



Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

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11 AM Worship Hour for April 28th, 2024



A member of Lutheran Church Canada
Offering plate located at the side aisle.
Please remember that this is a NO SCENT ZONE

DIVINE SERVICE, Setting One -(LSB pp 151ff) Fifth Sunday in Easter

Prelude

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Opening Hymn – #701 – Draw Us to Thee

- 1 Draw us to Thee,
 For then shall we
Walk in Thy steps forever
 And hasten on
 Where Thou art gone
To be with Thee, dear Savior.

- 2 Draw us to Thee,
 Lord, lovingly;
Let us depart with gladness
 That we may be
 Forever free
From sorrow, grief, and sadness.

- 3 Draw us to Thee;
 O grant that we
May walk the road to heaven!
 Direct our way

Lest we should stray
And from Thy paths be driven.

4 Draw us to Thee
That also we
Thy heav'nly bliss inherit
And ever dwell
Where sin and hell
No more can vex our spirit.

5 Draw us to Thee
Unceasingly,
Into Thy kingdom take us;
Let us fore'er
Thy glory share,
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

Invocation – page 151

Confession of Sins & Absolution – page 151

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit – Psalm 150 (spoken responsively)

Kyrie – pages 152-153

Hymn of Praise ('This Is the Feast') – page 155

Salutation & Collect of the Day – page 156

First Reading

Acts 8:26–40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the

eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Epistle

1 John 4:1–11

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Alleluia and Verse – page 156

Holy Gospel – John 15:1–8

[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Hymn of the Day – #707 - Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
 To keep His statutes still!
 Oh, that my God would grant me grace
 To know and do His will!

- 2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word
 And make my heart sincere;
 Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
 But keep my conscience clear.

- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way,
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.
- 4 Make me to walk in Thy commands—
'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed – page 159

Prayer of the Church (after each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy; C: HEAR OUR PRAYER.)

Offertory – pages 159-160

Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn – #704 – Renew Me, O Eternal Light

- 1 Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from Your holy face.

- 2 Remove the pow'r of sin from me
And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will
Temptations of the flesh to still.

- 3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire,
And with new life my soul inspire.

- 4 Grant that I only You may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face,
O Light eternal, through Your grace.

Postlude

Redeemer Reporter

The funeral for Brent Shurvell will be held at Chapel Lawn Funeral Home on May 2nd at 2 pm. Members are invited to attend.

Pastor Manning has accepted our Call! It will be some months before he and family arrive in Canada. More information will be shared once we know it. In the meantime please keep the members of Naracoorte Australia in your prayers as they begin the Call process.

Pastor Schnarr would like to encourage anyone needing Pastoral Care or encouragement to reach out to him via phone, text or email! He can be reached at 204-997-7392 (call/text) or at pastor@beautifulsavior.ca.

In Our Prayers

We pray for the family of Brent Shurvell following his passing.

We pray for Tim Lach as he recovers from a recent surgery.

We pray for Fran Moore's grandson Hudson who is struggling with health concerns, as well as for peace and support for his family.

We pray for Marilyn Pearson for good health as she deals with recent health issues.

We pray for Corrie Himple, daughter of Valerie Olsen as she battles new health concerns.

We pray for Eileen Wiens as she battles health concerns.

We pray for Lois Domke as she battles health concerns.

We pray for Edgar and Christa Lach as they are both dealing with health concerns.

We pray for Cheryl Skilnick as she battles new health concerns

We pray for Gianni Vincenzo Mariano (Matthes Family) for his continued healing.

We pray for our Shut-ins – Elwood Kaminsky, Edgar Lach, and Kathy Krahenbil.

We pray for all those struggling with depression, fear, chronic pain, mental illness, suicidal thoughts, and isolation and strength for those affected by Covid-19.

We pray for all those affected by natural disaster, war and ongoing political conflict.