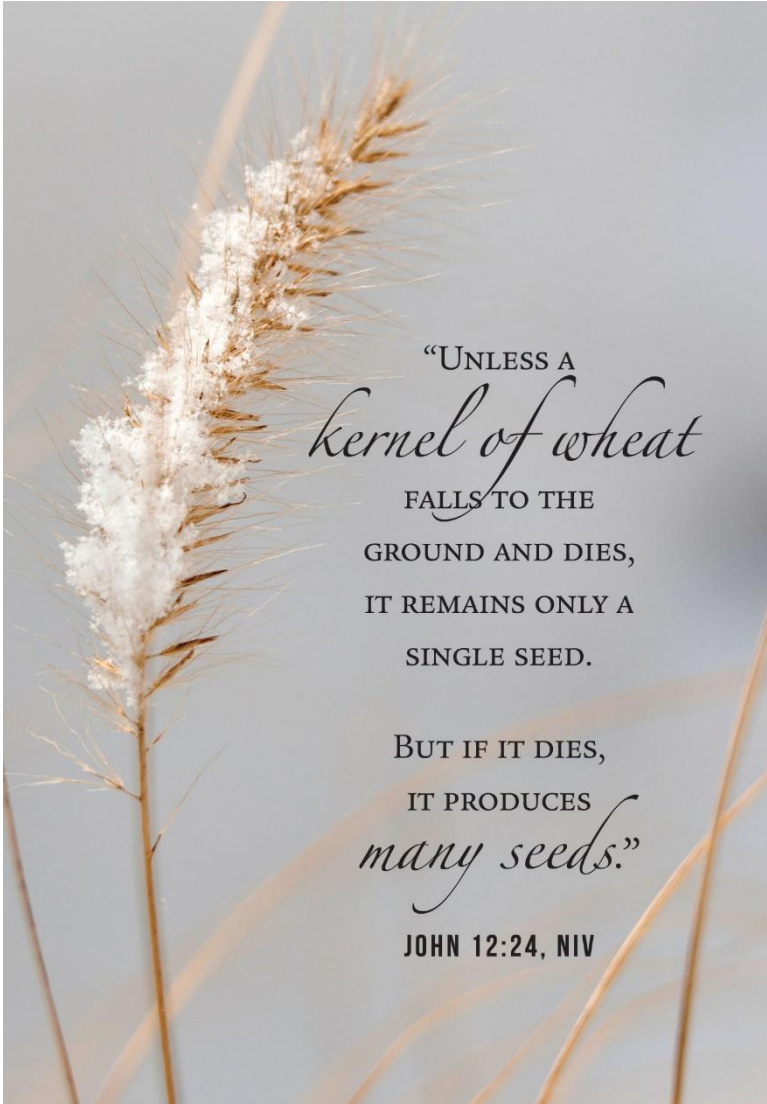


REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday After Easter



“UNLESS A
kernel of wheat

FALLS TO THE
GROUND AND DIES,
IT REMAINS ONLY A
SINGLE SEED.

BUT IF IT DIES,
IT PRODUCES
many seeds.”

JOHN 12:24, NIV



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Pre-Service Meditation:

John 12:23²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, The time had come for Your Son, our Lord Jesus to be glorified. He laid down His life as a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies. But, by His death and resurrection, He bears much fruit. By Your grace, You have made us to be that fruit. Christ's death has crucified us to the world. Lord God, send us the Holy Spirit to fill us with Your love that we despise this life that is crippled with sin and death, and rather, that we may love the life that is to come. Fill our hearts with the desire to see Jesus, our beloved Savior, knowing that one day soon, You will turn our faith into sight. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Opening:

WS 769 Lift High the Cross

Invocation

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C** Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray... O God, by the humiliation of Your Son You raised up a fallen world. Grant to Your people perpetual gladness in Christ. Since You have delivered us from everlasting death, make us partakers of eternal joys, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:26-31

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. ²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the

LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Responsive Reading **Psalm 100 [Selected Verses]**

- P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- C** **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!**
- P** Know that the LORD, He is God!
- C** **It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**
- P** Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
- C** **Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**
- P** For the LORD is good;
- C** **His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Gospel Lesson: **1 John 4:9-14**

⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.

**☐ 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:

WS 723 What Wondrous Love is This

Sermon

John 12:20-26

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

“Sir, We Wish to See Jesus!”

- 1. Think of the Desire!**
- 2. Weight the Response!**
- 3. Mark the Outcome!**

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:

TLH 341 Crown Him with Many Crowns vs 1-2,4-5

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:

LSB 910 Now the Silence

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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:

- **Women's Group:** The last women's group meeting will be Monday, May 4th at 7pm. We will finish our study on Deborah and Jael.
- **PCPC:** The Pastors will be arriving tomorrow evening for the conference. If you have anything to send for the conference, please get it to me by tomorrow.
- **Survey:** Will be coming out soon, please respond. Glass is already in the process of being ordered for the back windows.

Call News:

- Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Lutheran in Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA ***has returned the call*** to Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI
- Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI ***has returned the call*** to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI
- Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY ***has received the call*** to Mt. Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights, MI
- Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran in Sister Lakes, MI ***has received the call*** to Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ
- Pastor Jonathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran in Morris, MN ***has received and accepted*** the vacancy call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ponsford, MN.

Upcoming Schedule:

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

Sunday, May 3rd Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday, May 10th Redemption Communion Service at 9

910 Now the Silence

Now the si-lence Now the peace Now the emp-ty hands up-lift - ed
Now the kneel-ing Now the plea Now the Fa-ther's arms in wel - come
Now the hear-ing Now the pow'r Now the ves-sel brimmed for pour - ing
Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy-ful cel - e - bra - tion
Now the wed-ding Now the songs Now the heart for-giv - en leap - ing
Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e-piph - a - ny
Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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Vs. 2

Then the glory / Then the rest / Then the Sabbath peace unbroken
Then the garden / Then the throne / Then the crystal river flowing
Then the splendor / Then the life / Then the new creation singing
Then the marriage / Then the love / Then the feast of joy unending
Then the knowing / Then the light / Then the ultimate adventure
Then the Spirit's harvest gathered / Then the Lamb in majesty
Then the Father's Amen / Then / Then / Then