



# Redeemer Lutheran Church

I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

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May 2020

## *What More Could We Want?*

***Psalm 23:1 “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.”***

John D. Rockefeller was one of the richest men in the world. An interviewer once asked him, “How much money is enough?” Rockefeller replied, “Just a little bit more.”

How many times have we told ourselves that if we had “just a little bit more” we would be happy? A higher-paying job. A larger home. An earlier retirement. Better health. Successful children.

But what happens when those wants are met? Are people truly happy? And what happens when those wants aren’t met? When you find yourself unemployed. When in rough times your savings are depleted. When plans for better housing or earlier retirement have to be put on hold. When your health takes a turn for the worse or your children struggle in school. Where do you turn? Turn to Jesus and remember, “*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.*”

We might not have everything we want in life, but Jesus, our Good Shepherd, has truly given us everything we need. He’s given us His word. He’s given us His promises. He assures us that

our sins are forgiven and eternal life in heaven is ours through His death and resurrection.

He promises to provide for all of our physical and spiritual needs richly and abundantly here on earth until He takes us to the glorious home that He has prepared for us in heaven. There we will experience the fulfillment of His promise, “*You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand*” (Psalm 16:11).



Not long after his death, someone came up to the accountant of John D. Rockefeller and said, “We know Rockefeller was a very wealthy man. How much did he leave?” Without a moment’s hesitation, the accountant answered, “Everything!” A man who seemed to have it all was forced to leave it all behind in the end. The only

things that will go with us from this life to the next are the spiritual treasures that belong to us through faith in Jesus.

What do we want out of life? What we need the most has already been fully and freely supplied by Jesus, our Good Shepherd. So, what more could we want? What more could we need?

## Stay Home, Stay Safe

With the extension of the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order, it appears that we will not be able to meet together for worship at church until after May 15. When we are allowed to meet again, we will need to continue to be as safe as we can — maybe even with masks and social distancing. We pray that the Lord will soon make it so that we can worship again together. We will probably continue to live stream our services at that time for those who do not feel comfortable with gathering in church.

If we are allowed to worship on Sunday, May 17, we will need to clean the church on Saturday, May 16. We would use a bunch of volunteers to help dust, vacuum, etc., since no cleaning will have been done for nearly two months.

## Lord’s Blessings to You

We join these members of Redeemer in thanking God as they celebrate their birthday or wedding anniversary.

- 05 – Charlie & Christina Claffey
- 10 – Rob & Stephanie Lintemuth
- 11 – Amy & Rick Brennick
- 15 – Amanda Cornell
- 15 – Daniel West
- 16 – Millie Sandelius
- 21 – Ann Graves
- 21 – Kaitlin Payne
- 23 – Polly Rampanelli
- 27 – Kelly & Karen Cushway
- 29 – Gary Raffel

May the Lord’s blessings continue to flow in your lives and homes as you live for Him. May His presence, love, and goodness be with you in another year of life and marriage.

## Upcoming Events

- May 16 - Church cleaning at 10 AM
- May 17 - Church Council at 8:30 AM

## Attendance & Offerings

<u>Service</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>BS</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>SS</u>
3/29		\$695.00			
4/5		\$1840.00			
4/12		\$2150.00			
4/19		\$2330.00			



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Come Worship With Us  
Sunday Mornings at 10:00 AM



“Your word is a  
lamp to my feet and  
a light for my path.”

Psalm 119:105

### Growing in the Word: Monthly Bible Reading Plan May 2020

<b>May 1</b> - Luke 21:1-24	<b>May 20</b> - Psalm 11, 12
<b>May 2</b> - Luke 21:25-38	<b>May 21</b> - Acts 1:1-11
<b>May 3</b> - Luke 22:1-13	<b>May 22</b> - Acts 1:12-26
<b>May 4</b> - Luke 22:14-30	<b>May 23</b> - Acts 2:1-13
<b>May 5</b> - Luke 22:31-46	<b>May 24</b> - Acts 2:14-36
<b>May 6</b> - Luke 22:47-62	<b>May 25</b> - Acts 2:37-47
<b>May 7</b> - Luke 22:63-23:12	<b>May 26</b> - Acts 3
<b>May 8</b> - Luke 23:13-25	<b>May 27</b> - Acts 4:1-31
<b>May 9</b> - Luke 23:26-43	<b>May 28</b> - Acts 4:32-5:16
<b>May 10</b> - Luke 23:44-56	<b>May 29</b> - Acts 5:17-42
<b>May 11</b> - Luke 24:1-12	<b>May 30</b> - Acts 6
<b>May 12</b> - Luke 24:13-35	<b>May 31</b> - Acts 7:1-43
<b>May 13</b> - Luke 24:36-53	
<b>May 14</b> - Psalm 1, 2	
<b>May 15</b> - Psalm 3, 4	
<b>May 16</b> - Psalm 5	
<b>May 17</b> - Psalm 6	
<b>May 18</b> - Psalm 7, 8	
<b>May 19</b> - Psalm 9, 10	