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***Celebration, Worship, and Communion Service
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Memorial Moment for Pastor Lynda Elmer
May 21, 2023***

PRELUDE

played by organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

LBW [Green Book] # 532

“How great Thou Art”

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 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

INTRODUCTION

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

The First Lesson is from Acts chapter 1 verses 6-14

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

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Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)

The Second Lesson is from 1 Peter chapter 4 verses 12-14; 5:6-11

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

The Gospel Lesson is from John chapter 17 verses 1-11

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Lisa Rotchford

“At One with God”

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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.

MEMORIAL MOMENT FOR PASTOR LYNDA ELMER

Remembering Her Mother

Carolyn Grayson

Remembrance Solo

"Amazing Grace"

Marcia Gehris

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

LBW [Green Book] # 377

“Lift High the Cross”

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: *Cedric Elmer in Memory of Pastor Lynda Elmer.*

Special Bouquet from Edgewater Skilled Nursing Center in Long Beach, CA

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

President: Pastor Lisa Rotchford

Communion Assistant Carmen Leslie

Reader / Prayer Leader: Margo Geesing

Financial Team: Wendy Alfageme and Sylvia Makus

THIS WEEK

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

Redeemer Finance: April Offering through May 14, 2023

Budgeted Monthly Expense \$8,341.00

Offering \$3,641.00 [May 7 actual] \$9,400.00*

Needed to meet May's expenses \$4,700.00

Please note that the \$9,400.00 offering for May 7 includes a **YEARLY gift of \$7,000.00 which will be used throughout the year.*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kathy, Wendy, Dena, Nancy, Shirlene, Jerry, Dondi, Carol, Mickey, Evelyn, Christa, Alice, Barbara, Cedric, 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, Joanna, and Jessica. *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.
- ✝ There will be a Memorial Moment for Pastor Lynda Elmer today. The family invites you to join them for light refreshments in the Conference Room and Outdoor Cross Chapel. Carolyn is providing the sandwiches from Panera Bread and foods. There will also be a slide show / video of Lynda Elmer showing in the Sanctuary. If you wish to share a memory of Lynda, you will be able to at this time.
- ✝ Cedric Elmer wishes to thank all who sent me prayers, sympathy cards and e-mails relating to Lynda's passing on April 15th. And for your attendance and sharing of memories at her Celebration of Life Memorial today.
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ 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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