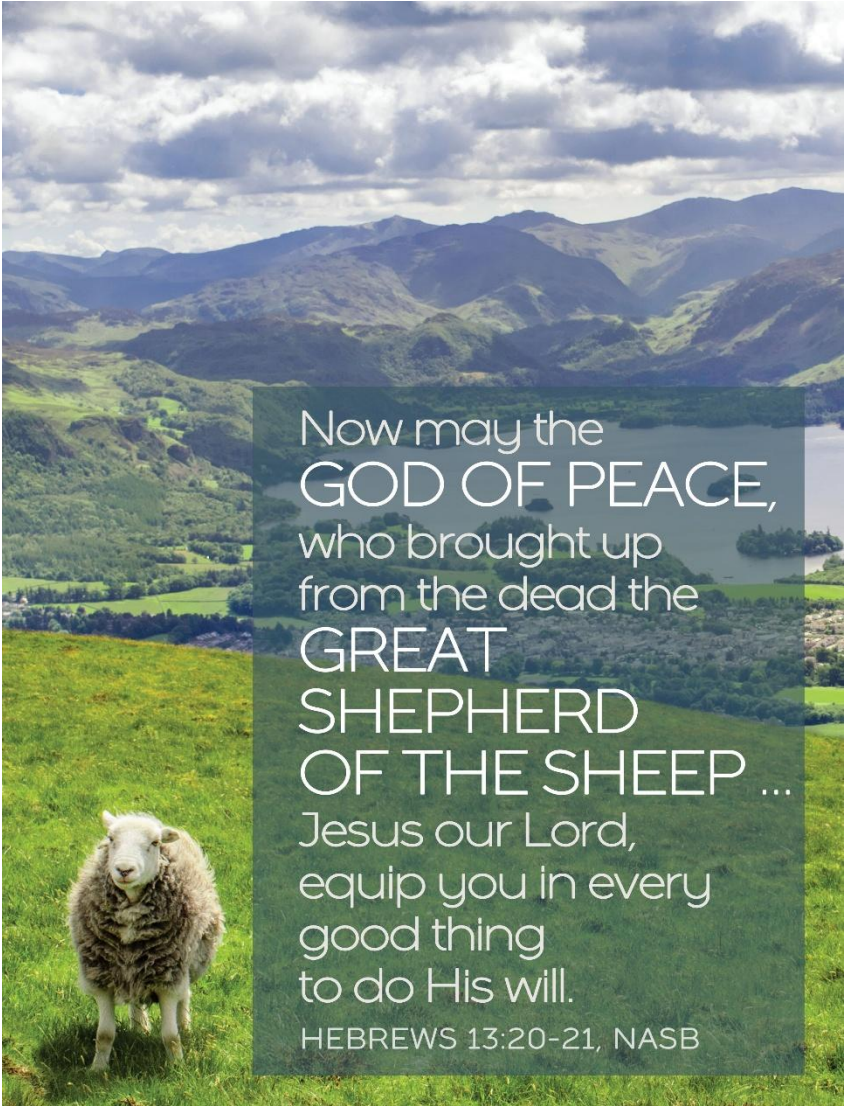


REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday After Easter



Now may the
GOD OF PEACE,
who brought up
from the dead the
GREAT
SHEPHERD
OF THE SHEEP ...
Jesus our Lord,
equip you in every
good thing
to do His will.

HEBREWS 13:20-21, NASB



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Pre-Service Meditation:

Psalm 23:1 ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, How marvelous are Your works and worthy are You of our praises. As we continue to celebrate the life and freedom we receive through Your resurrection, we marvel that Your love continues to serve us as our Good Shepherd. Lord, You did not return to Your Father to, “leave the rest up to us.” Rather, You returned to prepare a place for us; a place full of joy and peace. But You do more. For while we wander this dark world, You walk with us. You make sure we have what we need for our daily life and fill us with the riches of Your Holy Word so that we lack nothing spiritual. You, our Risen Savior, will forever be our Shepherd, our Leader, and our King. May we thank and praise You all the days of our life for Your great blessings. Through Your saving name, even as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Opening:

TLH 203 Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit:

Psalm 25

P The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord: by the word of the Lord were the heavens made. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Gloria Patri



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

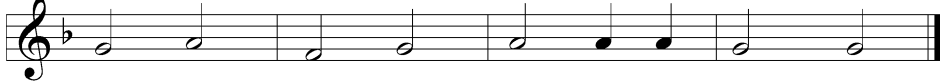


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Hymn of Response: TLH 237

All Glory be to God on high, Who hath mankind befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray... Almighty God, we pray that by Your grace You will help us continue to celebrate our Lord's resurrection by bearing its fruits in every aspect of our daily life. This we pray through the Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C** Amen.

¹⁴ Shepherd Your people with Your staff, The flock of Your heritage, Who dwell solitarily *in* a woodland, In the midst of Carmel; Let them feed *in* Bashan and Gilead, As in days of old. ¹⁵ "As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt, I will show them wonders." ¹⁶ The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; They shall put *their* hand over *their* mouth; Their ears shall be deaf. ¹⁷ They shall lick the dust like a serpent; They shall crawl from their holes like snakes of the earth. They shall be afraid of the LORD our God, And shall fear because of You. ¹⁸ Who *is* a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights *in* mercy. ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea. ²⁰ You will give truth to Jacob *And* mercy to Abraham, Which You have sworn to our fathers From days of old.

Epistle Lesson:**Ephesians 2:4-10 NKJV**

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Responsive Reading**The Good Shepherd Verses**

- P** Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.
- C** If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved,
- P** "I am the good shepherd.
- C** The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.
- P** "I am the good shepherd;

C I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own.

P As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father;

C And I lay down My life for the sheep.

Gospel Lesson:

John 14:1-6

¹ "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Confession of Faith:

Apostles Creed

C 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 is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty. From there 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.

Hymn:

LSB 861 Christ Be My Leader

Sermon

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me to lie
down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. ³ He
restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

The Risen Jesus Cares for Your Soul!

Offertory:

Create In Me

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Hymn:

WS 783 Jesus Shepherd of the Sheep

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer & 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**

Benediction

☩ Amen.

Hymn:

WS 733 This Joyful Eastertide

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Voters Meeting:** Notes can be made available upon request.
- **PCPC:** April 28th-30th we will be hosting the Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference. The pastors will be staying on Camano Island. If you'd like to help in any way, please speak to the Pastor, or Betsie.

Call News:

- Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Lutheran in Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA ***is considering the call*** to Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI
- Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC ***has returned the call*** to Mt. Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights, MI
- Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI ***is considering the call*** to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, April 26th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Wednesday, April 29th PCPC Communion Service at 6:30pm

Sunday, May 3rd Redemption Sunday Service at 9