

# THE DESERT STREAM



—Isaiah 35.6

April, 2026

## Redeemer Lutheran Church

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

**Kids: Bible History**  
**+ Adults: Hebrews +**

Wednesday Bible  
Class..... 5p  
**+ Bible Study Skills +**  
At Redeemer & Teams

(NO Class on April 22)

Elders (6p) & Council  
(6:30p) Monday 4/6

Book Club— (Resumes  
after Easter -Tentative)

Ladies' Guild—  
Sunday, April 12, 2026  
at the Church.

Please Pray for the ELS  
West Coast Pastor's  
Conference, April 21-23

Please Contact Pastor—

- Private Confession
  - Christianity 101
  - Jr. Confirmation
- The Congregation  
Prays:  
A Devotional Guide  
In Sunday's Bulletin!

## *The Time Between*

One of you asked me recently: Christ was crucified on Good Friday. He rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. What happened in the time between? What a good question!

Matthew 27:57-60 says: **When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.**

Christ's body was taken from the cross, wrapped in a linen shroud, and hastily buried. It was about the time of sunset on Good Friday. At sunset, the Sabbath Day was beginning, Saturday, the Old Testament the Day of Rest.

St. Luke adds, 23.55-56: **"The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the Commandment.**

So Jerusalem went quiet. Or it should have. All faithful Jews were called to a time of quiet contemplation; to rest from work, to rest with God, rest with His Word—on that day when God Rested from all the work that He had done, Genesis 2.2; Luke 23.52-54.

But unbelief (which we all have in us from Adam) is restless—in its thirst for control and glory; in its enmity toward God and His Word. So rather than join the rest that God had for them, Matthew 27:62, **The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate<sup>63</sup> and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.'**

This was the Great Sabbath! This was the Sabbath Day to end all Sabbath Days! Yet the restlessness of unbelief couldn't find peace, asking Pilate: <sup>64</sup> **Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first."** <sup>65</sup> **Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can."** <sup>66</sup> **So they went and made [it] secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.**

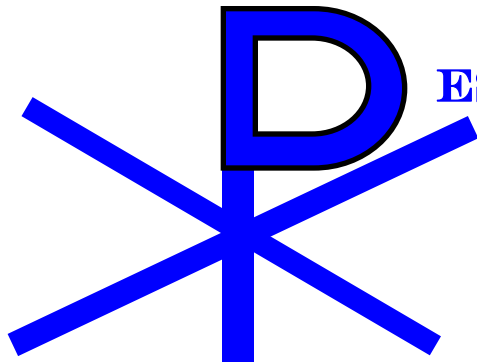
Now there would be no doubt about it. No one was going to be able steal the body. No one could come take it away. Now it will take an Act of God. The stage is set for what wonders meet the women and us at the Tomb on Sunday morning, for your *Rest and Peace*.

With Love.  
Pastor Hamilton

### Holy Week, 2026

**Maundy Thursday...April 2nd**  
**Good Friday.....April 3rd**  
**(MT, GF Midweek Services 4p)**  
**Holy Easter Day.....April 5th**

**A Spring Festival!**  
**Bring a Friend!**  
**At Redeemer**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2026**



## DESERT STREAM CLASSIFIEDS

April, 2026

*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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### **Redeemer Lutheran Church of Scottsdale**

*Please Promote our  
Worship Services and  
Online Content*

**Thank you to all our  
Volunteers: Music,  
Altar Guild, Ladies  
Guild, Kitchen,  
Properties—And  
Volunteers for our  
Sunday School!**

**Please Pray for all  
these efforts!**

**Thank You to  
All!**

A special **Thank You**  
to all of the **Ladies of  
Redeemer** for your  
volunteer efforts!

***Come to Church!***

***Come to Bible Study!***

***Bring a Friend!***

***Watch Bulletins for  
More Info on the  
Spring Festival***

- **Elders & Council met on Monday, March 2nd at 6 PM at Church.** What follows is unofficial, abbreviated Council minutes.

President Mike McIver called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call completed: Pastor, Dick, Jim, Brian, John, and Mike present.

Pastor's February report: Average weekend attendance 41; average communion attendance 29 (Sunday). Two special services: 29 and 18 attendees. Wedding conducted for Mandy Richards and Shaboom Trivedi. Bible class and Sunday school positive trends continue.

- Decisions Made
  - Agreed on new sign placement considering utility easement and visibility; removal of two trees and trimming another approved.
  - Proceed to seek electrician (K2 Electric, James Clark); if unavailable, Mike to contact backup commercial electrician.
  - Margaret will continue as volunteer organist; funds may be used for paid organists as needed, treated as independent contractors.
  - Approved temporarily adding Mike as a check signatory at Wells Fargo until a permanent financial secretary is appointed.
  - Motion passed to appoint Bill as interim counter and depositor.
  - Motion passed unanimously to purchase 10 copies each of "The Spirituality of the Cross" and "The Case for Christ" under the evangelism budget.
  - Motion passed unanimously to accept Peter as a voting member.
  - Agreed to obtain quotes (and a second quote) for replacing/upgrading the fire alarm system and to plan funding via the Special Projects Fund.
  - Agreed to create a continuity binder with role descriptions, systems, and key contacts for all officers.

**Midweek Bible Class continues on Wednesdays at 5PM, at Redeemer and on MS Teams.** Please join us as we work through **Bible Study Skills**.

Your Link to join online:

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