

# The Ringer

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“Dear friends, you know that it is customary in this season to preach on the Passion, so I have no doubt that you have heard many times what kind of passion and suffering it was. You have also heard why it was that God the Father ordained it, namely, that through it he wanted to help, not the person for Christ, for Christ had no need at all for this suffering; but we and the whole human race needed this suffering. Thus it was a gift which was given and presented to us out of *pure grace and mercy....*” **Sermon at Coburg on Cross and Suffering 1530, Luther’s Works, Volume 51, pgs. 197-198.**

The quote above was the first sentences of a sermon that Luther wrote in 1530 in April to the group that were to present the Augsburg Confession to the Emperor. Luther could not go himself because of his excommunication and subsequent warrant for arrest...yes, there was no separation of church and state at that time. His right hand man, Philip Melancthon, who wrote the confession was the leader tasked with presenting the Evangelical (Lutheran) beliefs to the Emperor in the (perhaps futile) hope that it would be judged acceptable and the Empire not only politically but religiously could remain unified. The sermon discusses suffering. From Luther’s perspective, he and his movement had suffered greatly because they stood by their declaration of justification by grace through faith, but this sermon goes further in expressing the belief that as awful as whatever type of suffering may bring, when we have faith in the grace of God revealed through Christ’s suffering and death, we can endure and actually bear the good news of Christ to our neighbor.

I have been thinking a great deal about the ordeal that we as a world have been through this last year when we think of the disease called COVID 19. It has been devastating on so many levels. Many lament the various losses we have gone through. Some lament economic hardships, some relationship hardships, some free movement hardships, some education hardships, and of course those that have suffered from the disease itself, and some even experiencing lingering health concerns and some the death of loved ones. It has not been easy I will agree.

In this sermon Luther though, in a way we perhaps do not resonate with today, says “even in suffering...remember you, loved ones, have Christ.” I do struggle with statements like that. In times of pain, statements like that can feel like a slap or a phrase that actually judges us for lamenting whatever loss/suffering we are experiencing. So why would a Dr. Luther say it and why should we listen to it almost 500 years after he preached it?

In the sermon he lifts up the legend of St. Christopher. Now I have known even Lutherans that have a St. Christopher medal on the rearview mirror of their car. He is the patron saint of travelers. The legend says that one day as he was traveling he found a child that needed to get to the other side of a raging river. Christopher takes the child on his shoulders and sets out to cross the river. Upon finally getting across the treacherous river, it is revealed that the child he bore was none other than Christ himself. Luther in this sermon says this is a legend...this is a myth...but it is a wonderful one that we all can learn from. It is not about keeping a medal to ward off affliction on our travels...but to learn from Christopher’s desire to bear the burden of his neighbor across a dangerous path, even if that meant risking his own life-why? Because Christ already has given it all to us through faith. We all are thus Christophers (Christ bearers) when we live life that way in seeking to bear the burdens and the suffering and the afflictions we see our neighbor dealing with.

Some are worried that we will never get back to “normal” community life after this pandemic. But this pandemic has not stopped us from bearing Christ into and across the raging rivers of this life. We can lament about the sufferings, but as Luther says in this sermon, always remember that you have Christ. And in having Christ we can go to our neighbor, some of them actually in the middle of the river, and help. I do think this pandemic has helped us reevaluate what it means to live in community and how we serve. So when you hear “bear the name of Christ” or “bear your cross”, that you recall the legend of Christopher. Seek to help and serve your neighbor and see how perhaps their burden is lessened in the name of Christ. Amen.

**Pastor David**



# Council News

## Council Highlights for March

March 14, 2021 Meeting

- ◆ We will continue with one service at 9:30 am from now through the summer EXCEPT Easter Sunday will have two services. We will continue to follow Saline County guidelines with COVID-19 precautions and make changes as the county does, such as continuing to wear masks and social distance.
- ◆ Easter Sunday will have two services at 8 am and 10:30 am with Holy Communion. Communion will continue every Sunday after Easter, being served COVID style for now.
- ◆ There will be an Easter Egg Stravaganza (hunt) after the 10:30 am service on Easter Sunday.
- ◆ Council will have Social Distancing Fellowship (COFFEE ONLY) for both services Easter Sunday. No other plans for Fellowship at this time.
- ◆ The future and structure of the Outreach/Evangelism Committee is a concern for Council. Discussion and research are taking place.



*Council Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month beginning at 7 pm.*

# Budget Information

## Treasurer's Report for end of February

Total Income \$77,489.72

Budgeted Income for the year \$260,200

Total Expense \$44,080.54

Budgeted Expense for the year \$289,025

Mortgage Balance \$313,990.77



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In the PDF version of this Ringer you may click the GIVE NOW button here and it will take you to the secure site to make your Redeemer donation. If you have questions, please contact Jan Jackson.

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# Redeemer News



Tuesday, April 20th at 4 p.m.

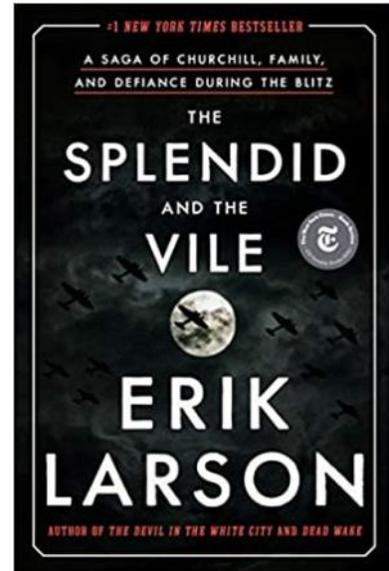
*The Splendid and the Vile*

By Erik Larson

Host: Lana Jordan

If you are willing to host and/or lead, please contact Becky as she is keeping the schedule. Thank you!

Pageeturners meets the 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 4:00



<h2>God's work. Our hands.</h2>	
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	<h2>Save the date September 12</h2>
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- Our Needs List for **April:**
- Breakfast Cereals
  - Band-Aids
  - Men's Underwear (New, All Sizes)
  - Canned Vegetables

This helps to feed and care for the hungry and homeless, it also stretches our general fund dollars. Please help. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the Salina Rescue Mission at 1716 Summers Road in Salina, or call us at 785-823-2610.

# Easter at Redeemer



Hi, Redeemer Lutheran parents/grandparents,

Easter is right around the corner and we couldn't be more excited to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! This year, to help you celebrate, we are hosting the **Redeemer Easter Egg-stravaganza: Home Edition.**"

This is a really fun Easter egg hunt you can do with your kids/grandkids at home. You provide the Easter eggs and candy, and we'll give, video and print materials to transform your hunt into a fun-filled, Gospel-centered experience. It's so easy to do!

To get started, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/Easter-Family-Documents> to download the printed materials, then follow the easy step-by-step instructions in the directions document. You can preview the "Easter Egg-stravaganza" video at <https://youtu.be/E4oEqSAAi6o>. Be sure to bookmark or save the link for later so you can play it when it's time for the Easter egg hunt.

Lastly, even though we'll all be doing the Easter egg hunt separately, we want to make this a community experience. Be sure to take pictures or videos of your kids in action, share them to the Redeemer Facebook page if you desire

We hope and pray that this fun little experience helps you lead your kids towards their ever-loving, ever-living Savior. Happy Easter!

In Him,

The Education Committee

## Redeemer in the Arts



After getting back into painting, I wanted to move on from realism. These latest paintings were a conscious effort to free myself toward a more expressive form of painting. ~Wayne Keeler



Never thought I'd become a quilter, just didn't care for the old fashioned look of them. Then I discovered contemporary fabrics and patterns ...I fell in love! ~Carol Keeler



Kenneth has painted with oils, acrylics, and watercolors. For Christmas 2020, he painted on silk scarves with watercolors for his wife (shown here), daughter, and granddaughters. Kenny comes from a family that enjoys various art mediums. His mother began painting at the age of 75. ~Kenny Bridges

### *Three Redeemer Members garnered Blue Ribbons in Art is Ageless Competition*

At the 40<sup>th</sup> Art is Ageless exhibition/competition, artwork by Redeemer members Wayne and Carol Keeler and Kenneth Bridges each received blue ribbons in painting, quilting, and fiber art, respectively. See photos of entries. Eighty entries were received in the competition in numerous categories for both amateurs and professional artists. This exhibition is annually sponsored by Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America. The artwork was judged and displayed at the Salina Art Center. It is open to seniors over 65 and artwork can be entered that has been completed in the last five years. The artists also had entries in other categories: quilting, painting and mixed media/crafts that are included here.

# ELCA wants to hear from you



## Make Your Voice Heard

**Flooding, drought, job insecurity, poverty...What concerns do you feel are impacting Redeemer Lutheran Church, as well as our local community? What would you like the ELCA Witnessing in Society team to know? A team representative said, "I see the Midwest as key. I want the new administration to see the ELCA as an entity to go to."**

**Listening sessions in the Central States Synod are planned for:**

**Wednesday, April 14**

**Thursday, April 15**

**Tuesday, April 20**

**All Listening sessions will be held 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. on Zoom and are open to all members of the Central States Synod. To participate, please RSVP via email to [tanderson@css-elca.org](mailto:tanderson@css-elca.org) or call the synod office at 913-948-9701. The Zoom link will be sent the week prior to the session.**

Listening sessions provide opportunities for the Witnessing in Society team members to listen to ministry leaders and members of local congregations to learn first-hand of their needs and hopes. These sessions will help equip the team in representing the breadth of concerns across the church as well as in working with congregations to make their voices heard in productive ways that shape policies.

At various times individuals in the synod have expressed dismay and frustration that the policies and positions of the ELCA do not reflect their views. This is an opportunity for these individuals to share their view and be heard by members of the churchwide staff and Witnessing in Society team members

**Who is the team?** The Witnessing in Society team is a coordinated network of advocates who reaches out to government officials on relevant, timely issues, effectively impacting public policies. The team works for change based on the church's social teaching and the experience of Lutheran ministries, programs, and projects worldwide and in communities across the United States. Through faithful advocacy, the ELCA lives out our Lutheran belief that governments can help advance the common good.

The primary **focus** of these listening sessions will be on environmental issues and care for creation to build a sustainable and resilient society for future generations. Facilitated conversations will give each individual, if they choose, an opportunity to share their perspective on:

- What is/are the current situation and concerns?
- What could be – what might the future look like?
- How might we fill the gap?

The **purpose** of these sessions is to provide a safe space where all voices are heard and valued, where there is mutual respect, and listening is done to gain greater understanding rather than debating and defending views and positions.

# Redeemer Helping Out

**Volunteers Needed**  
**Saturday, April 17**  
**8:00 am to noon**  
**Meet at the worksite**



#### Tools Provided

You must wear a mask, bring your own water, snacks & gloves

Social Distancing will be mandatory

Children 12 and under need to be accompanied by an adult

Community-wide clean-up day

Questions: Email [janea@smokyhillriver.org](mailto:janea@smokyhillriver.org) or call 785-493-8491

#### Projects:

**Ashby House – cleaning up flowerbeds and removing playground equipment from property. Meet at 204 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization) -yard cleanup at two homes, and a basement cleaned out. Meet at the corner of Ninth Street and Hamilton Street**

**North Town – Cleaning and trimming the landscaping at 5-Corners. Meet at Ninth Street & Broadway.**

**Emergency Aid Garden - painting garden tool shed, cleaning and organizing tools, putting garden kits together, picking up trash. Meet at 255 S. Chicago Street**

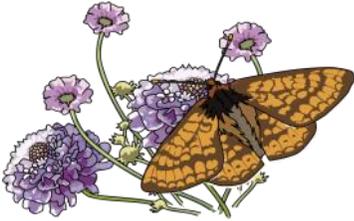
**Mounted Patrol & Rescue Squad-cleaning and trimming the landscaping, plus general cleanup of the area. Meet at 1020 W. North Street.**

**Old Smoky Hill River Channel – Picking up trash on the Smoky Hill River next to YMCA, and other locations along the river. Meet at YMCA parking lot.**

**Salina Downtown - painting and cleaning trash receptacles, and cleaning parking lot and downtown Santa Fe, Meet at Strand Plaza behind Barolo Grille.**

**The Temple – Landscaping front garden and painting inside. Meet on the front steps of the Temple, 336 S. Santa Fe**

## Creation Care Team news



### *We're Emerging!*

Remember last Easter, cold and overcast? The weather reflected the way many of us were feeling in the shadow of Covid.

We've been a bit like a caterpillar wrapped in its chrysalis this past year. But now, there are signs that the hatching process has begun:

- Redeemer has resumed in-person worship services
- Many of our parishioners have received vaccinations
- We're beginning to wake up, stretch, and want to spread our wings!



The Creation Care Team has obtained beautiful Butterfly Wheels to help us identify the butterflies we see this summer. We will hand them out, and plant zinnias in the church garden to attract our butterfly friends, at our Earth Day Celebration on Sunday, April 18.

### *Earth Day Celebration – Sunday, April 18*

Earth Day is April 22, and we will prepare for it at Redeemer with a fun, family-oriented worship service at 9:30, followed by zinnia seed planting and a scavenger hunt for children (outdoors, weather permitting).

Come one, come all—and bring your friends! (And grandkids!)

9:30 Creation Drum worship service

10:00 Zinnia seed planting

10:15 Scavenger hunt



# Lectionary for April

## April 1 — Maundy Thursday

[Exodus 12:1-4 \[5-10\] 11-14](#)

[Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19](#)

[1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)

[John 13:1-17, 31b-35](#)



<sup>1</sup>Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

<sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## April 2 — Good Friday

[Isaiah 52:13—53:12](#)

[Psalm 22:1](#)

[Hebrews 10:16-25](#)

[John 18:1—19:42](#)



<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus

often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" <sup>5</sup>They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." <sup>9</sup>This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." <sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup>Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

<sup>12</sup>So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup>First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

<sup>15</sup>Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup>The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." <sup>18</sup>Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

<sup>19</sup>Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup>Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" <sup>24</sup>Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup>Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup>One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup>Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. <sup>28</sup>Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters,

# Lectionary for April cont'd

so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup>They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." <sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup>(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup>Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. <sup>39</sup>But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup>They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

<sup>19:1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

<sup>8</sup>Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." <sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

<sup>13</sup>When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called

The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" <sup>15</sup>They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." <sup>16</sup>Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; <sup>17</sup>and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." <sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. <sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots."

<sup>25</sup>And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

## April 4 — Easter Sunday

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

[Mark 16:1-8](#)

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him." <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



# Lectionary for April cont'd

## April 11 — Second Sunday of Easter

[Acts 4:32-35](#)

[Psalm 133:1](#)

[1 John 1:1-2:2](#)

[John 20:13-31](#)



<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## April 18 — Third Sunday of Easter

[Acts 3:12-19](#)

[Psalm 4:3](#)

[1 John 3:1-7](#)

[John 24:36b-48](#)



<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and

bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

## April 25 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

[Acts 4:5-12](#)

[Psalm 23:1](#)

[1 John 3:16-24](#)

[John 10:11-18](#)



[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."



**Holy Week**

# Partners in Ministry

8:00 Service ~ Altar Guild: LaNita Pratt, Rod & Rosemary Anderson

	April 4 Easter	April 12	April 18	April 25
Usher/ Greeter	Gary & Sue Mettlen	The Worship & Music Committee are looking for individuals interested in learning to run the sound system, camera, and the live-stream for worship services. Training will be provided. Please contact Pastor David, Ann Metcalfe or Britney English.		
Com- munion	Charlotte Herrman & Jan Jackson			
Lector	Charlotte Herrman			
Sound	Perry Jurgensen			
10:30 Service		9:30	9:30	9:30
Greeter	Gary & Lana Jordan	Chad & Christine Curl	Marilee Vancil & Kris Johanson	Ted & Barbara Wire
Usher	Carol & Wayne Keeler	Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Phil & Jean Sedo	Rick & Betty Henderson
Com- munion	Kris Neff, David Wahlgren & Tom Mertz	Joe Plumer, Mike Ramage & Dan Metcalfe	Tom Drown, Wayne Keeler & Alan English	Kris Johanson, Tom & Mary Mertz
Lector	Debbie Beckman	Carol Kuhlman	Anna Prockish	Lana Jordan
Sound	Ray Beckman	Perry Jurgensen	Ray Beckman	Perry Jurgensen
Coffee Host				

**Maundy Thursday service 7 p.m. on April 1st**

**Ushers: Gary & Lana Jordan**

**Communion: Rod & Rosemary Anderson**



**GOOD  
FRIDAY**

**Good Friday service 7 p.m. on April 2nd**

**Ushers: Wayne & Carol Keeler**

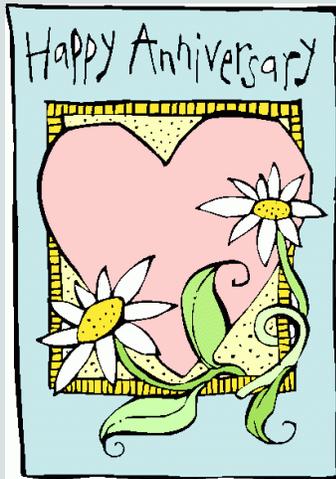
**Communion: Joe & Kathy Heinrich**

Hope to see **EVERYONE** on April 10, 2021 at 11 a.m. Masks and social distancing will be necessary. Unfortunately food and games are still restricted. Come join us and sing praises to the Lord, shake the music makers, listen to special music, and see familiar faces. Can't wait to see you all!



Rejoicing  Spirits

# Redeemer Celebrations



Don & Marilee Vancil  
April 8th

Ray & Debbie Beckman  
April 21st

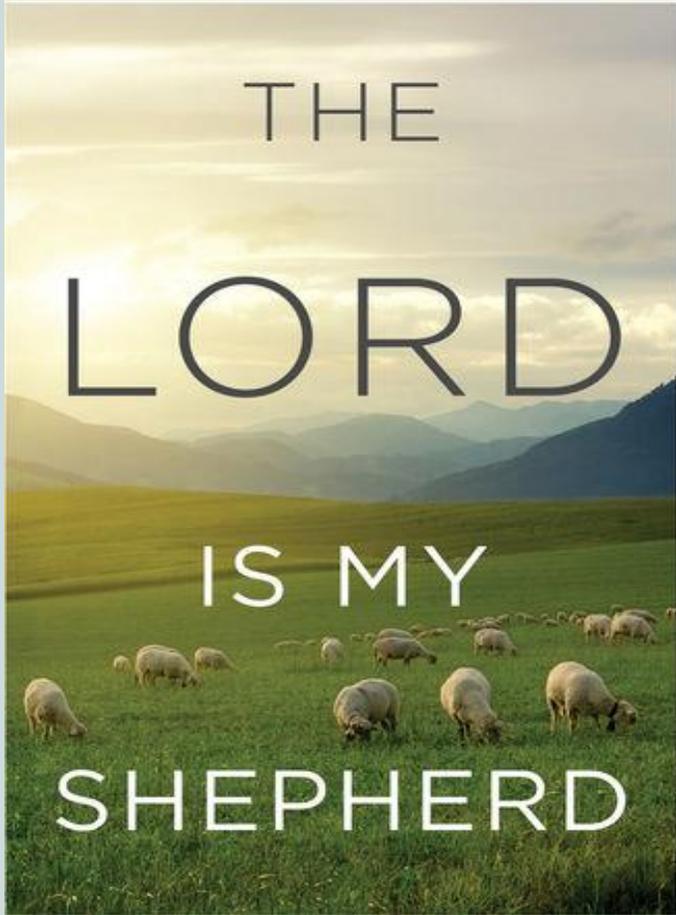
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- 5 Matthew Shaffer
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- 6 Matthew Weiss
- 8 Sandi Drown
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- 9 Reid Tonniges
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- 20 Charlotte Herrman
- 20 Doreen McDowell
- 27 Amy Leavy



Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The May newsletter deadline is April 26th at 12:00 pm.** Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at the church.

# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 MAUNDY THURSDAY 700 service	2 GOOD FRIDAY 700 service	3
4  EASTER 800 & 1030 In-Person	5	6 515 Education 545 Worship & Music	7 900 Bible Study 630 Worship	8 700 Council Meeting	9	10  1100 Rejoicing Spirits In-Person
11 9:30 In-Person Worship	12	13	14 900 Bible Study 630 Worship	15 930 Silver Needles Sew-In	16	17
18 9:30 In-Person Worship	19 600 Silver Needles	20 400 Page Turners	21 900 Bible Study 630 Worship	22	23	24
25 9:30 In-Person Worship	26 1200 Newsletter Deadline	27	28 900 Bible Study 630 Worship	29	30	
 <span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">for worship services always available!</span>						



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### Weekly Church Events

**Sunday Worship**

9:30 worship

**Wednesday morning**

9:00 Bible Study

**Wednesday Worship**

6:30 worship

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**Bell Director and  
Worship Accompanist:**  
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