



April 26, 2026 ~ 8:30am

REDEEMER BY THE SEA ~ "A PLACE TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN"

We are honored to recognize our niche in God's Kingdom work. Here we will faithfully worship and teach in alignment with God's Word and we're a small enough fellowship where you can know and be known by most of the people around you if that's your desire. Here you will be missed if you're gone and prayed for when you have needs. You are welcome to contact the office (office@redeemerbythesea.org or by text: 760-431-6567). Prayer requests can be emailed to: prayers@redeemerbythesea.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org

April 26th	12:30pm	Together in the Mission of Christ
May 2nd	9:00am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
May 10th	9:45am	One Worship Service
	10:45am	Mother's Day Festivities
May 12th	9:30am	LWM Business Meeting
	10:30am	RBTS Kindergarten Sing and Cookie Decorating
May 15th	5:30pm	Women's Friday Fellowship
June 21st	9:45am	One Worship Service – Father's Day

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"To Your Temple, Lord I Come"

LSB 981



1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it
2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through
3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my
5 While I lis - ten to Your Law, Fill my



is my wor - ship home. This earth has no
Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,
lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful
soul with hum - ble awe Till Your Gos - pel



bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.
give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.
soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.
bring to me Life and im - mor - tal - i - ty.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt. Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt. Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for further personal reflection and specific confession)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

Pastor: For you who believe and trust that Jesus is God and Savior, through Him and for His sake God has heard our prayer. The Father sent His Son into our world, to die for us and to rise again that we may have new life. As a called and ordained servant of the word, and at the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: O God, Your Son is the Shepherd of Your people. Grant that, when we hear His call, we will know His voice and follow where He leads; who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:42–47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common.⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19–25

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God.²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1–10

Pastor: The Gospel reading today comes from John chapter 10.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said] “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And



Please be near me to the end. _____
I will love You to the end. _____

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MESSAGE "REVERSE THE CURSE: Thorns and Thistles" *Pastor Eli Thomas*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: *(concluding each petition)* Lord, in Your mercy:

People: **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

LSB 770



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–86 Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918 Text and tune: Public domain

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord;

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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OFFERINGS: *Visitors: please consider yourselves our guests and do not feel obligated to participate in the offering.* In

faithful obedience and joyful response to God's grace in our lives, we humbly and gratefully bring our tithes (a regular first portion percentage of our income) and offerings (gifts over and above our tithes for other kingdom work). You may deposit your envelope, check, or cash in the box next to the exit; give online with your phone using the QR code at right, or text "GIVE" to 442-222-2448. All of these options are on our website:



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LLL SUNSHINE ZONE PRESENTS "TOGETHER IN THE MISSION OF CHRIST": Join us Sun. April 26th from 12:30-3:00pm in Redeemer's Fellowship Hall, for an inspiring afternoon of people sharing faith, hope, and love. You will hear how God is moving in His people to be ambassadors in San Diego County.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Sat. May 2nd at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP online and choose your optional breakfast from Panera then join us for a time of fellowship and a men's study.

MOTHER'S DAY AT REDEEMER: On **Sun. May 10th**, there will be **one worship service at 9:45am**. Stay after to enjoy the festivities: sandwiches & snacks, make your mom a bouquet, a bounce house for the kids, and complimentary family photos.

REDEEMER BY THE SEA KINDERGARTEN SING & COOKIE DECORATING: This yearly event will be on **Tues. May 10th at 10:30am** following the **9:30am LWM business meeting**. The children will come over to sing a few songs and then help them decorate a cookie. Join the fun in the Fellowship Hall!

WE ARE HIRING: Redeemer is seeking great candidates to join our team. If you have a heart for service and skills as a Nursery Worker, an Audio-Visual Technician or as an Organist, we'd love to hear from you. Interested? Send your resume and inquiry to HR@redeemerbythesea.org. Note: All employment positions at Redeemer require clearance via the LiveScan (background check) system.

RAINFOREST FALLS VBS coming this summer:

Kids will discover who God is and how much He loves them!

Registration is now open for **kids** and **volunteers!**

Dates: June 22-26th, 9am-12pm.

\$75/child (ages 4-9) for non Redeemer Church members.

\$25/child for Active Redeemer Sunday School children: use discount code emailed to you from Rhonda.

\$50/child (ages 10-11) for trainee - use discount Code VBSTRA at check out

Volunteers: once you register to volunteer online, you will receive an email with a discount code for your children.

Questions? Email Ms. Rhonda: **Missrhonda@redeemerbythesea.org**.

All registrations are non-refundable. Space is limited so register early.

ALL YOUTH GET TOGETHER: 25 youth participated from 4 other LCMS churches. We met at the beach and played volleyball, relaxed and had a bonfire with smores. It was a great time of community, fun, and new friendships—Stay tuned....more events to come.

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Notes
Thorns & Thistles
Reverse the Curse, part 3
Theme Text- Genesis 3:17-18

Romans 6:23 NIV ...for the wages of sin is _____

Death is _____ between two things

1. _____ separation
2. _____ separation
3. _____ separation
4. _____ separation
5. _____ separation

Sin brought _____

John 19:2 NIV- And the soldiers twisted together a _____ and put it on his head