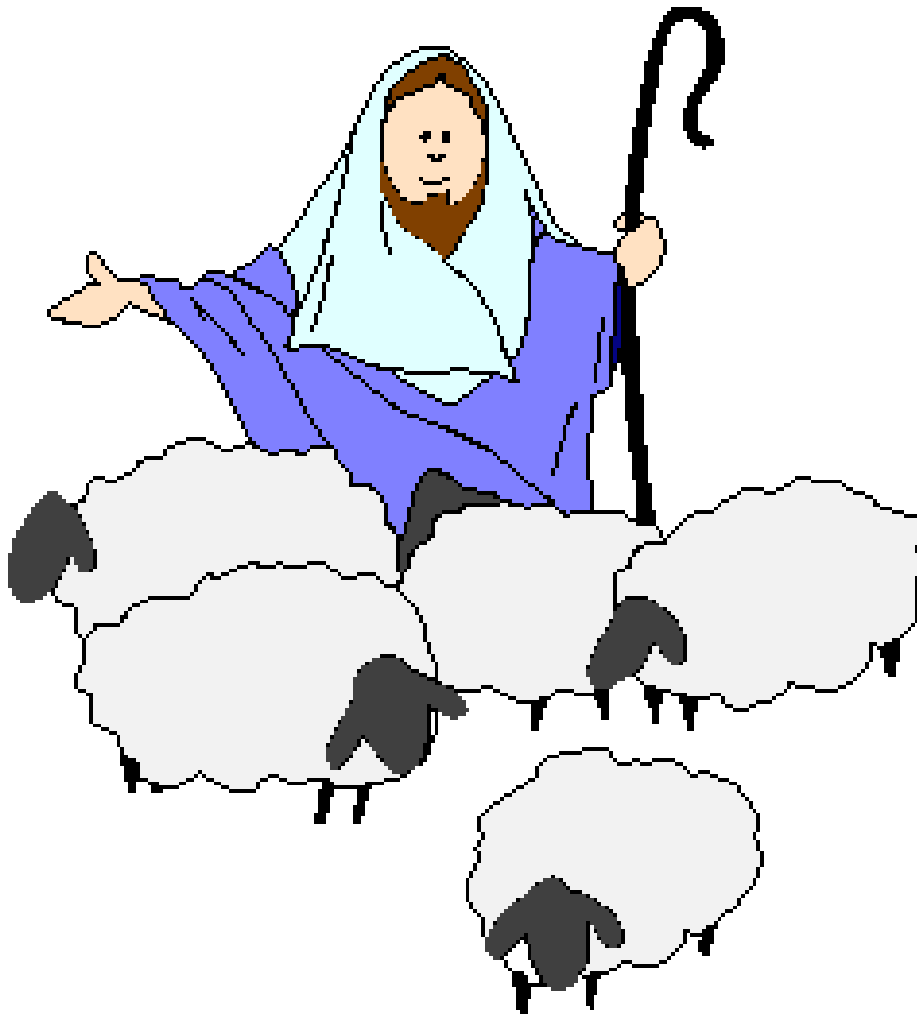


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***Celebration, Worship, and Communion Service
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023***

PRELUDE

played by organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

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“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

C **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C **God of grace and glory, you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and + frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

INTRODUCTION

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

The First Lesson is from Acts chapter 2 verses 42-47

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 23

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The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

The Second Lesson is from 1 Peter chapter 2 verses 19-25

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

The Gospel Lesson is from John chapter 10 verses 1-10

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Lisa Rotchford

“The Lord, Our Shepherd, Open the Gate to Join Him”

CHOIR ANTHEM

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

APOSTLES' CREED

L I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L ... Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

Communion Distribution (The Congregation is invited to come forward by the ushers to receive Communion. If you are unable to come to the altar, Communion will be brought to you in the pew. All baptized and believing Christians are invited to the table. Anyone with any questions can speak to the Pastor. The inside circle of glasses contains white grape juice.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

C Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

played by organist



Pastor: Rev. Lisa Rotchford, (714) 833-7332

Organist: Sharon Heck

Flowers are given by: *No Requests.*

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

President: Pastor Lisa Rotchford

Communion Assistant Carmen Leslie

Reader / Prayer Leader: Beverly Anderson

Financial Team: Wendy Alfageme and Phyllis Mackey

THIS WEEK

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Communion Service

Redeemer Finance: April Offering through April 23, 2023

Budgeted Monthly Expense \$8,341.00

Offering \$6,204.12

Needed to meet April's expenses \$2,136.88

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kathy, Wendy, Dena, Nancy, Shirlene, Jerry, Dondi, Carol, Mickey, Evelyn, Christa, Alice, Barbara, Cedric, Lynda, Lucy, Karen, Raymond, Bernice, Richard, Al, Brian, George, Rose, Ken, Sandra, Julia, Carmen, Betty, Nancy, Phyllis, Sue, Sylvia, Gilbert, Florence, Erich, Leslie, Linda, Veronica, Kay, Violet, Linda, Ron, Lisa, Barbara, Violet, Joan, Edith, Anita, Evelyn, Maria, Tee, Juanita, Joan, Linda, Dee, Clarence, Debbie, Bruce, Alma, Martha, Collette, Robert, Laura, Jim, Loretta, Patricia, William, Lorna, M. Teresa, Joan, Mike, Anne, Lynn, Mike, Ethan, Kurt, Brinly, McCall, Kathy, Nayleen, Nicole, Donald, Maria, Andy, Owen, Tom, Anastasia, Claire, Maeve, Fran, Chris, Kyle, Michele, Bill, Wes, Sam, Kolt, Midge, Maeve, Brigid, and Joanna. *Please pray for our Bishop David Nagler, the victims of the Ukrainian crisis, and victims and families of all violence and natural disasters.*

Please pray for this congregation as we continue to celebrate our 60th year anniversary. We will be having a special celebration on October 15 for our anniversary.

Please contact the church to add people to the prayer list.

Gracious God, none who trust in your Son can be separated from your love. Give to those who live alone peace and contentment in their solitude, hope and fulfillment in their love of you, and joy and companionship in their relations with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHURCH COUNCIL

President Jerry Brady, **Vice-President** Carl Keene, **Secretary** Nancy Anderson, **Treasurer** Phyllis Mackey, **Finance Chair** Kay Pushman
Members at Large: Wendy Alfageme, Sandy Langdale, Carmen Leslie, Betty Lucero, Sylvia Makus, and Anne Walshe

Announcements

- ✝ Welcome everyone this morning, and especially to our guests and visitors! Thank you for joining us.
- ✝ We are meeting on **May 8th at 10:30 at the church** to discuss the 60th anniversary celebration and set up different committees. The celebration will be October 15, 2023. If you are interested in working on this committee to help plan, please join us!
- ✝ We have received word that Dena Anderson has been moved to a Board and Care Facility where she can have visitors. Legacy Senior Living 19892 Potomac Lane, Huntington Beach. (714) 916-0629 [facility] cell (707) 322-6787. Her daughter is also home from the hospital. Prayers of healing and thanksgiving continue.
- ✝ If you are interested in formally joining Redeemer Lutheran Church, please speak with Pastor Lisa. She is starting to plan for an orientation class and a welcome service for new members.
- ✝ In the back of the Annual Report, there is a list of Opportunities for Service that we are asking you to fill out and return. Extra sheets are in the entryway. It can be mailed to the office or turned in on Sundays in the offering plate. Stewardship is not only about money. Stewardship is also about sharing your time and talents in the service of others and the church. Please consider prayerfully how you can make the Kingdom of God present here.
- ✝ The Flower Chart is available for sign-ups in the entryway. One bouquet is \$15.00. Both are \$30.00. Please include any dedication for your flower request when signing up or include a note beforehand if there is a dedication.
- ✝ We thank those who have continued to wear their masks and want everyone to know that masks are available at the entrance of the Church. We do **HIGHLY** recommend continuing masking, especially with the numbers recently increasing specifically in Leisure World. As we are the most vulnerable population and we have many within the

congregation that are immunocompromised, Staff will continue masking with everyone's safety in mind. Those who elect to wear masks, should do so freely. It is the expectation that individual preferences be respected and supported for either choice with no justification required.

✝ Our current newsletter, if you want a printed copy, is available in the entryway. It is available online our website at: www.redeemerasealbeach.com. It is sent out via email, if we have your email address. If you are not receiving it, please let us know so we can confirm your address in our system.

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