

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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May 04, 2025

The Third Sunday in Easter



Pastor: Rev. Brian Handrich

Music Director: Deborah O' Brien

Church Secretary: Melissa Moffett

Sunday Service at 11:00am

Zoom and podcast available on-line

Table Talk with Pastor every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

www.redeemernewton.net

Church Mouse

'Knowing Christ and making Christ known since 1954'

The Mission of Redeemer Lutheran Church is to reach the lost, comfort those in need, and build the body of Christ by proclaiming the truthfulness of God's word in love.

If you would like more information on reaching the lost and comfort those in need, please check us out at www.redeemernewton.net and follow us on Facebook [Redeemer Lutheran Church LCMS Newton NJ](#)

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 20:17-35-**Epistle Reading** Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel: John 10:22-29

The attendance for Sunday, April 27 was 42. Please make sure you fill in the attendance sheet so we can keep our records accurate. Financially supporting the many ministries here at Redeemer and seeing them thrive is a blessing. Please feel free to use our easy online giving for a one-time offering or a recurring donation. We have a direct link on our homepage <http://www.redeemernewton.net> or contact the church office for more information at 973-383-3945 Every small donation is a gift to us, thank you for your support!

The Mini-Mouse

To reach the REDEEMER PRAYER CHAIN call Joanne Naumowicz at 973-919-8144 (cell) 973-383-4793 (home) or Emilie Gewecke at 973-534-0127. All requests are confidential.

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Our president, Congress, and Supreme Court as they seek to govern, make their hearts and ears attentive to what pleases God so that they are doing what is right in His sight. For the men and women who serve our country now and, in the past, and for the sacrifices their families make so that we can all enjoy the blessing of freedom. Those struggling with physical afflictions, that they hear our prayers during their journey of healing. Please see Prayer Chain communication for current prayer requests.

God of 2nd Chances
May 4, 2025 – Easter 3C
Acts 9:1-19

They Devoted themselves to the Fellowship...:

As we gather:

- For what in life would you like a “do over”? (Please pick only 1)
- How is every day a “blank slate”?
- Is anyone “beyond redemption”?

Welcome and Invocation

AGPS – All God’s People Sing LSB – Lutheran Service Book
P&W Info for organist.

Opening Song: Break Through

(P&W 4 #217 p.174)

**Break through, break through all my doubts.
Break through, break through all my fears.
Break through, that I may worship You.**

**Break through, break through all my pain.
Break through, all my guilt and my shame.
Break through, like only you can do.**

*You are brighter than my darkest night
Stronger than my toughest fight.
Just one touch from You, my King, my friend,
and I’ll never be the same again.*

Repeat verses

Prayer of the Day

O God, who taught the whole world through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul, draw us, we pray, nearer to you through the example of him whose conversion we celebrate today, and so make us witnesses to your truth in the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

...and to the Apostles' teaching...

We Hear the Word of the Lord: Old Testament: Acts 9:1-19	Pew Bible page 1706
New Testament: Revelation 5:1-14	Pew Bible page 1918
Response: Seek Ye First	(AGPS 207)
Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19	Pew Bible page 1688
Statement of Faith: Nicene Creed	LSB back page
Sermon Song: I Lay my Sins on Jesus	LSB 606
Message: The Redemption of Anakin Skywalker	Acts & John

...and to Prayer...

P: Let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer is spoken together

To the breaking of bread...

The Words of Institution are spoken

Distribution in continuous fashion

Distribution Song: **Amazing Grace (my Chains are Gone)** (P&W 4 # 205 p.139)

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

***My chains are gone, I've been set free!
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.***

**The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

Chorus

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine.**

The Thanksgiving Prayer

The benediction is given

The announcements are made

Closing Song: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB 643

Common Doxology

Dismissal



Next week's Readers

Emilie Gewecke: Acts 20:17-35

Glenn Hofmann: Revelation 7:9-17



Women's Bible Study Tuesdays @7pm on Zoom.

The current study is to learn more about what God's word says about the words we speak. Please contact the office if you have any questions and add your email to our Zoom meeting list.

Zoom Table Talk with Pastor Wednesday nights, 7PM during the Lenten season.



Adult Bible Study: Please join us at 10am before Sunday worship for Adult Bible study held in the conference room off the office.

Zoom Table Talk with Pastor has resumed on Wednesday nights at 7pm. The topic is The Eternal City A study of Jerusalem.

Manna House Spaghetti Dinner Tuesday, May 13: Manna House will hold its monthly spaghetti dinner from 5-6:30pm. at the First Presbyterian Church of Newton, entrance in back.

Dinner includes Spaghetti, salad, bread & cookies. Adults \$5, Children 5-12 \$3, Children under 5 FREE.

Senior Luncheon 12pm: Come join us for a garden party. Learn about various flowers and enjoy some sandwiches (will be supplied). Please bring any side dishes and dessert to go with the sandwiches There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office.



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Vacation Bible School (VBS) Vacation Bible School will be July 15-19. The Theme is True North trusting Jesus in a Wild World.

Volunteers are needed. Please see Krista Geisendorfer for more information.

Fire Pit Fellowship: The date for our next Fire Pit gathering has not been determined. Please follow announcements for the next upcoming gathering.

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Thursday, May 01		National Day of Prayer
Sunday May 04	10:00am	Sunday Sch/Adult Bible Study
	11:00	Worship Service
Tuesday, 06	7pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday, 07	7pm	Zoom Table Talk w/Pastor
Thursday, 08	7pm	Ministry Board Meeting (Zoom)
Sunday May 11	10am	Sunday Sch/Adult Bible Study
	11am	Worship service
Tuesday May 13	5-6:30pm	Manna House Spaghetti Dinner
	7pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday May 14	7pm	Zoom Table Talk w/Pastor
Friday, May 16	12pm	Senior Luncheon



Prayer List for Those in The Armed Forces



Daniel Gewecke *Serving in the army and stationed at Fort Drum, NY (Grandson of Gus and Emilie Gewecke)*

Joey Bickhardt *Serving in the army and deployed to Syria..*