



Lutheran Church of the
Redeemer

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The Holy Trinity
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Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Please stand as able.

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND GRATITUDE

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + One God now and forever.

C: Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise.

P: You called all life into being and took delight in what you had made.

C: God our Creator, we give you thanks.

P: You became incarnate for the sake of the world and loved us on the cross.

On the day of your glory, you were raised to bring us new life.

C: Christ our Lord, we give you thanks.

P: Your fiery Wind leads us and empowers us to spread the good news like wildfire.

C: Holy Spirit, we give you thanks

L: For the Gospel and those who work to preserve and share it...

C: Lord God, we thank you.

L: For faithful saints who build up the Church for the sake of the world...

C: Lord God, we thank you.

L: For all disciples including children, musicians, teachers, laborers and pastors...

C: Lord God, we thank you.

L: For the Church into which we have been called; for holy promises received through
Word and Sacrament; for our life together in faith...

C: We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

Greeting

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.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and Ever-living God, Eternal Three-in-One, keep us steadfast in faith, defend us in all adversity, and help us strive for justice, mercy and peace in your name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶ And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let

them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. ^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Psalm: Psalm 8

L: ¹ O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

C: ² you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

L: ³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

C: ⁴ what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

L: ⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

C: ⁶ You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

L: ⁷ all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

C: ⁸ the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

L: ⁹ O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

(after the reading)

L: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

The Holy Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew (28:16-20)

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

(after the reading)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

(time for reflection)

Please stand as able.

Hymn of the Day #412 (ELW hymnal)

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

The Apostles' Creed

A: God has made us his children through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come 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

Each petition ends:

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always. (*Feel free to "touch elbows" rather than shake hands, or greet from a distance.*)

C: And also with you.

The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

P: Peace be with you.

C: Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

Anthem

Cantate Domino Omnis Terra

(Parr)

Please stand as able.

Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table before us and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer *(to be sung)*
(see blue cards located in pew rack)

Please be seated.

Communion is by individual cups (in the main aisle). *All are invited to God's holy table where Christ has promised to be present offering eternal love and forgiveness. Children may come forward for communion or a blessing. We will bring communion to you if that is helpful. God is fully present in either the bread or wine alone, so feel free to just take one or the other if you prefer.*

Communion Hymns

- #705 (blue hymnal) *As the Grains of Wheat*
- #710 (blue hymnal) *One Bread, One Body*
- #711 (blue hymnal) *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*
- #370 (blue hymnal) *Father, We Thank You*

Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of Christ our Lord strengthen you in faith and keep you in his grace today and forever.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

Benediction

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ is with you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Offering of Financial Gifts *It is our faithful giving that enables the mission and ministries of this congregation to continue. A basket is located by the font for your offering. Thank you!*

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WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

Visitors: We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today. If this is your first visit, please pick up a visitor's packet from one of the tables in the narthex, and we hope you worship with us again.

FLOWERS The flowers on the altar are given today in loving memory of Hicks Goforth by Jane Bridges.

WELCA will meet in the fellowship hall Monday, June 8 @ 6:15 p.m. Corky Wells & Gail Broussard will present a program on Women of the Bible, and Sue Keller will provide refreshments. Hope to see you there. All women are welcome. If you'd like to join WELCA, please contact Marguerite Taylor at sallepooh@aol.com.

SUMMER SERVICE A reminder that beginning in June we will be "relaxing" worship a little. You are invited to dress comfortably (shorts allowed!). During the summer months we will enjoy worship that is less formal but still reverent and inspirational. Pastor Jeff and worship leaders will not robe. The worship service itself will remain the same, just without some of the formality. This is a common practice among Lutheran congregations. Summer is a great time to invite your friends to join us for worship.

THE LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION will meet on Sunday, June 21 at 7:30 am. They will not meet in July and August and will resume in September.

THE GEMS & MINERALS CLUB The Gems & Minerals Club will meet Monday, June 22 at 7 p.m. If you'd like to join, contact Sidney Craig at sidneycraig1@hotmail.com.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR The Chancel Choir meets each Wednesday at 7 p.m. If you'd like to join, contact Director of Music Ministries Darlene Cluff at decluff@gmail.com.

REDEEMER RINGERS The Redeemer Ringers meet each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. If you'd like to join, contact Director of Music Ministries Darlene Cluff at decluff@gmail.com.

THE FAITHFUL SERVANTS BIBLE STUDY group meets each Sunday and invites you to join them in the fellowship hall at 8:45 a.m. and the study begins at 9 a.m.

BLESSING BOX The Blessing Box is in constant need of canned goods (meat, fruits, and vegetables), and small jars of peanut butter & jelly. Please leave items under the table in the narthex. There are now two signs on the table in the narthex closest to the front door: basket on the left under the table is for the bagged food to be placed in the Blessing Box, and the basket under the table on the right side is for items to be dropped off.

ACOLYTE, CRUCIFER, LECTOR, WORSHIP ASSISTANT, COMM. ASSISTANT, & USHER SIGNUP we are so grateful to our weekly volunteers who help each Sunday. Signing up in advance assists the Church Office with pulling together materials and sending out readings to those individuals. Each position and member who help are integral to the success of each service.

JUNE NEWSLETTER The deadline for the June newsletter is Friday, May 29.

REDEEMER SEAMERS The Seamers will meet Saturday, June 13 & 27 at 10:00 a.m. Contact Dianne Marler at marlerdianne5@gmail.com for more information.

60th ANNIVERSARY TEAM ASSEMBLED Preparation for Redeemer's 60th anniversary in October is underway.

We give thanks to those in our congregation who have given faithful service this past year:

We are grateful for every member of Redeemer and especially for any contribution physically, prayerfully and monetarily. Please forgive us if we omitted anyone.

Church Council – Anita Bersticker, Jane Bridges, McKenzie Glover, Robbie Griffith, Sue Keller (Secretary), Mark Painter (Vice-President), Scott Wells (President), and Lydia Woody

Sanctuary Choir Members – Anita Bersticker, John Blough, Gail Broussard, Betty Cloninger, Lynn Glover, Brian Johnson, Sue Keller, Lynn Lifford, Jennifer Lindsay, Brent Messer, Jerry Seagle, David Stewart, Mike Woody, Ruth Vickery

Bell Choir Members – Barb Boesen, Betty Cloninger, Carole Johnson, Lynn Lifford, Lynn Glover, McKenzie Glover, Jennifer Lindsay, Lydia Woody, Sue Keller
With special thanks to Darlene Cluff (Choir Director)

Worship Assistants – Lynn Glover, Sue Keller, Jennifer Lindsay, Mark Painter, and Will Taylor

Livestream Coordinators – Art Lange, Stephen Keeble

Social Media Coordinator – Lydia Woody

Choir Support – Betty Cloninger and Lydia Woody

Dirty Hands – John Blough, Stephen Keeble, Brock Smith with support from Brian Biggerstaff

Tellers – James Barber, John and Kay Blough, Barb and Jennifer Boesen, Sabrina Messer, and George Rogers

Health and Healing/Visitation Team – Donna Marquardt and Corky Wells

Memorial Garden Team – James Barber, Sidney Craig, Jim Pressley, George Rogers

Office Volunteers – Bob Morris, Brock Smith, and Margaret Tedder

Redeemer Seamers – Mylitta Barrett, Linda Craig, Maureen Lange, Janet Laver, Dianne Marler, and Karen Rogers

Shared Blessings Ministry – Mylitta Barrett, Linda Craig, Maureen Lange, and Dianne Marler

Blessing Box Coordinator – Effie Rogers

Financial Team – Jack Finley, Tika Miller, Frank Taylor

Angel Tree Coordinator – Carolyn McGinnis

Card Ministry – Donna Marquardt, Corky Wells

Sunday School Teacher(s) – Frank Taylor, Steve Keeble

Property Team Leaders – James Barber and Chris Glover

Lay/Program Leaders – Marguerite Taylor (WELCA), Mark Painter and Stephen Keeble (LMM), Brock Smith (Ushers), Lydia Woody (Altar Guild), John & Kay Blough, Lydia Woody (Backpack Program), Donna Marquardt (Bereavement Meals), Betty Cloninger, and Donna Marquardt (Congregational Events)

Staff – David Beard, Brian Biggerstaff, Elizabeth Biggerstaff, Darlene Cluff, Liz Elkin, and Rev. Jeff Lindsay

Please remember in prayer the following:

Members of the congregation: Michele Boles, Gail Broussard, Russell Carey, Sidney Craig, Betsy Easter, Janice Gronstal, Joyce Hartsell, Sandi Henderson, Marge Hudson, Dan & Vera Huntsinger, Art Lange, Ann Lanier, Mary Lifford, Bill Luecken, Karl Miller, Louise Rabb, Walt Raffel, George Rogers, Jerry & Dana Seagle, Brock Smith, Lisa Swilley, Frank & Marguerite Taylor, Margaret Tedder, Brittany Thomas, Sharon Whitney, Mike Woody

Pray for relatives: Braxen Abercrombie (nephew of Lydia Woody), Myrna Greenman (mother of BJ Waelz), Chuck Greenman (brother of BJ Waelz), Steven Henson (son of Jan Henson), Jenna Keeble (niece of Steve Keeble), Jacob Ledwak (son of Michelle Boles), Addie McElveen (cousin of Jane Bridges), Sylvia Miller (mother of Karl Miller), Jeramiah Snyder (son of Lydia Woody), Zack Taylor (nephew of Frank Taylor)

Friends of the congregation: Rick Clanton, family of Steve Jacobs, Melvin Mullis, Darrell Posey, Lindsay Sain, Loretta Saunders, Amanda Sterne, Madelyn Ward, Barbara Whisonant, Elizabeth Williams

Those who are homebound: Vera Huntsinger, Ann Lanier, Bill & Ann Luecken, Louise Rabb, Helen Salsburg, John Salsburg, Margaret Tedder

Please be sure to let us know if you want someone added to the prayer list or when it is time to remove a name from the prayer list.

Rev. Jeff Lindsay

Worship assistant: Sue Keller

Crucifer: Steve Keeble

Lector: Scott Wells / **Live Stream:** Art Lange

Ushers: Chris Glover, Brock Smith, and Scott Wells

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Website: **www.redeemergastonia.org**