

THE DESERT STREAM



—Isaiah 35.6

May, 2025

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship... 9a
Sunday School... 10:30

WCC Worship Service
May 1st, 8:30 AM

Online Bible Study
Tuesdays at 5 PM —On
MS Teams.

Moms in Prayer at the
Richards' Home
On hiatus till December

Elders & Council
Tuesday May 13th, 6:30
PM at Redeemer

Ladies' Guild-Sunday,
May 18th, 10:15 AM

Book Club: Hammer
of God – at Redeemer
Wed. May 21, 6 PM

Please Contact Pastor—

- Private Confession
- Christianity 101
- Jr. Confirmation

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

The Urgency of Easter

There was urgency to the first Easter day. They were thinking of it already on the day Christ died.

The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid.⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. Then: On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment. (Lk 23:55-56)

But already they were thinking about reaching the Lord Jesus, to anoint His body after His death. So Mark records in chapter 16: **When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices...² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.³ And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" (Mark 16:1-3 ESV)**

Who indeed. The disciples were all in hiding. The Jews had insisted on a guard being placed at the tomb. But they were urgent to get to the body of Jesus before the corruption of decomposition would set in.

Yet it had said, Psalm 16:10: *You will not let your holy one see decay.* Those words of promise and the words of Jesus Himself were all forgotten, obscured by the realities of Good Friday.

The women expected to find Jesus cold and lifeless, to embalm His body in one last act of devotion, and then leave. Then all the urgency would be over. Everything would be over.

Instead what they found was the stone already rolled away. What they found was the graveclothes left behind, and the guard that had been posted had fled in fear because of the angels sent from heaven. What they found was good news and a whole new and unexpected urgency: **Go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. (Matthew 28:7 ESV)**

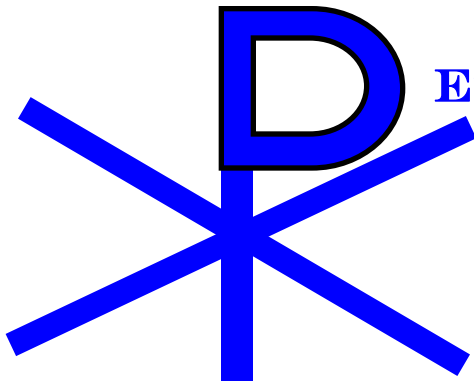
Had they found Him still in death, there would be nothing left to do or say. With Him Risen and Living, the joy and the good work and the Easter proclamation goes on. In that joy of the Easter morning, we take our steps to organize ourselves. We take stock of our gifts to use them in service of the Risen Christ. We make our plans to seek Him while He may be found. And come Sunday, women who are devoted to Him still perform their service of love for Him, preparing the Host that in the Holy Communion is His Body.

Blessed Eastertide to all of you!
See you Sunday!

With Love in Christ,
Pastor Hamilton

ELS West Coast Pastoral
Conference—April 30 & May 1
Thank you to all at Redeemer
for hosting the event!

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 11th
Happy Mother's Day!



DESERT STREAM CLASSIFIEDS

May, 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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**THE 2025 ELS
WEST COAST
PASTORS
CONFERENCE
April 30-May 1**

**Thank you to all our
volunteers
for
hosting and serving**

**Please Contact
Pastor to volunteer**

**The Communion
Service for the Event
is open
to our members**

**Please join us
Thursday, May 1st,
8:30 AM**

- **Voters met April 8.** We discussed nominations, holy week plans, and upcoming conferencing.
- **Holy Week 2025: Thank you** to everyone for a wonderful celebration of our Lord Jesus' Triumphal Entry, Last Supper, and His Passion, Death, and Resurrection last month. Thank you to everyone for your volunteer efforts, and above all, for being there to hear the good news, to receive the Lord's gifts, and to return thanks and rejoice! God bless you with all the joy of our Lord's Resurrection!
- **Midweek Bible Class** continues on **Tuesday Evenings at 5PM** in the month of May. We now meet on Microsoft Teams. Please join us as we continue to study the **book of James** this month.

***The Link for Tuesday Bible Class (to paste into your browser) is:

<https://teams.live.com/join/9367419412339?p=3VieYxdvLBuNh2dpyl>

- This month, our Book Club will review the book: **The Hammer of God** by **Bo Giertz**. This is the third and final installment for that book. This month, we'll meet **at Redeemer, May 21st at 6 PM**. The book is available for purchase on Amazon.com and available on loan from the church library.
- **Ladies' Guild** is scheduled to meet on **Sunday, May 18 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!
- Each Week, our congregation depends on staff and volunteers who care for the **Altar**, serve as **Ushers**, work in the **Kitchen**, **Proof-read** and **Print** bulletins, **Play music** for the services, **Record** worship, **upload** services, and generate a presence for our congregation on **social media**.
- Each Month, your efforts help set the **calendar**, provide **proof-reading** for publications, and more.

Thank you to everyone who does these things! If you would like to be involved, or perhaps help organize these volunteer efforts, there's room for you to be involved! Please talk to Pastor, Norm, Carole, or one of the Ladies' Guild members. God bless you this Happy Eastertide!