

THE DESERT STREAM



—Isaiah 35.6

June, 2025

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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

Sunday Worship... 9a

Sunday School... 10:30

Online Bible Study
NEW DAY & TIME!
Thursdays at 6 PM —
On MS Teams. (No
Class on 6/12, 6/19 for
Synod Convention.)

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

Elders & Council
Monday, June 23rd,
6:30 PM at Redeemer

**Ladies' Guild—on hiatus
for the Summer.**

**Book Club: Pontius
Pilate – at Erika's**
Monday, June 30, 6 PM

Please Contact Pastor—

- **Private Confession**
- **Christianity 101**
- **Jr. Confirmation**

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

The Dry Season

The Church Year (which begins in Advent, most often on the first Sunday in December) breaks out in two halves. The first half is commonly referred to as the *Time of Christ*.

The Time of Christ has the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent. The time of Christ has the high points of the year. It has the three High Festivals of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost—commemorating the Birth of Jesus, the Resurrection of our Crucified Savior from the grave, and the fulfilling of His promise to send the Holy Spirit to guide His church.

Then it gets to—what is for us—the dry season, so to speak. It gets hot. Snow birds all return home. Some of our members also seek some refuge in travel and cooler places farther north.

That's how we begin the *Time of the Church*. The Time of the Church begins with Trinity Sunday (June 15th this year) and goes until the last Sunday in the church year (which takes us to the second to last or last Sunday in November.)

We are about to turn that corner once again. We are making the transition from the Time of Christ to the Time of the Church. We go seeking refuge from the heat. We are also entering a time in the life of the Church where the Christian life comes more into focus.

It's not a clean break. It cannot be. Everything we have learned and heard and seen carries over and carries through for us. We need it to.

The Christian life, you see, is a life of mortal dependence and need. It is a life that centers in the answer to our needs, found only in Jesus. The Time of the Church is a time that grows out of the promises made by Jesus and kept in Jesus. It depends on His perfect and ongoing faithfulness to those promises:

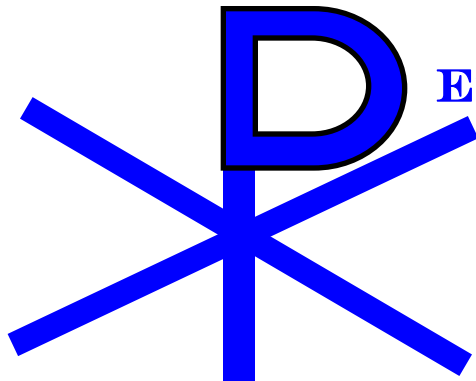
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth... You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. (John 14:16-18 ESV)

Though we are sinners, quite given to drifting away, the Time of the Church is not a time for wandering from God's Word and Promises. The Time of the Church is our time of living in the Father's mercy for Jesus' sake. It is our time for the Spirit of truth to dwell with and guide us. It is our time to cling to our Lord Jesus when and where we find Him, in His Word and Sacrament, as He keeps the promise He makes to us: *I will come to you.*

God Bless you—See you Sunday!
With Love in Christ,
Pastor Hamilton

**Our Evangelical Lutheran Synod
Meets in Convention June 15-19
Please Pray for the Synod & its work
& for Bethany Lutheran College!**

**Midsummer with Matthew—
Devotionals for the Summer with
Pastors from around our Synod,
on our church facebook page**



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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 ANNUAL
ELS
CONVENTION**
**Features an essay
presented by
our former Pastor
David Jay Webber.**

**The ELS meets in
Convention the week
of June 15-19,
Proceedings will be
streamed live. More
information is avail-
able at the synod
website**

www.els.org

**Please Consider
Volunteering
for our Shared
Work!**

Over Here

- **Elders and Council met May 18th.** As we continued to discuss nominations and plans, we decided that at our next meeting we might gather all eligible members and see who might have the gifts and the time to help lead us in our shared work as a congregation. **Please plan to attend our Elders and Council meeting—June 23, 6:30PM for a Pizza Supper, for prayer, and organizing.** Everyone, please pray for the work!
- **Midweek Bible Class** continues on a New Day and Time: **Thursday Evenings at 6PM** in the month of June. Please hang with us—this continues to be a bumpy schedule for a bit to allow for travel and conferencing. We now meet on Microsoft Teams. Please join us as we conclude our study the **book of James** this month. (Meeting June 5 & June 26.)

***The Link for Thursday 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: **Pontius Pilate** by **Paul L. Maier**. This month, we'll meet **at Erika Schmeissing's home**, on **Monday, June 30th at 6 PM. Dinner provided.** The book is available for purchase on Amazon.com and available on loan from the church library. Please RSVP to Erika: 480.773.5330.
- **Ladies' Guild** is on hiatus for the summer. Thank you to all our ladies for your ongoing efforts to meet the needs of our congregation!
- The **Christian Crash Course**: The Bible, Explained for anybody, Subject by Subject, for you and your loved ones. Call or Text 715.497.0089
- **New Resources**: an updated congregational brochure, a shoppers guide to churches, and business cards are available in the Narthex.
- 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, please talk to Pastor, Norm, Carole, or a Ladies' Guild member. God bless you!

Pastor Hamilton will be travelling and attending the ELS convention in June. In case of emergency between June 9 and 19, please call Pastor Allen Schroeder, 928.293.0642. Thank you Pastor Schroeder for being on call for us, and for preaching and teaching June 15th!