Easter 3 – A
April 26, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Our Mission: Make Christ Known to All in Word and Deed
Welcome to worship at Redeemer. We believe in the life-giving, inclusive and forgiving love of God manifest through his Son, Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate God’s wonderful gifts through hearing his Word, singing, prayer, and as a guest at His table.

Today’s worship emphasis: Today’s gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord’s day.

The Altar flowers are given by Helen Morris in memory of her husband, parents, sister, and four brothers.

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Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Let us come into the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection. We kneel or sit as we are able.

God of grace and glory,
you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus’ resurrection.
Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.
Make us alive in Christ, O God.
Make us new as you make all things new.
Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,
renew us in grace,
and restore us to living in your holiness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

Rejoice with all creation around God’s throne!
The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds,
washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen,
casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride.
Jesus Christ loves us
and ✝ frees us from our sins by his blood.
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen
Gathering Hymn  We stand as we are able.  
The Day of Resurrection

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out aboard,  
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,  
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
And list’ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
His own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the glad refrain

Now let the heav’ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,  
The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!

All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son,  
All praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,  
And honor, pow’r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And also with you.
KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

☪ Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

☪ Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

☪ Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. ☩ Amen

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Hymn of Praise

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the people of
God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE We sit.

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Today’s reading is the conclusion of Peter’s sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

14a Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], 36“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” 38 Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” 40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION  
_We stand as we are able._

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GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.  _Spoken boldly!_  

_The colorful story of Jesus’ appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread._

13 Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” 19 He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the
tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”

Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.
**Praise to you, O Christ.** *Spoken boldly!*

*We sit.*

**SERMON**

The Eyes Of The Heart

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Day of Arising*  
Carl Schalk

*Choir Only*
APOSTLES CREED  We stand as we are able.
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
    creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
    On the third day he rose again;
    he ascended into heaven,
    he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
    and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
    the holy catholic church,
    the communion of saints,
    the forgiveness of sins,
    the resurrection of the body,
    and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

   We kneel or sit as we are able.

   Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

   Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.
PEACE  We stand as we are able.
   The peace of Christ be with you always.
   And also with you.

Meal

DIALOGUE

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 to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow’r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the high-est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE
Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.
We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.
Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen.

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;
ad 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.
COMMUNION SONG

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. The pastor will invite us to partake of the elements in our homes.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
Let us pray.
Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Sending

BLESSING
   The Lord bless you and keep you.
   The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
   The Lord look upon you with favor
   and + give you peace. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN
   Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
   Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
   Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
   Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain
   Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
   Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center
   telling the story to open our eyes;
   breaking our bread, giving us glory:
   Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain

SENDING
   Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
   Thanks be to God!

Hymn 377
   Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
   life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
   heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
   gift of the future now flowing to me.
   Refrain

Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
   death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
   Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
   Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
   Refrain

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