



**OUR  
REDEEMER**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Quasimodo Geniti*

**Sunday, 7 April A+D 2024, 9:00 A.M.**

**Wednesday, 10 April 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?")

**Our Redeemer is a congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.  
To learn more about The LCMS, visit [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org).**

# News & Notes

**TICKETS FOR THIS YEAR'S LWML SPRING BANQUET** are now on sale for \$13 each. All ladies are invited and children 6 & under are free. This year's theme is "Recipe for Life."

**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!

**LADIES GUILD** will meet this Monday at 1:00 P.M.

**ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP REGISTRATION:** Registration for the Ark Encounter Trip, June 26-28, is now open. For more information on the trip (including how to register), there are handouts in the church entrance on the youth coffee counter. For questions see or email Dave McFarland, [damkrm@hotmail.com](mailto:damkrm@hotmail.com). Registration deadline is today, 3/31.

**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.

**SINGERS & MUSICIANS WANTED!** - Love to sing? Do you play an instrument? Come and join the Gsus Singers. Practice is every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 P.M. No commitment necessary. Join the fun!

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Easter II:** Our bodily life matters so much to God that He incarnated human flesh Himself. Even after accomplishing atonement by His body's brokenness, He did not discard it but inhabits it by resurrection as His eternal instrument (John 20:27). When we are physically suffering sin's consequences, our Savior's words of forgiveness breathe healing (John 20:21-23), and His ways of faith bring peace into our very bodies. *Lord Jesus, let me take hold of You by faith until Your wounded and resurrected body redeems my own. Amen.*

# Serving in God's House

## MUSIC

## ELDERS

## ALTAR GUILD

### Week of 4/7

Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Bradley Linsmeyer Jim Reed	Cindy Koller
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Cindy Koller

### Week of 4/14

Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen & Choir	Dana Bey Rob Kuhel	Sue Rochon
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Dana Bey	Sue Rochon

# This Week's Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (7)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Education Hour
Monday (8)	1:00 P.M.	Ladies' Guild
Tuesday (9)	9:00 A.M.	Circuit Pastors' Meeting at Amasa
Wednesday (10)	5:30 P.M.	Catechism Vespers
	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Thursday (11)	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
Friday (12)		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (13)		
Sunday (14)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Education Hour

# Attendance Report

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Thursday, 3/28, 7:00 P.M.	53	47
Friday, 3/29, 1:00 P.M.	55	N/A
Sunday, 3/31, 6:30 A.M.	33	22
Sunday, 3/31, 9:00 A.M.	175	118
Wednesday, 4/3, 7:00 P.M.	4	4



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

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING***Ezekiel 37:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.'

<sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

**EPISTLE***1 John 5:4-10*

<sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. <sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE***LSB 190; Matthew 28:7b; John 20:26a, c*

Alleluia. He has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee. Alleluia. Eight days later Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL***John 20:19-31*

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And 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 anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed."

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

*Sit***NICENE CREED***LSB 191***HYMN OF THE DAY***"O Sons and Daughters of the King" LSB 471***SERMON***"Jesus Breathes Life into His Church" John 20:19-31**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

<b>PREFACE</b>	LSB 194
<b>SANCTUS</b>	LSB 195
<b>LORD'S PRAYER</b>	LSB 196
<b>THE WORDS OF OUR LORD</b>	LSB 197
<b>PAX DOMINI</b>	LSB 197
<b>AGNUS DEI</b>	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**

*"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" LSB 636*  
*"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" LSB 474*  
*"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637*

*Stand*

<b>NUNC DIMITTIS</b>	LSB 199
<b>THANKSGIVING</b>	LSB 200
<b>SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS</b>	LSB 201
<b>BENEDICTION</b>	LSB 202
<b>HYMN TO DEPART</b>	<i>"This Joyful Eastertide" LSB 482</i>

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