

# REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Remember Jesus Christ,  
*raised from the dead,*  
a descendant of David  
– that is my gospel ...

2 Timothy 2:8, NRSV





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**Pre-Service Meditation:**

**2 Timothy 2:8-9** <sup>8</sup> Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, *even* to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained.

**Prayer:** Dear Heavenly Father, You have called me to life through the glorious gospel message of Christ crucified for me, a sinner. By Your grace I am set free from the bondage of sin and death. Lord, You have commissioned me to carry the Gospel into the world. As I do, I know the dangers that lay ahead of me. I know the suffering I might endure. When those things come, remind me of Jesus' resurrection. For by His victory, the Gospel I carry is not bound, but will prosper for the reason You sent it. Grant this to me 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:** TLH 207 Like the Golden Sun Ascending vs 1-2,4-6

**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 98**

**P** Oh, sing to the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvelous things. The Lord hath made known His salvation. His right hand and His holy arm: hath gotten Him the victory.

### **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... Lord God, heavenly Father, by Your fatherly goodness You allow Your children to come under Your chastening hand here on earth, so that we might be like Your only-begotten Son in suffering and hereafter in glory. We ask You to comfort us by Your Holy Spirit in all temptations and afflictions, that we might not fall into despair, but rather put our trust more fully in You and Your mercy, for You live and reign with Your Son, our Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, one God forever,

**C** Amen.

<sup>10</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants. <sup>11</sup> Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the habitants of Sela sing for joy, let them shout from the top of the mountains. <sup>12</sup> Let them give glory to the LORD, and declare his praise in the coastlands. <sup>13</sup> The LORD goes out like a mighty man, like a man of war he stirs up his zeal; he cries out, he shouts aloud, he shows himself mighty against his foes. <sup>14</sup> For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup> I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. <sup>16</sup> And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them.

**Responsive Reading****Psalm 98 [Selected Verses]**

- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
- C** **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**
- P** The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- C** **He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.**
- P** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- C** **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;**
- P** With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
- C** **For He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

<sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this?" <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup> And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." <sup>66</sup> After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup> and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

**Confession of Faith:****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 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:**

**In Christ Alone [Insert]**

**Sermon**

**2 Timothy 2:8-13**

<sup>8</sup> Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, *even* to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup>

Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> *This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him.* <sup>12</sup> If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. <sup>13</sup> If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

## **Remember Jesus Christ, Risen From the Dead!**

**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 192 Awake My Heart with Gladness vs 1-3,5,7-8**

**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: TLH 658 Onward Christian Soldiers**

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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 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We will finish our study on Deborah and Jael.
- **PCPC:** On behalf of the Pastors in the PCPC, thank you all for the venue, food, and fellowship during our conference here in Western Washington. Your generosity went above and beyond and was a great reflection of our Lord's love.

### **Call News:**

- Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY *is considering the call* to Mt. Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights, MI
- Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran in Sister Lakes, MI *is considering the call* to Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ
- Pastor Jim Naumann of Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran in Jamestown, ND, *has received and accepted* the vacancy call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND.

### **Upcoming Schedule:**

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Redemption Communion Service at 9

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 9