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We know that  
Our Redeemer lives!  
*Job 19:25*



**OUR REDEEMER**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Exaudi**

Sunday, 12 May A+D 2024, 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, 15 May A+D 2024, 7:00 P.M.

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**WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION.** If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

**A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION:** In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.



**PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR:** Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See *LSB*, page 326, "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?")
5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, "What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?")

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To learn more about The LCMS, visit [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org).**



**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY***LSB 189*

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING***Ezekiel 36:22-28*

<sup>22</sup>“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup>And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. <sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. <sup>28</sup>You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

**SECOND READING***1 Peter 4:7-14*

<sup>7</sup>The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup>Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: <sup>11</sup>whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE***LSB 190; Psalm 47:8; John 14:18a, 28; 16:22b*

Alleluia. God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I am going away, and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL***John 15:26-16:4*

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup>And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>14</sup>I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. <sup>2</sup>They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. <sup>3</sup>And they will do these things because they have not known

the Father, nor me. <sup>4</sup>But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.”

*Sit*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

*LSB 192*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand” LSB 564*

**SERMON**

*“The End of Life and Life Without End” 1 Peter 4:7-14*

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY**

*LSB 192*

*Sit*

**OFFERING**

*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Each petition ends with:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**PREFACE**

*LSB 194*

**SANCTUS**

*LSB 195*

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*LSB 196*

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*LSB 197*

**PAX DOMINI**

*LSB 197*

**AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 198*

*Sit*

**DISTRIBUTION**

*Guests are asked to please read “A Word to Our Guests About Holy Communion” on page 2 of this week’s bulletin.*

*Those who are communing are encouraged to prepare themselves using “Preparing for the Sacrament of the Altar” on page 2 of the bulletin.*

*The Lord’s Supper is distributed at the altar rail. Each table is dismissed with the following blessing:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*"Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 783*  
*"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread" LSB 625*  
*"Son of God, Eternal Savior" LSB 842*

*Stand*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

*LSB 199*

**THANKSGIVING**

*LSB 200*

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

*LSB 201*

**BENEDICTION**

*LSB 202*

**HYMN TO DEPART**

*"I'm But a Stranger Here" LSB 748*

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# News & Notes

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** this Sunday are in memory of Gladys Barthels from the Barthels Family.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped make our LWML Ladies Banquet a success on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those who helped plan, attended, & served our meal provided by Patti! Thank you to our speaker Darlene from Tastefully Simple. Thank you for the grant funds from Thrivent as well. Thanks again to all who attended and were involved, it was a wonderful night!

**DON'T FORGET YOUR MOTHER!** The Mother's Day Flower Sale by the Youth Group is this morning. This will help pay for Youth visiting the Ark Encounter this June. Thank you for your support!

**LWML ZONE 2 SPRING RALLY** is upon us! Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> at SS Peter & Paul Houghton, MI. Registration is at 9:30AM EDT. RSVP by May 12<sup>th</sup> to Jean Pemberton 906-487-9412 or [johnandjeanp@chartermi.net](mailto:johnandjeanp@chartermi.net). The ingathering is for items to go in Operation Christmas Child boxes. Details and baskets for donations are in the narthex and must be dropped off at the church by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**LWML MEETING** on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1PM is a pizza lunch and social. We are wrapping up the year's activities. See you there!

**MEMBER PICTURES:** Over the next few weeks before and after the 9:00 A.M. service, we will be taking pictures of individuals and households to include in our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary scrapbook. This book will be a picture directory, history, and cookbook and will be available for purchase later this year. Please plan on having your picture taken at some point!

**OUR REDEEMER WILL BE HOLDING A RUMMAGE SALE** coinciding with the Kingsford Rummage Sale, on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If you are doing some spring cleaning, please hold on to items that you would like to donate to the sale. The church will have a space available for drop off as soon as May 23<sup>rd</sup>. More info to follow. We thank you for helping make this rummage sale a success!

**SPRING CLEANING?** Help our local Habitat for Humanity by donating furniture! Notify Pastor Tom Mackey and he will even pick it up and deliver it 308-216-0563!

**BOTTLES/CANS:** The Youth Group wants your bottles and cans! You may drop off your bottles/cans at the church entrance bottle bin.

# Serving in God's House

## MUSIC

## ELDERS

## ALTAR GUILD

### Week of 5/12

Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen & Choir	Jim Reed Bradley Linsmeyer	Lisa Swanson
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Lisa Swanson

### Week of 5/19

Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Rob Kuehl Jim Reed	Cindy Koller
Monday, 4:00 P.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Dana Bey Rob Kuehl	Cindy Koller
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Bradley Linsmeyer	Cindy Koller

# This Week's Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (12)	9:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Divine Service Education Hour
Monday (13)		
Tuesday (14)	5:30 P.M.	Choir Practice
Wednesday (15)	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Thursday (16)	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
Friday (17)		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (18)	7:00 A.M.	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sunday (19)	9:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Divine Service Adult Bible Study

# Monthly Financial Report

	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
Receipts:	\$15,795.17	\$66,145.43
Expenses:	\$18,520.87	\$66,399.35
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$2,725.70</b>	<b>-\$253.92</b>

# Attendance Report

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sun., May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 A.M.	108	88