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Message from the Interim Pastor:

“He Is Risen”

Dear Members and Friends of Redeemer and St. Theodore of Canterbury,

Saint Luke tells us toward the end of his Gospel that when some women came to the garden tomb early on Sunday morning to anoint the crucified body of Jesus, two men in dazzling white garments asked them,

“Why do you seek the living in this place from the dead? He is not here. He is risen.”

Starting on March 5th, Ash Wednesday we have been on a Lenten journey with Jesus that led him to Jerusalem, to Calvary Hill, to a cross, and to the sacrifice he made for the sake of the world. That story of grace and love now brings us to the celebrations of resurrection joy and wonder on Easter, April 20th. However, between now and then, the journey with Jesus continues as we join the throngs shouting “Hosanna” on Palm Sunday (April 13), the day Jesus entered Jerusalem. Then on Maundy Thursday of that Holy Week, (April 17th), we go with him to the upper room to receive the Last Supper, the sacrament of Holy Communion. The next day, Good Friday, (April 18th) we will go with our Lord to his humiliations first before the High Priests; then the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate; and the cruel king, Herod Antipas, all of whom decided he should be sacrificed on Calvary Hill. Our creed says, “for our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.” Three days later, Easter morning, (April 20th) we will go to the tomb with the women and hear the most amazing news the world has ever heard.

Everyone who is reading this page is invited to take that journey with us this month as we gather to worship, sing, pray, and read the sacred stories. These are solemn, holy, and also joy-filled days, some of the highest moments in the Christian calendar. Please join us! Bring a neighbor or friend. A pilgrimage with Jesus to the cross, to a grave, and from an empty tomb assures us over and over again of God’s love and grace, forgiveness and compassion, eternal promises and new life.

Below is the April schedule that will bring us together at Redeemer Lutheran/St. Theodore Episcopal Church. All the services will be at 10:30 a.m. The sermon titles are also listed.

April 6 th	The Fifth Sunday of Lent	<i>“An Extravagant Gift from A Beloved Friend”</i>
April 13 th	Palm Sunday	<i>“How Can I Keep from Singing?”</i>
April 17 th	Maundy Thursday	<i>“A New Commandment”</i>
April 18 th	Good Friday	<i>“It is Finished”</i>
April 20 th	Easter Sunday	<i>“Where We Find New Life and Hope”</i>
April 27 th	Second Sunday of Easter	<i>“Seeing and Believing”</i>

All are always welcome. May these be holy days, filled with the presence and promise of God's abounding love,

+Pastor Murray D. Finck
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