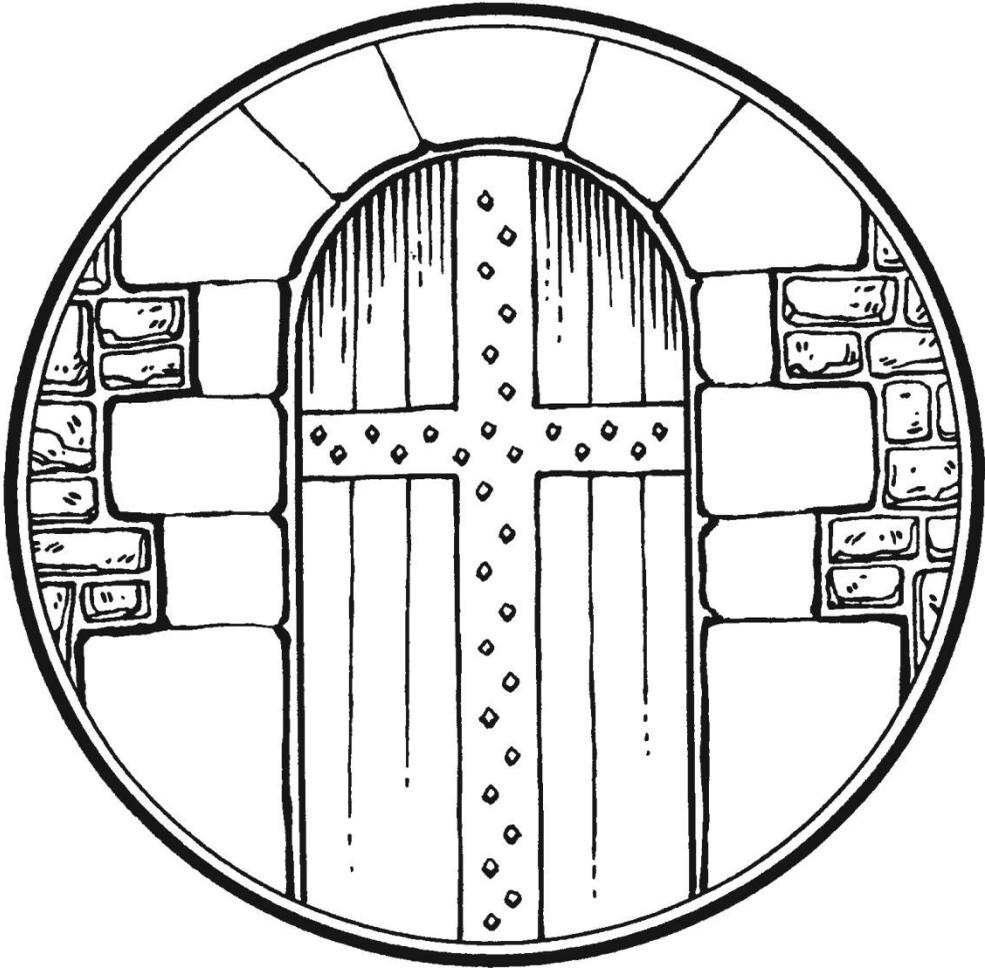


REDEEMING GRACE

Lutheran Church



His Life is The Way

May 10, 2020 | 5th Sunday of Easter

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WELCOME TO OUR ONLINE WORSHIP

Thank you for worshiping with us today! We would love to keep connected with you, so make sure you like us on Facebook or subscribe to our YouTube channel: Redeeming Grace Rogers. If you'd like to know more about our congregation or want to become a member, please contact Pastor Mayer.

WORSHIP IN QUARANTINE

Jesus promises "Where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them." Though separated by distance we know that our Triune God still visits each of us personally through His holy Word to give us forgiveness, life, and salvation! Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.

SERVING TODAY | *Our special thanks for your service*

Pianist	Deb Peterson
Choir	Ben and Elaina Adickes, Kayla Radke, Kevin and Margie LaBeau
Camera	Kevin LaBeau
Flowers	To celebrate mothers - all of those who are with us here and who are safely home in heaven, ready to greet us when we get there

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP | *See pages 10-11 in the Hymnal*

PREPARATION

Jesus Christ gave His church the keys when He said, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." John 20:23



GATHERING VERSE | *read together*

In Jesus, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Ephesians 1:7.

OPENING HYMN

God Loved the World So that He Gave | 391

*God loved the world so that he gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in him believe Should everlasting life receive.*

*Christ is the solid rock of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death.
All who confide in him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.*

*God would not have the sinner die - His Son with saving grace is nigh.
His Spirit in the Word does teach How we the blessed goal may reach.*

*Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives the sins that you have done.
You're justified by Jesus' blood; Baptized, you are a child of God.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD | *please stand*

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P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

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 of 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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

He's Risen, He's Risen | 143

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

*He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.*

*Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign.*

P: Let us pray O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

God speaks to us through His Holy Word. "The Lord kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and raises up." 1 Samuel 2:6



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Kings 18:16-21

So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. ¹⁷When he saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?" ¹⁸"I have not made trouble for Israel," Elijah replied. "But you and your father's family have. You have abandoned the LORD's commands and have followed the Baals. ¹⁹Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table." ²⁰So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. ²¹Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 2:4-10

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” ⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,” ⁸and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message— which is also what they were destined for. ⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

VERSE OF THE DAY | *sung together*

John 20:31

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | *children gather at the baptismal font*

HYMN OF THE DAY

You Are the Way; through You Alone | **356**

***You are the way; through you alone Can we the Father find;
In you, O Christ, has God revealed His heart and will and mind.***

***You are the truth; your Word alone True wisdom can impart.
You only can inform the mind And purify the heart.***

***You are the life; the empty tomb Proclaims your conqu'ring arm,
And those who put their trust in you Not death nor hell shall harm.***

***You are the way; the truth, the life; Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win Whose joys eternal flow.***

SERMON | *Jesus is the Way*

John 14:1-6

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

APOSTLES' CREED | *please stand*

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH | *please stand*

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P: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

P: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

P: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

P: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special intercessions

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent Prayer

P: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

P: Together we join in the prayer You taught 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.

HYMN

Christ Be My Leader | 367

*Christ be my leader by night as by day,
Safe through the darkness, for he is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care;
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.*

*Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
Grant me to trust him, though shifting as sand.
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.*

***Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation - with Jesus I reign!***

PRAYER & BLESSING | *please stand*

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P: Almighty God, we thank You for teaching us the things You would have us believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to keep Your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *Amen.*

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

PARTING VERSE

He's Risen, He's Risen | **143**

***Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ON MY HEART TIME | *weekly home devotion guide*

Weekly Review	Catechism Bible History	The Address to the Lord's Prayer Acts 1:1-14, 1 Corinthians 15:3-7
Bible Readings	Old Testament Epistle Gospel	Genesis 4:1-16 1 John 3:13-18 John 14:15-21
Prayer and Praise	Hymn Psalm	Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense Psalm 66

GROWING IN GRACE | *weekly schedule*

Monday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
Wednesday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
	5:15 p.m.	Confirmation posted
Thursday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours

If office hours don't work for you, contact Pastor Mayer to make a special appointment.

CARDS NEEDED

Our Youth Group is organizing a congregation-wide effort to spread God's love to our elderly in need. The Wellstead of Rogers currently has 137 residents, many of whom have barely left their rooms since mid-March who need God's encouragement and love. If each of our families could make up five cards with an encouraging Bible verse (you can get the kids involved and have them draw or color!) and either send the cards or drop them off at church by Monday May 11th, we will make sure they get delivered!

CONFIRMATION

We will live-stream the Public examination of our Confirmands Leah Murray and Tori Teigen on Wednesday, May 13th. The Confirmation Service and celebration will take place at a later date in the future.