

THE DESERT STREAM



—Isaiah 35.6

April, 2025

Redeemer Lutheran Church

redeemerscottsdale.org
7670 E. Jomax Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85262
Tel.: 480-585-7002

Sunday Worship... 9a

Sunday School... 10:30

Online Bible Study

Tuesdays at 5 PM —On
MS Teams starting 4/8.
No Class 4/15

Moms in Prayer at the Richards' Home

On hiatus till December

Church Forum

Sunday, April 6th at
10:30 AM.

Voters

Tuesday April 8, 6:30
PM at Redeemer

Ladies' Guild—Sunday,
April 13th, 10:15 AM

Book Club: Hammer
of God II – at Rich-
ards' Wed. 4/16, 6 PM

Please Contact Pastor—

- Private Confession
- Christianity 101
- Jr. Confirmation

The Congregation
Prays:
A Devotional Guide
In Sunday's Bulletin!

Without Saying Everything... Saying it All

We have the Scriptures. We have the writings of the early Church fathers. We have the writings of the Lutheran Reformers. We have many collected works and the wisdom of pastors and and theologians—some of it good, some of it not so much.

Looking at all this theology, it occurs to me: You can't say it all. St. John wrote in his gospel, 21:25: "Now there are... many... things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written."

Following after the Lord Jesus on the way of the cross in our journey through Lent, we are sure to listen for those things that are at the heart of the Lenten season. In the Lord's own words: **Watch and pray. He says: Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me.**

The culmination of our Lenten journey is coming into view: "**See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death¹⁹ and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.**" - Mt 20:18-19.

Of all the things the Lord Jesus did in those days, and all that He allowed them to do to Him... you just can't say it all. But there is a *heart* to it. There is

a center—which everything comes from and returns to again. There is a *rule of faith*, which was once entrusted to the saints. You can't say it all—but what you can say, and we must always say it and hear it anew:

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. (1 Cor 15:3-5.)

That He died. That He died for us, to take away our sins. That the third day He rose again for our justification, and sent forth His eyewitnesses to bring us this good news—that is at the heart of all we hear, and all that we say and do as Christians.

This heart and middle answers once and for all who Jesus Is; how our sins are dealt with; what the future holds for us because of Him. Come and hear. Hear again. Rejoice! For the Lord is Risen—*our joy that hath no end.*

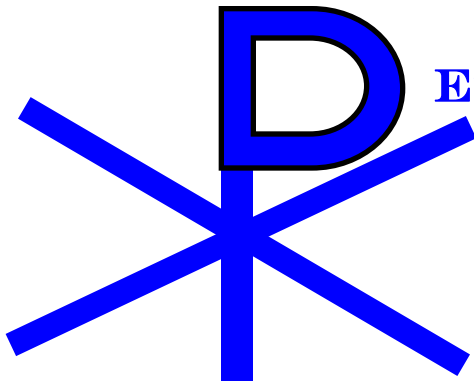
Blessed Holy Week and Eastertide to all of you! See you Sunday.

With Love in Christ,
Pastor Hamilton

Holy Week Services
Maundy Thursday, April 17, 4PM
Good Friday, April 18, 4PM

Holy Easter Day
Worship 9AM
Brief Bible Class 10:30
Brunch to follow—11ish

WELCOME!



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April, 2025

In response to various requests from some of our membership to stay informed about meetings, plans and projects, this back page of our newsletter is provided. Please let Pastor know if there is more that we can do to keep everyone in touch and informed!

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*Please Promote our
Worship Services and
any Online Content*

HOLY WEEK 2025
Maundy Thursday,
April 17, 4PM
Good Friday, April
18, 4PM
Holy Easter Day
April 20th

**THE ELS
WEST COAST
PASTORS
CONFERENCE**
April 30-May 1

**Thank you to all our
volunteers for host-
ing and serving**

**Please Contact Pas-
tor to volunteer**

**The Communion
Service for the Event
is open to our mem-
bers, Please join us
Thursday, May 1st,
8:30 AM**

- **Elders and Council met in March** to discuss upcoming events.
- Let's get together on **Sunday, April 6** at the **Bible Class Hour** to have a **Church Forum** (in advance of the Voters Assembly planned for April 8th 6:30PM at Redeemer.) Items are Anticipated for Discussion:
 - Nominations for Office for 2025
 - Holy Week 2025 plans
 - Congregational Get-Together—Saturday, April 26 ?
 - West Coast Pastor's Conference
- **Midweek Bible Class** continues on **Tuesday Evenings at 5PM**. Skype as a platform is being discontinued. Beginning Tuesday April 8 we will meet on Microsoft Teams. Please join us as we continue to study the **book of James** in the month of March. (No Class on Tues. April 15.)

<https://teams.live.com/meet/9367419412339?p=3VieYxdvLBUh2dpyl>

- **Thank you to Dave & Vicki Richards** for hosting the new **Book Club for us!** The book: **The Hammer of God** by **Bo Giertz**— **at Richards' home, on Wednesday, April 16, 6 PM**. Dave & Vicki Richards' home: 7700 E. Nimitz Road, Scottsdale. The Book Club is for men and women, members of the church as well as family, friends and neighbors. The book is available from Amazon. **Please RSVP** by text to Vicki Richards at 520-449-3300. If you do not text, please send an email to Vicki at jdvail@hotmail.com.
- **Ladies' Guild** is scheduled to meet on **Sunday, April 13 at Church**. Thank you to all of you for all your volunteer efforts! Sue Muth continues to make coffee for us. Vicki Richards and Susan McIver are taking care of the kitchen. We currently have Judy, Marilyn, Vicki, and Erika doing communion preparation: Thank you!
- New **Altar Guild, Musicians, and Communion Assistant** volunteers are still needed. Also: If anyone would like to help prepare and distribute a **spiritual gifts inventory**, please let Pastor know.