



**Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026 8am & 10:15am
The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Ramsey, New Jersey**

PRELUDE

Union Seminary

Manz

WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

**You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,**

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ✠ Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG ELW 361

GREETING

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

GLORIA ELW p. 139 S139

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

A reading from Acts.

⁶ When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35



Psalm 68:4

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- ¹ Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.
- ² **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
- ³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.
- ⁴ **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**
- ⁵ In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;
- ⁶ **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**
- ⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
- ⁸ **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God,
the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- ⁹ You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.
- ¹⁰ **Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
- ³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.
- ³³ **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**
- ³⁴ Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

**³⁵ How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God! R**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from Peter.

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, ELW p. 142, S142a

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you

gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 640

NICENE CREED

A: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world,
let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire
musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful
God,

receive our prayer.

Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and
animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have
made. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders,
business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace
and equity. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships.
Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory
loss and their families, and heal the sick. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those
experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new
employment and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

SOLO:

Agnus Dei Bizet
Elizabeth Cantu, Soprano

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Creator God,

**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us by your grace with the gifts of the earth
and our labor, that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,

Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,

and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW 376

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Westminster Abbey

Manz



MISSION STATEMENT

We dedicate ourselves to nurturing the awareness of God's presence in our world, and to sharing our blessings with others.

REDEEMER STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Michael C. Linderman, Pastor

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Today, we thank **Carol Dunbar**, the Worship Assistant at our 10:15am service and **Don Schreeck**, our Worship Leader at both services, for leading us in worship and preaching the sermon, while Pastor Linderman is away.

- **In Person Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 10am
- **Youth Group** will meet today, May 17, 7pm-9pm
- **Affirmation of Baptism for our confirmands** on Sunday, May 31 at 10:15 service
- **You can now sign up for Vacation Bible School 2026!** August 3-7. Click the link here to register. <https://www.redeemerramsey.org/vbs-2025.html>

Our **Church Constitution update** process is underway. Interested members can compare the 2015 and 2026 (proposed) constitutions by contacting the church office for a link to the Google Drive folder. There is also a hard copy of the two documents and accompanying explanation of proposed changes in a binder located in the church office. Questions? Please talk to Pastor Linderman or Sharon Hearn, Council President.

WE ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA! Please Like/Follow us on our Facebook Page (“The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Ramsey, NJ”) and Instagram (“redeemedramseynj”) to hear about upcoming events and receive inspiration.

Social Ministry offerings for May go to Center for Food Action.

Give your OFFERING online at...

<https://www.redeemerramsey.org/give-now.html> or use the QR code.

Automatic weekly or monthly offering from a bank account or credit card can be set up by using the “Give Now” function on our website and choosing the “Recurring Giving” checkbox. Or mail your check to the church office as well.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone.” 1 Timothy 2:1

For the families of Brenda	Dawn	Landon	RJ
Dexter, Stephanie York,	Debra Wright	Wilson	Royce Family
Eugene Tedeschi, Cliff	Dee Duncan	Larry	Sarah
Stevens, & Joseph	Elaine	Laura	Sheri & Joe Roddy
Macchione	Eliana	Leo	Shirley H.
Al Boehm	Elizabeth Ernst*	Lily	Sheryl Van Duzer
Alice Kohler	Ellen Joyce	Linda	Sophie
Aliece	Emily	Linda Conboy-	Spoerl Family
Allen Bron	Emma	Schall	Susan Turner & family
Alvin	Eric	Lio Ortega	Travis Knyfd
Andrea	Gail	Lois Berger	Wendy
Angela LaPenna	Gary H	Lola Scala	Wendy C.
Ann Slingland	Ginny	Luciana	Zach Alfi
Anne Mae Estep	Griffin	Lynn*	
Ashley	Grundy Family	Maddie	Our sister congregation,
Ashlin Klev	Gus Hess	Mariann M	St. Stephan’s Grace
Audrey Maune	Hans Kleipool	Marika	Community;
Barbara	Hannah	Mary Certoma	
Ben	Iranice	MaryJane	Daudi Msseemmaa and
Betsy	Irene*	Matt Arco	his wife Kellen (our
Betty Dicker	Jackie	Family	ELCA missionaries in
Beverly Klingler	James Redfield	Matthew	East Africa)
Brenda Morelock	Jan Greten	Maureen	
Brianna	Jane	Kopinski	<i>To add or remove a</i>
Bob Sheldon	Jane Donlon	Melina	<i>name from the prayer</i>
Burri Family	Jared Guarino	Michelle	<i>list, please call or email</i>
Candice	Jeanne Candal	Owens	<i>the church office. Your</i>
Caro & Jack Kaiser	Jeannie Sarreshtedari	Michelle	<i>devotion in praying for</i>
Carl	Jenn Lattera	Miles Lagstein	<i>people listed is sincerely</i>
Carol Genovese	Jill Rasmussen	Nancy Kaiser	<i>appreciated. (“*”</i>
Carol H	Joan B.	Nora S.	<i>denotes a homebound</i>
Carol Pope	Joan Piercy*	Norman Duprez	<i>member</i>
Carol Weber	Julie Spreen	Pat	
Caroline Featherstone	June	Patricia	
Caroline K	Jurgen Gustowarow	Peter Johnson	
Charles Genovese	Karl Rasmussen	Priti Patel	
Cheryl Ruocco	Kate	Rachel	
Christopher Daniel	Kathryn	Antorino	
Christy	Ken Young	Richard &	
Cindy DeYoung	Kim Daehnke	Barbara	
Cole	Kimberly	Strazdus	
Cyndi Crean	Kimmie		
Dave	Krista Kyle		
David Atwood	Kristen		

Music Document
Seventh Sunday of Easter
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Gathering Hymn ELW 361

The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

Gloria

Assisting minister




Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.


All




Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.




Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,




you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;




you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Hymn of the Day ELW 640

Our Father, by Whose Name



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known,
2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty



in love di - vine you claim each fam - 'ly as your own.
with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come:
and teach us how to find the love from self set free;



Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as
our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -
in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by



sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.
hold your face and, know - ing you, may grow in grace.
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards, 1806–1885

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Sending Hymn ELW 434

Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793