



June 2020 Newsletter
Sponsored by
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IDENTITY THEFT
Pastor Sharon

Who are we as the church? Some have said we are closed and need to open again. But I have seen differently. Our building is not as active on Sunday mornings, yes. But you have been busy loving your families, teaching and learning on computer, working from home or going to work with new precautions in place. Some of you have been having personal devotions, or you have bought and delivered groceries to grandma and grandpa, or you have been in a birthday parade or a surprise graduation celebration! Others have supported local businesses and have had important phone calls with relatives and friends. Churches are still running food banks, making masks, raising funds for people in need! This is the church in action! At home and in the community!

Yes, we love our buildings, holy places that move us to worship with awe the God who created us. It is good for us to set time apart to come together as a community in Christ to hear God's Word and learn it, to sing and praise, to fellowship with each other, and to join in common prayer and the Sacraments! This is the church fueling up for our daily life, not only a building, but a movement! This camp song says it well:

Chorus: We are the church, the body of our Lord. We are all God's children and we have been restored.

The church is not a building, where people go to pray. It's not made out of sticks and stones and it's not made out of clay. Chorus

You can go to worship, but you cannot go to church. You can't find a building that's alive, no matter where you search. Chorus

The church is not a business, a committee, or a board. It's not a corporation for the business of the Lord. Chorus

The church it is the people, living out their lives, Called, enlightened, sanctified for the work of Jesus Christ! Chorus

The world tends to think of the church as a building! Yes, our buildings were closed, and many remain closed for a while for safety sake. But the people of God have not been closed down. We are serving and praying, forgiving, and building relationships, holding onto hope and God's presence in all that we say and do! Yes, you and I are the church, the body of our Lord! We can tell others that God is very present in these challenging times. That God promises to be with us and for us. No one can take this amazing love away!

Your identity, dear people of God, is not found in the color of your skin, in the political view you choose, in the amount of money or goods you store up, not even in your chosen denomination.

Your identity is given to you in your baptism. You are a beloved child of God, called and gifted by water and the Word. The Holy Spirit is alive in you, leading and directing you in a movement. You and I are set free to claim this identity every day and everywhere! May the Spirit send us forth to proclaim the Gospel news - God's sacrificial love is for every human and for all creation. Our message is, "You are loved, you matter; you are welcome!" Keep the faith, dear church!!!! Go, church, go! Softly, tenderly, and at times, with righteous indignation!!

We pray: Good and gracious God,

For all who have contracted coronavirus,

We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,

We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,

We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,

We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,

We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,

We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,

We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers,

We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Dear God, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.

Grant comfort.

Grant healing.

Be with us, Lord. Amen.

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Our Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Redeemer: Please remember Fay Rosenow, Ruth Bowers, Bob Alberg, Vian Kersten, and Randy Berndt and their families in your prayers. Lots of need for God's healing mercies....

Zion: Pray for Merlin Much, Raymond Dent, Maddux Berg and our homebound members.

If you or you know someone who is in need of prayer, call Pastor Sharon 715-507-0618 and we will add you to the prayer chain list.

Opening the Doors (5-23-20)

(From Pastor Sharon: This article is from a former pastor of 30 years who helped put into words some of my feelings during this past month as we considered if, when and how to come back to worship safely. I am so grateful for our worship committee and church councils who met together to discuss and listen to each other. We made incredibly important leadership decisions with your safety in mind. We are open to hear your concerns and encouragement as we adjust to this “new normal”. The highlighted portions are points I hope you all take to heart!)

(taken from philstout.com)

“First of all, for your pastor this is not a partisan political decision. As much as a real, serious, deadly global pandemic has been politicized in the US, your pastor is not opening the doors of the sanctuary based on the cable TV pundits.

Pastors study, plan, pray, preach, shepherd, counsel, administrate with your spiritual and emotional health in mind. And now they are asked to deal with your physical well-being. They are being asked to make decisions that, for many people they love, could be life or death decisions.

So, no, they’re not making this call with the 2020 election in mind.

And they’ve been listening, conferring and praying about this. None of my sisters and brothers who are leading churches are taking this lightly. No one is winging it.

I’m guessing that **most churches are going to take this slow**. Church buildings are not designed for social distancing. I was a part of three phases of building a church campus. Believe me, most of our discussions with architects revolved around how to maximize our space—how to allow for large numbers of children, youth and adults on a limited budget where every square foot felt overwhelmingly expensive. We discussed your seating space in inches, not in six-foot units.

Your church leaders don’t have the funds or the time to retrofit your church for the new reality. This is going to take time. Mistakes will be made. But your pastor is trying to make sure those mistakes are not fatal.

So, in my humble opinion, here are a few do’s and don’ts for the coming months...

1. Give your advice and opinion only when it is requested. Don’t send your pastor YouTube videos about “the real truth” of the pandemic. Don’t say, “Did you ever consider...” because, yes, they have. They’ve been talking to other religious leaders and to physicians. **They’ve been consulting with the lay leaders of your church, reading denominational directives, and asking God for guidance. They’ve been laying awake at night, praying for you.** Again, they’re not winging it.

2. When you return, do wear a face covering. (We are not requiring them, but highly encouraging them) Don't argue with the ushers at the door. Don't make this about your rights. Don't make snide remarks. Don't put weird slogans on your mask. **Just see it as an act of love and solidarity. You're protecting others.** If we can't do that in church, well...

3. **Be patient—incredibly patient**, more patient than you've ever been—with your fellow worshipers. That young mom, as amazing as she is, has no idea how to keep a face covering on a five-year-old. That young father doesn't know how to keep his toddler from snorting all over the place. That elderly person may feel panicked when she or he can't get big breaths through the mask, and may pull it off.

We're entering a new reality. It may be years before we share the eucharist in the manner we used to. We won't pass the peace like before. And it's going to take each one of us some time to adjust to this new world. So, be nice!

4. Remember that the decisions made by the leaders of the church cannot be specific to one demographic. One size does not fit all. So there may be policies put in place that make no sense to you. **But they do make sense to other people with other needs and challenges. This should be a time when the church really feels like a safe place. And it will take every one of us to make it so.**

5. And, of course, remember that you are responsible for you. No one is going to make you go back before you're ready. So if the timetable doesn't fit your preference, adjust for what is right for you and your family.

Your pastor is feeling incredible pressure. There were no classes in seminary about pandemic ministry. They've been using their creativity and working extra long and hard to try to keep you connected during social distancing. And now they have to make some very tough calls. Everyone has an opinion. But some people have to make decisions. You can make this a time when grace prevails in the darkest of days."

Thanks again for the leaders of our churches making these important decisions!!! We need your support and we welcome honest, caring conversations as well as your willingness to do what is good and right for the whole congregation. We, of all people, know the gift of being called to be the body of Christ! God help us. Grant us grace and mercy to value the gift of life and breath!

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
May 27, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Weisensel

Members present:

President: Dan Weisensel

Secretary: Deb Rieck Treasurer/WMA: Peggy Emmel

Education: Ann Hawley, Mary Peterson

Parish Life: Lois Anderson, Joy Hartleben, Karon Weisensel

Trustee: Paul Pehlke, Ryan Buntrock

Worship, Music, & Arts: Maribeth Netzler, Linda Evje

Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions by Pastor Sharon

Motion made by Mary Peterson, seconded by Maribeth Netzler, to approve the agenda.
Carried.

Council visitors: None

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$47,695.27 as of April 30, 2020. Of that amount, \$40,391.39 is non-budget, and the budget has a balance of \$7,303.88. Excess funds of \$35,000 was moved from checking into an investment account in April.

Motion by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Joy Hartleben, to approve the Treasurer's Report and the bills as presented to be paid. Carried.

The church has been able to cover bills during this pandemic thanks to parishioners still contributing during this time.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Has been recording and providing services on line.
- Continues to provide Pastoral support via phone calls and hospital visits.
- Is currently in the middle of a 2 week vacation where she is spending time cleaning and painting her new home in Weston.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parish Life

- If the WOW space has concerts this summer there will be no food sold there, so we no longer have to provide concessions in August.

Parish Education

- Confirmation camp canceled this summer. The 2 students that were going to attend will go next summer.
- VBS this summer still up in the air.
- Sunday school teachers will be returning this fall

Trustees

- Future projects:
 1. Additional lights to be placed in Lois' office area and kitchen
 2. Cemetery needs some attention
 3. Rock garden areas need weed spraying
 4. Gutters need cleaning
 5. Light at front of church needs to be replaced

Worship/Music/Arts

- Met to discuss and come up with a plan to reopen the church in June

OLD BUSINESS

- Arla renewed the CD
- Insurance quote came in lower than anticipated at a better rate
- Furnace committee has not met
- Due to community shut down office computers have not been purchased yet

NEW BUSINESS

Discussed and revised where necessary WMA's plan to reopen the church in June. Church will resume on June 7th with precautions and restrictions put in place.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, June 25 at 6:00pm.

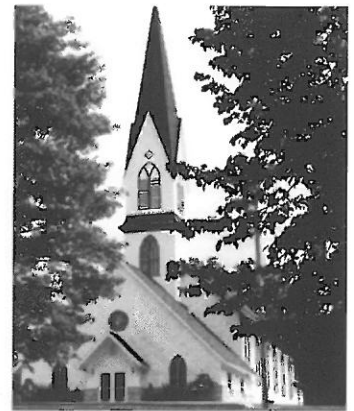
The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and prayer for current parishioners in need.

Motion made by Karon Weisensel, seconded by Paul Pehlke, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Rieck
Council Secretary

The Redeemer Church Council met on Wednesday, May 27, 2020. One of our agenda items was to look at a recommendation by the Redeemer Worship, Music and Arts Committee for moving forward with our worship together at Redeemer. After much discussion and input of ideas, we modified the plan the committee proposed.



We know that many are looking forward to worshipping together again, and we have decided to begin our worship at Redeemer on **June 7th at 10:30 am**. Although things may look a little different, it will be good to be able to be together.

During this difficult time we must all have patience and respect for one another and keep our social/physical distance to maintain a comfort level for everyone.

GUIDELINES WE ASK YOU TO FOLLOW:

Please follow Usher's directions.

Seating for each service will be clearly designated for members attending the service.

If you feel comfortable wearing a mask please do so, however masks will not be required.

Please do not gather before or after the service anywhere inside the Church. Enjoy fellowship outside at a safe distance.

We hope this temporary plan will be a small step towards whatever the future may look like in the coming months. We have tried to take precautions to ensure the safety of all of our members, however we realize everyone will need to assess their own situation and level of which they are comfortable to attend.

The Church would also like everyone to please carefully consider and be mindful of situations in which an individual has traveled outside the state. At times travel can inherently increase the risk of exposure based on current COVID 19 data unique to each state. If you feel that you or someone within your traveling party has been exposed, please take additional precautions at home and church as you see necessary.

Our Monetary Discipleship for May, 2020

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
5/3		\$ 1840			Newsletter \$60 Schlueter \$38 Compassion International	\$1938
5/10		\$1200				\$1200
5/17		\$ 2480			Newsletter \$60 Kersten	\$2540
5/24		\$750				\$750
5/31		Not Available	at time of	printing		
TOTAL		\$6270			\$158	\$6428

Offering envelopes are available in the wall rack near the main entrance door in the Gathering Space. Please use an envelope with your offering and **write your name and amount on the envelope** if you include cash. Using the envelopes insures you get credit for monies given to the church.

June Worship Assistants

Please sign up to assist with worship.

The sheets are on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Thank you.

Date	Usher	Reader
Sunday June 7	Dan & Karon Weisensel	Joy Hartleben
Sunday June 14		Lois Anderson
Sunday June 21		
Sunday June 28		



If anyone has artificial flowers they would like to donate,
please bring them to the church.
Worship, Music and Arts Committee

ALTAR GUILD:

January & February: Gail Koehler & Ruthie Olsen
March & April: Dianne Long & Kari Zeinert
May & June: Dave & Shirley Schmidt & Linda Evje
July: Lois Anderson & Nancy Pehlke August: Miriam Nelson
September: Peggy Hartleben & Peggy Emmel October: Deb Rieck
November & December: Lori Hartleben & Fay Rosenow

The duties include set up and clean-up of communion, changing the altar cloths (when needed) and watering the plants.

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Redeemer Prayer Chain

Please call anyone on this list with the name(s) of the person for whom you would like prayers. That person will call the next one on the list, etc. etc.

- 1) Lorna Alberg.....715-253-2721
- 2) Ruth Bowers.....715-253-2845
- 3) Ida Brekke.....715-253-2734
- 4) Audrey Hartleben.....715-253-2416
- 5) Gail Koehler.....715-253-6275
- 6) Faith Kristof.....715-253-2637
- 7) Lee and JoAnn Innerebner.....715-253-2200
- 8) Mary Netzler.....715-253-6290

- If you cannot reach the person on the list after your name, skip to the next person, please.
- If anyone else would like to be added to the prayer chain to pray for others in need, please let Pastor Sharon, Lois Anderson, or someone on the chain know.

Thank you everyone,
Worship, Music and Arts Committee

- Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen.....715-507-0618
Lois Anderson.....715-253-2603



Today's Readings

Day of Pentecost May 31, 2020

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 2:1-21

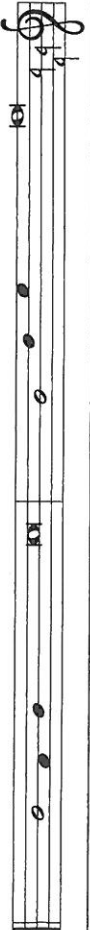
¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, and the stars shall fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

OR Numbers 11:24-30 [not printed]

Psalm



Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; tone 4

How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great. ²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it. ²⁷All of them look to you in due season. ²⁸You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. ²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. ³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. ³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works. ³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke. ³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. ³⁴May these words of mine please God. ^{35b}Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hal-lu-lu-jah!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 [not printed]

OR Acts 2:1-21 [see First Reading]

Gospel

John 20:19-23

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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they

OR John 7:37-39 [not printed]

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The Holy Trinity June 7, 2020

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Genesis 1:1—2:4a [not printed]

Psalm 8, tone 1



O ¹ Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name
in ¹ all the earth!—
² you whose glory
is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths
of in- ¹ fants and children;
you have set up a fortress
against your enemies,
to silence the foe
¹ and avenger.

³ When I consider your heavens,
the work ¹ of your fingers,
the moon and the stars
you have set ¹ in their courses,
⁴ what are mere mortals
that you should be mind- ¹ ful
of them,

⁵ Yet you have made them little
less ¹ than divine;
with glory and hon- ¹ or
you crown them.

⁶ You have made them rule over
the works ¹ of your hands;
you have put all things
un- ¹ der their feet:
⁷ all ¹ flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts
¹ of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air,
the fish ¹ of the sea,
and whatever passes
along the paths ¹ of the sea.

⁹ O ¹ Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name
in ¹ all the earth!

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet

one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.
¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go

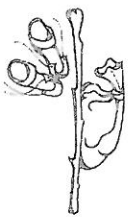
therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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Today's Readings

Sunday, June 14, 2020
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 19:2-8a

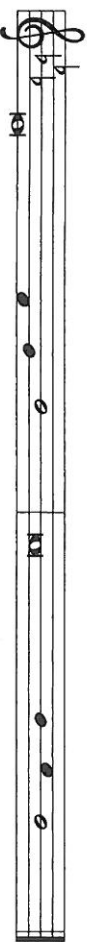
[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. ³Then Moses went up to God: the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant,

you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸"The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

Psalm

Psalm 100; tone 4



Make a joyful noise to the LORD,
I all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into God's presence! with a song.
³Know that the LORD is God,
our maker to whom I we belong;
we are God's people
and the sheep I of God's pasture.

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD
with thanksgiving
and the I courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's I holy name.
⁵Good indeed is the LORD,
whose steadfast love is I everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures
from I age to age.

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces hope, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because

Gospel

Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask into his harvest."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter; and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

TODAY'S READINGS June 14, 2020 (Lectionary 11)

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Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15]; 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39.

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Today's Readings

Sunday, June 21, 2020
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

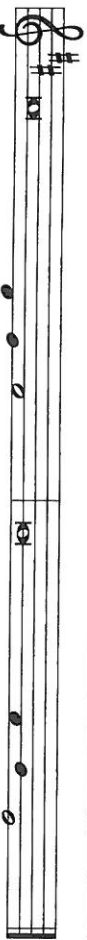
First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
91 If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a
burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
10 For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

Psalms

Psalms 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18; tone 10



Surely, for your sake
I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.
98 I have become a stranger
to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.
99 Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn
you has fallen upon me.
10 I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.
11 I put on sackcloth also,
and became a byword among them.

continued

12 Those who sit at the gate
murder against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.
13 But as for me, this is my prayer to you,
at the time you have mercy, O LORD:
"In your great mercy, O God,
answer me with your unfailing help.
14 Save me from the mire; do not
let me sink;
let me be rescued from
those who hate me
and out of the deep waters.

Psalms, continued
15 Let not the torrent of waters
wash over me,
neither let the deep swallow me up;
do not let the pit shut its
mouth upon me.]

Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
9 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know

Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!
25 "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. 27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.
32 "Everyone therefore who acknowledges

16 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, I turn to me.
17 Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me,
for I am in distress.
18 Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.

that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

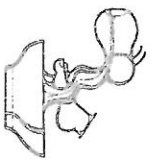
me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; 28 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.
34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.
35 For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household.
37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

TODAY'S READINGS June 21, 2020 (Lectionary 12)

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Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42.

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Today's Readings

Sunday, June 28, 2020
4th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

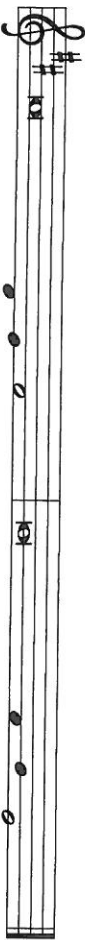
Jeremiah 28:5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this

word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Psalms

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18; tone 10



Your love, O LORD, forever I will I sing; from age to age my mouth will pro- I claim your faithfulness. ²For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- I lished forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly I in the heavens. ³I have made a covenant with my I chosen one; I have sworn an oath to Da- I vid my servant: ⁴I will establish your I line forever, and preserve your I throne for all I generations. ⁵

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the I festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light I of your presence. ¹⁶They rejoice daily I in your name; they are jubilant I in your righteousness. ¹⁷For you are the glory I of their strength, and by your favor our might I is exalted. ¹⁸Truly, our shield belongs I to the LORD; our king to the Holy I One of Israel.

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you

were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in

the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

⁴⁶I will establish your I line forever, and preserve your I throne for all I generations. ⁵

¹⁸Truly, our shield belongs I to the LORD; our king to the Holy I One of Israel.

TODAY'S READINGS June 28, 2020 (Lectionary 13)

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Next Sunday's Readings: Zachariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

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Lay Ministry School



Ann, Arla and Lois completed our first year of Lay Ministry School by utilizing the Zoom meeting room on computer in the months of April and May to complete our courses. All of us are amazed at the many new things we learned, and realize how the courses we took gave us a deeper understanding of what it is to be a Christian in today's world. We are excited to be continuing the Lay Ministry courses next year, and look forward to the new things we will discover.

With that said, we encourage others to take the journey with us. We discovered that there are some people who take one or two of the courses, according to their interests, rather than the entire course of study. There are two courses presented on Friday evening and two that are presented Saturday morning. Next year's courses include:

Introduction to the New Testament: The goals of this course are to gain a working knowledge of the content of the New Testament, a basic understanding of its socio-historical background and an awareness of how the New Testament came into being. The student will develop skills in reading biblical texts while exploring the various Gospel portrayals of Jesus. Students will use the knowledge to grow in confidence in proclaiming the Gospel to others. Students will also explore key theological concepts such as grace, justification, the theology of the cross and stewardship. The instructional method will encourage students to grow in love and excitement for the reading and study of the Bible.

Instructor: Dr. Ann Fritschel

Lutheran Confessions: What does it mean to be Lutheran? Is being Lutheran important or even relevant today? How do we fit in or contribute to the other forms of Christianity, other faith traditions, and to the secular world? The purpose of this course in the Lay School curriculum is twofold. One purpose is to more clearly establish who we are and what we believe as Lutherans. The other purpose is to understand the Lutheran Confessions as a call and guide to actively live our faith in love of the neighbor and as a shared action of the Christian community. Through your reading, conversation in class, and a variety of action steps you will be invited to do, you will come to know **The Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church** as a grounded, relevant and real-life guide for faith and life.

Instructor: Rev. Mark Ziemer

Church History: The intention of this course is to give students an overview of the Christian Church as it has traveled through history. It is easy to forget that we have twenty centuries of Christians who have lived, struggled, sometimes even fought and died, in the arms of the Church. In order to understand ourselves, it is important for us to understand how we got where we are. The course will take the form of reading, lectures, and question and answer sessions. Students will be expected to complete the assigned readings before class.

Instructor: Rev. Steve Gjerde

Faith and Spirituality: Students in the Faith and Spirituality class will use material to grow spiritual lives through balanced knowledge and experience of Christ's life and church traditions. Students will also be taught some spiritual practices from a spiritual direction program. The class will be lead through a spiritual practice and then break into small groups that will address the material for the month. The class will end with a short large-group discussion. Students will be required to have a prayer partner and to pray with them regularly, read the assigned chapters, answer questions from the workbook in a separate notebook, and choose an exercise to practice from that tradition. Instructor: Rev. Cheryl Davis

We wish to thank the Redeemer Congregation for the opportunity we were given to begin this journey. If you are interested in any of the courses, please let one of us know and we will help get you information on attending. It is very worthwhile, and will help you grow in your personal faith journey.

Ann Hawley, Arla Block and Lois Anderson

Happy Birthday!

Arianna Cismoski	6-3
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Kimberly Backes	6-6
Nicole Peterson	6-6
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Andy Peterson	6-9
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Miriam Nelson	6-23
Gail Koehler	6-28
Mary Mattes	6-30



Happy Anniversary!

Mike & Kim Gilbertson	6-3
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Ann & John Powers	6-29
Darwin & Betty Zeinert	6-30
Calon & Ann Hawley	6-30

June 14th is Flag Day



June 21st is Father's Day



And He shall be called....

Find as many names for "Jesus" as you can. They can be up, down, backwards and diagonal.

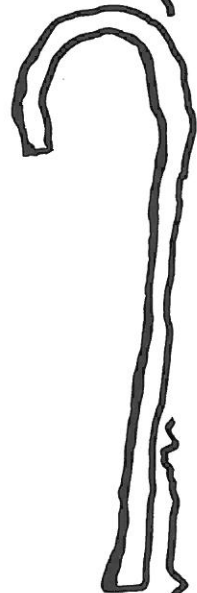
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| Savior | Lamb of God | Prince of Peace | |



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Father's Day

Church Council
6:00

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