



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME to worship at Redeemer Church.

All who are baptized and believe the following are invited to **commune**. Luther's Small Catechism says that the Sacrament of the Altar is "the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and drink." "...forgiveness of sin, life and salvation are given to us in the sacrament..."

Today, the ministers will **distribute communion** from the front of each section of pews. When the ministers arrive at your section of pews, leave your pew to the left, receive bread and wine and return to your seat using the opposite aisle. Ushers will guide you.

Today, communion is distributed by "**intinction**": Hold your hands out to receive a wafer of bread then dip it in the cup of wine. Children and all who are not yet communing are invited to the table for a blessing.

Please fill out the attendance folder. **Guests**, please include your address and telephone number (and home church on the back). Please introduce yourself to the Pastor and take a guest packet.

A **nursery** is available where *preschool* children can stretch. home church on the back). Please introduce yourself to the Pastor and take a guest packet.

Serving Today

Assisting Minister Dave Osadcuk

Server

Cantor Karen Parker

Acolytes Dominic D'Alessandro &
Allison Behrend

Greeter Jan Korman

Nursery Danielle Osadcuk

Altar Care Dorothy Zelenak &
Paula Van Buskirk

Ushers *Thanks!*

Offering Counters: Virginia Lindamood, Cindy Osadcuk, Pat Andrukut,
Katy Murphy, Mary Jean Howell and Dot Zimmerman

Serving Sunday June 1

Bill McIntosh

Jane Kaufman

Matt Villarreal

Diann Long

Shari Villarreal

Helen Weber & Mary Ann Lucas

REDEEMER CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Michael D. Oakley

Gail Young

Kathy Walker

Redeemer Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Pastor

Organist and Choir Director

Secretary

Second Sunday after Pentecost

May 25, 2008

40th Anniversary of the Dedication of the RLC Worship Center



Christians recognize that the source of all good things is the God who feeds the birds and clothes the grass of the field. We rejoice that we are held in the palm of God's hand. God cannot forget us any more than a woman could forget her nursing child. Nourished at the Lord's table, we share these gifts with those who are anxious, hungry, poor, or in any kind of need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:

(Presiding Minister Congregation Assisting Minister)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the source of life,
The word of salvation, the spirit of mercy. **C** **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
And abounding in steadfast love.

All may kneel or remain seated. Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of compassion,

C **we confess that we have failed to bear witness
that you desire to draw all people to yourself.**

**In our hearts we have thought ill of those who differ from us,
and our love of others has not been genuine.**

We have been caught up in the cares of the world.

**We have neglected opportunities to welcome the stranger,
to feed the hungry, and to mend broken relationships.**

Forgive us our sins, merciful God,

**that our hearts may burn with love for you and for those in need,
and that our lives may witness to your never-failing love for your creation.**

Amen.

P Brothers and sisters,

Buried with Christ by baptism into his death, your sins are forgiven.

The death Christ has died, he died to sin, once for all;

But the life he lives, he lives to God.

So you also, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The service continues with the prelude.

Hymns may be found in the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

GATHERING

Stand

GATHERING HYMN *Morning Has Broken*

ELW 556

SUMMER GREETING

P Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

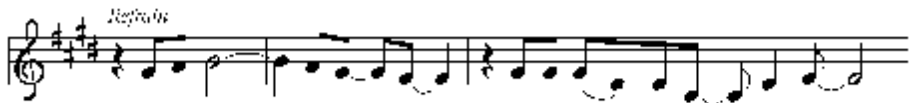
The God who created the world and fills it with life be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

The Kyrie is sung in dialogue between an assisting minister and the assembly.

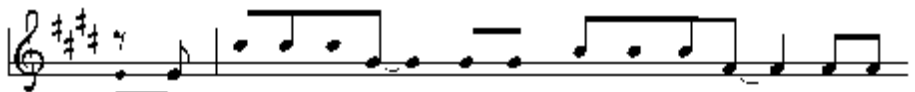
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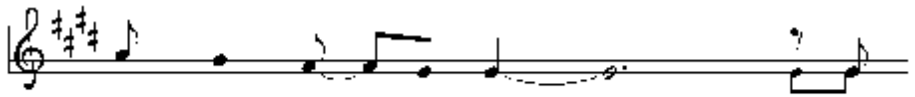
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes. . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you ven-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word: that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace.
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord. let us pray to the Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the feast of vic - tory for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

I Wor thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

2nd refrain

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
 vic - tory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
 le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all ere - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic tory for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. God of tender care, like a mother, like a father, you never forget your children, and you know already what we need.

C **In all our anxiety give us trusting and faithful hearts, that in confidence we may embody the peace and justice of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Sit

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Isaiah 49:8–16a

The Lord shows motherly compassion for God's suffering people. Even if a nursing mother could under rare circumstances forget her child, God will never forget us.

A A reading from Isaiah

⁸Thus says the LORD:

In a time of favor I have answered you,
on a day of salvation I have helped you;
I have kept you and given you
as a covenant to the people,
to establish the land,
to apportion the desolate heritages;

⁹saying to the prisoners, "Come out,"
to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves."

They shall feed along the ways,
on all the bare heights shall be their pasture;
¹⁰they shall not hunger or thirst,
neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down,
for he who has pity on them will lead them,
and by springs of water will guide them.

¹¹And I will turn all my mountains into a road,
and my highways shall be raised up.

¹²Lo, these shall come from far away,
and lo, these from the north and from the west,
and these from the land of Syene.

¹³Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the LORD has comforted his people,
and will have compassion on his suffering ones.

¹⁴But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me,
my LORD has forgotten me."

¹⁵Can a woman forget her nursing child,
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?
Even these may forget,
yet I will not forget you.

¹⁶See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.

A The word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 131

The psalm is spoken in dialogue between an assisting minister and the assembly.

¹O LORD, I am not proud; I have no haughty looks.

I do not occupy myself with great matters,
or with things that are too hard for me.

**²But I still my soul and make it quiet,
like a child upon its mother's breast;
my soul is quieted within me.**

³O Israel, wait upon the LORD,
from this time forth forevermore.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 4:1–5

We are servants and stewards of Christ, whose primary responsibility is to be trustworthy. We do not stand over others as their judge but stand under Christ to whom we will be held accountable.

A A reading from the First Letter to the Church in Corinth.

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries.

²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court.

I do not even judge myself. ⁴I am not aware of anything against myself, but I

am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore do not

pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

A The word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stand

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



GOSPEL Matthew 6:24–34

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to trust in God rather than material wealth.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C **Gloria to you, O Lord.**

²⁴No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

²⁵Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith?

³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON *Consider the lilies of the field*

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY *Children of the Heavenly Father*

ELW 781

APOSTLES' CREED

The presiding minister invites the assembly to confess the faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

A Compassionate God, provide strength and nourishment to all those who carry the gospel of Christ to a weary world. May we show mercy as you do. Hear us, O God;

C **your mercy is great.**

A Preserve the health of all newborn creatures in hospitals, homes, fields, and trees. Ease their entry into this world by your loving care. Hear us, O God;

C **your mercy is great.**

A Quiet the souls of those who cry out in their abandonment. Send arms to hold them and hands to feed them. Especially we pray of the people of China, Burma, Ethiopia and the Middle East. Hear us, O God;

C **your mercy is great.**

A Receive those whose lives have been lost in service during conflict and war. Teach us by their self-giving example. Hear us, O God;

C **your mercy is great.**

A Comfort those for whom death draws near. Grant your care to all in need especially Richard, George, Art, Al, Margaret, Jody, Leslie, Yersky Family, John, Mildred and Pat that they may not be burdened by fear. Hear us, O God;

C **your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We give you thanks for the lives of those who now rest in your eternal compassion. Grant us the faith to live in the mercy of Christ, today and tomorrow. Hear us, O God;

C **your mercy is great.**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C Amen.**

MEAL

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

Sit

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The Offering is gathered as the Lord's table is prepared.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Come Build a Church" By Ken Medema

The congregation may sing the following offering song, ELW 531.

Stand

1 The trumpets sound,
the angels sing.
The feast is ready to begin
The gates of heaven are open
wide,
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

*Refrain Sing with thankfulness
songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin;
The feast is ready to begin*

REDEDICATION PRAYER for the RLC Worship Center

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. The heavens and the earth cannot contain you, yet you are willing to make your home in human hearts.

C **We are the temple of your presence, and this building is the house of your Church.**

P Accept us and this place to which we come to share with others, the covenant you make through Holy Baptism, to praise your name, to receive your forgiveness, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son.

C **Be present always to guide and enlighten your people.**

P And now, O God, visit us with your mercy and blessing as we rededicate this house to your glory and honor and to the service of all people in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C** **Amen.**

SUMMER OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

C **Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world, signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SUNDAY PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

SUMMER THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
 in the harmonious world of your creation,
 the plants and animals, the seas and stars
 were whole and well in your praise.
 When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills
 and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up,
 and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
 will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.
 Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:

as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever. **C Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our savior gave us.

C **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

COMMUNION

The bread may be broken for distribution with these words:

P All good gifts come from God.

C **We come with gratitude to this table of bounty.**

Sit

*Today, the ministers will distribute communion from the front of each section of pews. When the ministers arrive at your section of pews, leave your pew to the left, receive bread and wine and return to your seat using the opposite aisle. Today, communion is distributed by "intinction": Hold your hands out to receive a wafer of bread then dip it in the cup of wine. As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen***

As the people commune, hymns and other music may be used, and may include the following:



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

HYMN *Lord of all Hopefulness* ELW 781

HYMN *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me* ELW 765

Lamb of God (above) may be repeated as time allows.

Stand

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C Amen**

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

ELW 538



En via do sey de Dios, mi me no lis ta es lá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to seave and give,
po - ra cons-truar con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.



Los án-gel-s no son en- via-dos a cam-biar
 'The an-gels are not sent in-to our world of pain
no ma-da de do-los por un ma-da me-for:
 to do what we were meant to do in Je-sus' name,
me ha to ca-do, a mí ha ver to rea-li-dad.
 that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
A - pi-da-me, Se - ñor, a-ho-ra te vo-lun-tad.
 Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to-day.

SUMMER PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. O God, our provider, you nourish us with holy food and drink, and you open our hearts to the needs of others.

C Refresh us with your Spirit, that our words and deeds may proclaim your creative and life-giving Word, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

SUMMER BLESSING

P God gives rest to all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens. Amen.

P Almighty and merciful God + bless, preserve, and keep you, this day and forevermore. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

We Walk In Faith (Commissioned for RLC's 25th Anniversary.)

1. On this day we sing
and give praise
to the Lord who guides our way.
He is ever vigilant here
as we walk in faith.

As we walk in faith
and we trust His grace;
and in faith we take His hand.
He is here with us.
He is blessing us as we walk in
faith.

2. Through the years we've grown
and we've shared
Our Redeemer's love and care.
We are blessed and full of His grace.
As we walk in faith.

As we walk in faith
and we trust His grace;
and in faith we take His hand.
He is here with us.
He is blessing us as we walk in faith.

3. Praise the Father, Praise the Son
and the Spirit, Three in One
This forever still is our song;
As we walk in faith.

As we walk in faith
and we trust His grace;
and in faith we take His hand.
He is here with us.
He is blessing us as we walk in faith

SUMMER DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live the gospel. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ELW COMMUNION SETTING EIGHT will continue through the first (summer) half of the *Time after Pentecost*. We will return to the more traditional ELW Three (=LBW1) on August 24.

The ELW 8 tunes are catchy and contemporary leaning to folk style and come from a variety of composers and times. The oldest piece in the setting is a version of *This is the Feast* from J. Ylvisaker's folk setting in the 1970 *Contemporary Services* that was not included in the 1979 green LBW! The "Kyrie", by L. Olson of Dakota Road is particularly moving. Jay Beech, familiar to our youth from gatherings, and D. Friesen-Carper have also contributed music. ELW Communion Setting Eight will be an enlightening change in our worship style. We may even try to add the guitar accompaniment to it! Sing the Lord a new song!

CHURCH HOMEBOUND include; George A. Behrend, Dee Brunner, Alice Richardson and Robert Urbansky. Please remember them in your prayers. The shut-ins always appreciate personal notes or telephone calls.

CONTACT Pastor Oakley at 216.469.7252 for pastoral care emergencies outside of office hours.

DO YOU HAVE NEW NEIGHBORS? Invite them to worship our Redeemer with you or let the RLC Evangelism Committee know about them so we can invite them.

WE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING members and friends in our prayers today: Richard Long, George Kolesar, Art Russo, Al Rieker, Margaret Hutka, Jody Detmore, Leslie Henderson, Yersky Family, John Schwartz, Mildred Burkett and Pat Eland. Today's ELCA Cleve. West Conference prayer partner is St. Paul, Berea and Pastors Thomas Henderson and John Evans.

MILITARY PERSONNEL Please keep the following military personnel in your prayers as they serve our country: Gary Arnold, Vincent Cassese, Justin Clark, Patrick Cole, Chaz Gustkey, Jeff Mason, Timothy Sansbury, Jr., David Palmer and Mark Weinschreider.

Attendance Sunday: 70

Offering Designated to: Current Expenses \$ 1315.00

Benevolence \$ 24.00

Roof Fund Total to Date \$ 6225.00

EQUAL EXCHANGE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF COFFEE PROJECT

RLC offers coffee and other products *at cost*. See the display in the library hall or stop in the church office during business hours to purchase or order products. We currently have Café Salvador, Tanzanian and Decaf Colombian and decaf tea. A list is available in the church office for additional orders. LWR receives a benefit from these sales, RLC does not.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL begins Sunday, June 8. Students will attend 9:30A.M. worship then be dismissed to the lounge after the children's sermon. The exciting activities of *Live B.I.G.* will continue to be the curriculum. If you can help lead one or more sessions, please sign the poster on the lounge bulletin board.

*They remembered
that God was their
rock, the Most High
God their redeemer.
Psalm 78:35*

RLC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DONATIONS RLC gave five baskets at Easter and our food is getting low. Stewardship Committee thanks everyone who donated food, money and Giant Eagle cards to the food pantry.

The "DRAFT SOCIAL STATEMENT ON HUMAN SEXUALITY" of the ELCA is available at <http://www.ELCA.org/faithfuljourney/draft> on the ELCA's Web site, www.elca.org. Ten paper copies of the draft statement are available on the library hall table. If they are all taken, please tell pastor and we will make more. Congregations, including RLC and synods will be reviewing the statement and can make comments on it until November 01, 2008. The statement will then be revised and presented to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly August 17-23, 2009. It can only be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the assembly. If you have questions or are interested in studying the statement, please inform pastor.

PAPER RECYCLING CHALLENGE Abitibi, the paper recycling company, has issued a challenge. If RLC increases its recycling by 20% over its 2007 May through August totals, Abitibi will give RLC a cash bonus of \$250! That means extra funds for the RLC Food Pantry where all of the recycling funds go. So, bring your neighbors papers and your own so that

we meet the goal of eight tons by the end of August! *Stewardship Committee*

ABITIBI RECYCLING has requested that the following **NOT** be placed in the bin: Plastic Glass Metal Trash Phone Books Cardboard Hard Cover Books Cereal Boxes other kitchen items.

If these items are included in the bin, Abitibi may not pay for that load.

ELCA MISSION START FUND You are invited to give a special offering today for RLC's ELCA Mission Start Fund, the recipient of our Golden Jubilee benevolence project. Our goal for this gift is \$2,500; offerings received to date are \$ 790.00.



GRADUATE INFORMATION REQUESTED We would like to recognize RLC members who are graduating from high school or college. Please write down your name, the school from which you are graduating, your degree and plans for the future. Then email that information to redeemerchurch@rlcbp.com or give that written information to pastor

9:30A.M. SUMMER WORSHIP TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH.

SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING PIRATES have been sighted near Redeemer Lutheran and the United Methodist Churches. Pastor Oakley and Reverend Dimond assure us that these pirates are the good-hearted sort. They've made port at Redeemer Lutheran Church in preparation for *The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything—A Veggie Tales® VBS*, scheduled for July 28 - August 1st. Kids from age four through those entering sixth grade next fall are invited for a fun-filled week of Bible adventure. **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** registration forms and volunteer forms are available on the Library Hall table.

We are READY to RAISE the ROOF! At the special meeting of RLC Congregation on Sunday, April 13, the congregation voted to accept the contract from *Joe's Roofing* for up to \$12,000 to replace the worship center flat roof. **TO DATE, WE HAVE RAISED \$ 5,630!** The difference needed will be withdrawn from the Thrivent investment account, to be repaid monthly based on 10% of the previous month's ending operating fund balance. We thank you for your support, and will update you as the work is completed, pending weather conditions.

- *George D Behrend, Chairperson, Resource and Management Com.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Women of the Church retreat will be Friday, September 19th and 20th. Watch the pamphlet and newsletter for more information.

BROOK PARK COMMUNITY (Homecoming) DAYS Unfortunately, we do not have enough people power to staff the Community Days Booth this year, and we will not be participating. We sincerely thank those who did volunteer, and will keep your names for next year. We will, however, WALK in the PARADE on Sunday, July 13th - watch your worship pamphlet and the July VOR for details.

COMMUNITY DAYS PARADE NEEDS CANDY donations! The candy will be thrown from the float in the parade, so it should be wrapped, hard candy. A box will be available to receive the donations

WANTED: Two (or more) RLC members to serve the unexpired terms on Church Council as **Chairpersons** of the Public Relations Committee and the Evangelism Committee

Qualifications: NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED, on the job training provided, the ability to laugh is a plus

Responsibilities: attend monthly Council meetings, meet with your committee as needed

Public Relations Chair: works closely with the RLC pastor and office secretary to present to the public a Christian image, publicizing the work of the congregation, and promoting communication within the congregation, through the monthly newsletter, worship pamphlets and local media; this term expires Jan 31, 2010.

Evangelism Chair: works closely with the pastor to bring the Gospel to the un-churched, visitors and members through written communication with new residents and visitors and promoting activity among the membership; this term expires Jan 31, 2009.

Benefits: PRICELESS!

Please contact Donna Behrend, 330-225-4487 or Pastor Oakley, 216-676-5173, for additional information. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

THE SUMMARY REPORT of the 2008 ELCA NE Ohio Synod Assembly is posted on the lounge bulletin board.

RLC IS NEWS! (Nurtured and Empowered to Witness and Serve)

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Today 40th Anniversary of Dedication of RLC Worship Center

9:30 A.M. Sunday School

10:45 A.M. Worship

Noon Fellowship

11A.M. & 6P.M. Ukrainian Worship Services

Monday Memorial Day
Office Closed

Tuesday
7:30 P.M. Tabitha Guild
7:00 P.M. Ukrainian Worship Service

Wednesday
11:00 A.M. Worship @ North Park
7:15 P.M. Choir Practice
6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 1718
7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 610

Thursday
6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 1149
8:00 P.M. Recovery

Friday
7:00 P.M. Cub Scout Pack 780

Saturday
7:00 P.M. Ukrainian Worship Service

Sunday
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Worship – Baptism of Emma Precek & Sunday School Staff Recognition
11A.M. & 6P.M. Ukrainian Worship Services

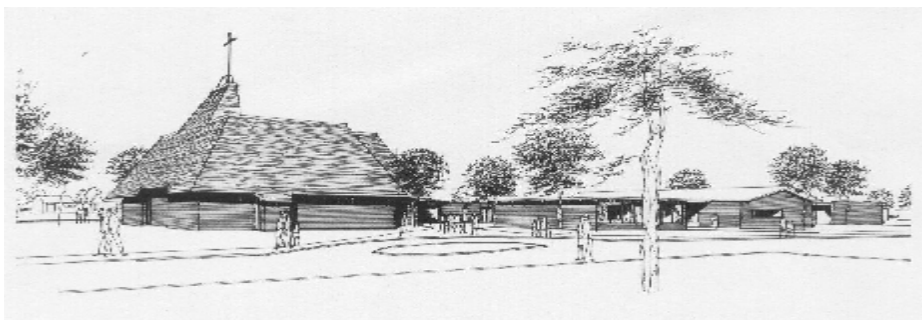
*For I know that
my redeemer lives,
and at the last he
will stand upon the
earth; . Job 19:25*

PLEASE PROTECT the worship center carpet by handling your communion glass with care.

PLEASE RESPECT the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place by turning off all cell phones and electronic devices.

WORSHIP PAMPHLET ANNOUNCEMENTS are due in the office by Thursday morning at 10:00 A.M. Email is preferred sent to redeemerchurch@rlcbp.com. The pamphlet is printed at 11:00 AM - 1:00 P.M. on Thursday and assembled on Friday morning. The office secretary's hours are 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Monday-Friday.

PLEASE RECYLCE your worship pamphlet! While there are many advantages to this worship pamphlet, increased use of paper is not one of them. If you will not be keeping your pamphlet, please recycle it at home or leave it on the table in the narthex to be recycled. (Please do *not* leave it in the pew or pew rack.)



Today, we celebrate the **Fortieth Anniversary of the Dedication of the RLC Worship Center**. Our special guest is Richard Fleischman of *Richard Fleischman Architects, Inc.*, 1025 Huron Road, Cleveland. Mr. Fleischman was one of the architects of the RLC Worship Center and north wing. Mr. Fleischman will make a brief presentation during worship. After worship, during fellowship time, he will make a more complete presentation and answer questions.

The RLC Worship Center and north wing were dedicated on Sunday, May 26, 1968. The following are quotes from the 1968 ***RLC Worship Center Dedication Pamphlet***.

Quote regarding planning and construction:

As this congregation started its fourth building program it became apparent that a Master Plan should be evolved in order to recognize the growth in the congregation as well as in the community. The existing facilities consisted of a temporary Sanctuary, Sunday School Classrooms, Library and limited Administration Offices. The Master Plan re-examined these facilities and provided additional space to reflect this growth.

The first phase of this program consists of the permanent Sanctuary, Administration unit, Parlor and auxiliary facilities. The important design criteria was the location of the Sanctuary on the property, providing easy access from the existing parking lot, yet presenting a separate identity as a worship center. The program required that all new construction be attached to the existing building. A new entrance drive and turn-around which has immediate access to the entrance of the Church became the focal point of this design concept. From this entrance there is a new court yard which provides access to the Sanctuary, Administration Offices, Parlor and existing building.

The Sanctuary, is a rectangle with the main axis parallel to the short dimension. The seating arrangement provides pews on three sides of the Chancel with a maximum number of seven rows in any direction. The building silhouette of the new facilities reflects the existing structure. This silhouette also is used as the base for the design predominates over the typical one-story construction of the existing buildings and also the residential character of the community. The central area directly over the Chancel slopes to a peak of fifty-six feet and provides a diffused light into the interior of the Sanctuary focusing, regardless of the time of day, on the area immediate to the Chancel. [Note: Is RLC Worship Center the tallest building in Brook Park since the Hopkins airport tower is in the City of Cleveland?]

The construction is masonry wall bearing with brick to masonry wall bearing with brick to match the existing structures. The flat roof construction is bar joists with metal deck and built-up roofing. All windows are aluminum with a duranodic finish. The new boiler room will provide a gas-fired hot water boiler. However, the Sanctuary will be completely mechanically ventilated with provision for future air conditioning. Artificial light for the interior of the Sanctuary will be provided by six chandeliers.

Quote regarding themes of the building:

It is with this concept of the church as people, of the church as a serving church, of a fellowship of concerned people in the community seeking to serve Christ for the salvation of men, that this new sanctuary has been erected.

It was conceived as a spiritual home where God and men would meet in fellowship about the Altar Table. The congregation is seated in a half circle facing the chancel where the Means of Grace, the Word and Sacraments are offered.

Mr. Peter Paul Dubaniewicz, Instructor of drawing and painting at the Cleveland Institute of Art, has been commissioned to create a Secco Fresco painting on the reredos. To be completed by October 1, 1968, the original painting will depict Christ as the Light of the World.

It will be one of the few paintings in this medium of art in the State of Ohio. The diffusion of light from above the Altar and the Secco Fresco painting symbolizes the Spirit of God descending upon His people, empowering them with the Light of Christ to become the servants of God in the world of men. To this Altar will come the young and old, the rejoicing ones and the grieving ones; the newlyweds and the newly widowed; the guilt-stricken and the forgiven. They will come, hoping to receive Light and Life; forgiveness and grace; renewal and rebirth; with the hope of becoming what God wants them to be in this life and in the next. He it is who promises "I am the Light of the World; he who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." We trust in this promise; follow in His steps. We have found His Light and Life. Because of this we His people, have been called together to build this temple.

It is in His Name, for His Kingdom, with His Promise and by His Power, that we dedicate this House to Him Who has come to give us life and to give it to us abundantly.

"To Him Who is able to keep us from falling and to present us before the presence of His Glory with rejoicing, to the Only God, our Saviour through Jesus Christ, our Lord, be Glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, now and forever." Amen.

Acknowledgments

Architects: Conrad and Fleischman.

General Contractor: H.R. Johnson Construction Co.

[1968] Building Committee Members:

Mr. Al Tont & Mr. Don Farren, Co-Chairmen

Mr. Clarence Pintner

Mrs. Maiden Lindamood

Mrs. Rudi Wacker

Mrs. Robert Montz

Mrs. Ray Saylor