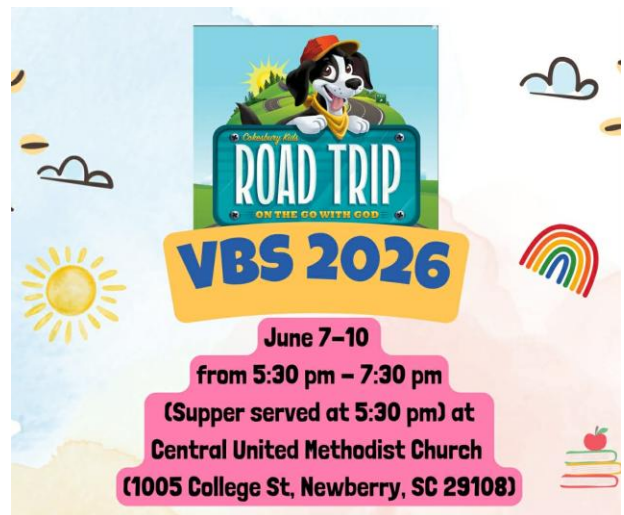
J. Wayne Kerr

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**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Rev Mike Sease by Zeb, Angela, Zoe, and Zarek Reid.

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If you are interested in joining us at VBS or would like to volunteer, register online with the QR Code below or fill out a sign-up sheet in the narthex and place in the offering plate.



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 session will be offered on 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
26 <b>Sunday School</b> - 9:30am  <b>Worship -</b> 10:30am  <b>Confirmation -</b> 4pm	27 <b>Prayer &amp; Care Card Class -</b> 9:30am	28 <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b> - 10:00am  <b>Library Reserved</b>	29 <b>Handbell Rehearsal -</b> 6pm  <b>Senior Choir Rehearsal -</b> 7pm	30	1	2  <b>FLC Reserved</b>	3 <b>Property Committee Mtg - 9am</b>  <b>Sunday School -</b> 9:30am  <b>Worship -</b> 10:30am  <b>WELCA &amp; LMM Luncheon - 11:30am</b>

**Worship Leadership - Today**  
**Worship Asst:** Johnny Lindsay  
**Acolyte:** Taygen Hazel  
**Crucifer:** Jacob Chapman  
**Comm Prep:** Robert Kneece & Eve Kneece  
**Altar Flowers:** Zeb & Angela Reid  
**Ushers:** Elmer Long, Mack Garner, Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**  
**Worship Asst:**  
**Acolyte:** Rosealynn Sexton  
**Crucifer:** Ellie Nguyen  
**Comm Prep:**  
**Flowers:** Doggett & Christie Whitaker  
**Ushers:** Chad Cary, Norris Long, Zeb Reid, Dennis Caughman

**Numbers for April 19, 2026:**

**Attendance:**  
 SS: 20  
 In-Person: 64  
 Online: 117  
**Total: 181**

**Offering:**  
 Gen Operating Account: \$ 9,638.84  
 Major Maintenance: \$ 3,875.00  
 Website Endowment Grant: \$ 8,500.00  
 Redeemer Music Fund: \$ 100.00

Dedicated Accounts  
 Lutheridge Camp: \$ 200.00  
 MKBF Fund: \$ 15.00

**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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