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This Is the Day

"Out of my distress I called on the Lord" (Psalm 118:5).

We are a nation in distress. We are a church in distress. The coronavirus has killed 103,000 of us. The virus of racism has taken hundreds of thousands more throughout our history. Now these two deadly viruses converge. Under this distress the veneer of equality has cracked and we see the pain, anger and frustration of those who have been denied the rights and dignity so many of us expect and often take for granted.

I have heard it said that slavery ended with the Civil War. Why don't people of color "just get over it." Here is the question we need to ask, "How do you get over something that isn't over?" The extrajudicial killings of **Ahmaud Arbery**, **Breonna Taylor** and **George Floyd** that we have seen have laid open the wound in our country that has never been fully dealt with and has never healed. The officer's knee suffocating the life out of George Floyd "reminds us that blatant acts of intimidation, hatred, and violence continue." (Page 3 of *Freed in Christ* social statement, which can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/y7lpfeqk>.)

Continued peaceful protests, vigils and demonstrations are not only legitimate but essential to move this country and this church to honest and deep self-examination. Just as the body of Christ is COVID positive, so is the body of Christ infected with racism and white supremacy. We cannot turn away from this truth. To deny it is dishonest and dangerous.

Let us stand with those peacefully protesting and acting responsibly. Looting and destruction of property does not further the cause of justice. Government has a role to uphold civil order while also a role to respect peaceful protest. There are those in law enforcement who are acting wisely, even while others have acted irresponsibly. I ask you to support the many people, including those in our church, who are working to de-escalate tensions between law enforcement, protesters and the community.

Psalm 118 continues: "I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (21-24). Christ, the cornerstone, has already broken down the wall that divides us. The time is now. This is the day.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
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America

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The Redeemer Community

Race Conversations Group Seeks Input on Ways To Step Outside Church Walls

This **Wednesday, June 17** from 7-8:30 p.m., the Race Conversations group will have a Zoom meeting to share all kinds of ideas about ways to engage with the broad community around issues of race and racial justice. We feel like it's time to step out of the relative safety of the church building and see how we might become a visible (and audible!) force in these efforts.

You might have a good idea about ways we can move forward around issues of race and justice. Or you might like to hear what other people at Redeemer might have to suggest. Or the multiple killings of unarmed black people might leave you feeling like you're ready to join with others to say *ENOUGH!*

Join the Zoom meeting using Meeting ID: 892 8074 7400; Password: 257560. By phone, call 646-876-9923. If you don't have the Zoom app, you can join the meeting by copying and entering the following web address in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89280747400?pwd=VmZBdVNTRWZkamhFbkkwREpvNIBCUT09>

If you have any trouble connecting with the meeting or have any questions, please call Dave Shull at 206-725-3785.

RLC Weekly Produce Giveaway Underway

Redeemer's weekly Saturday morning produce giveaways from our own garden started this past weekend on **Saturday, June 12** and will again be held on **Saturday, June 27**. Thereafter, the giveaways will continue every Saturday morning through the summer. The giveaway runs from 10 a.m. until items are gone. Picking is at 9 a.m. If you can help, please call **Jon Disbro**.

If you have food items to include in the giveaway, please drop them off at the church.

Sharing Meals on the Church Lawn

If you are interested in seeing people in 3-D, plan now to join another round of "meals (or coffee) on the lawn" with **Pastor Dave**. On **Wednesday June 24**, there will be "coffee on the lawn" from 10:30 a.m.-noon. And there will be another Sunday noon lunch on **June 28**. Please email or phone **Becky Trover** in the church office (614-237-1263 or info@redeemerluth.com) to let her know of your interest. There's room for nine people at each event.

Hope to see some of you in all your three-dimension glory!

Earlier this month, two groups gathered on June 3 and 7 for a sack lunch on the church lawn: seven people for the first one and nine for the second. According to **Pastor Dave**, "We brought our own meals and chairs and masks and stayed six feet apart the whole time. And it was good!"

Sister Act to Host Zoom Session on Tuesday

While things are beginning to open up (for outside gatherings), Sister Act has decided to continue meeting over Zoom for this month's Sister Act event on **Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m.** **Julie Johnson** will lead the Zoom conversation to discuss how to care for the LGBTQ community.

We hope it will be like the race discussions -- opening our eyes to the discrimination, understanding comments that can be hurtful, understanding the importance of pronoun identification, etc.

Join the Zoom Meeting using Meeting ID: 847 5059 8029; Password: 265934. By phone, call +13017158592,,84750598029#,,1#,265934# US (Germantown) or +13126266799,,84750598029#,,1#,265934# US (Chicago).

If you don't have the Zoom app, you can also join the meeting by copying and entering the following web address in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84750598029?pwd=RVJzOXVDME9KcVBTWg95OWh5QSStDZz09>

We hope you can join us for an evening of good conversation!

Adult Sunday Class Continues to Examine Apostles' Creed

We say the words every week in worship: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth ...*

Where do these words come from? Why does this statement of faith include what it does, but say nothing about the sacraments, and nothing about what a life of following Jesus looks like in practice? Are there ways earlier Christians might have heard these words that are lost to us now? If we affirm these words in worship, what do we believe we are saying? What are we committing ourselves to? What meanings do these words have for us?

These are the kinds of questions we're exploring in our Sunday Faith Exploration class. The next one is **Sunday, June 21** from 10-11 a.m.

Join the Zoom Meeting using ID: 892 6567 0820; Password: 732185. By phone, call 646 876 9923. If you don't have the Zoom app, you can join the meeting by copying and entering the following web address in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89265670820?pwd=YW9pelVycUQwdVdjWTVIQIJQVjhhUT09>

You would bless us by your participation in this!

Tuesday Bible Study Continues This Week on Zoom

This **Tuesday, June 16**, the Bible study group here at Redeemer continues its in-depth exploration of Paul's First Letter to the Church in Corinth after a week off. In this letter, Paul addresses how communities are formed, what the role of love is in our common life, what it means to be in a body as opposed to just spiritual beings, who Jesus is, what the cross of Jesus is and does, and how to imagine the brand new world he says people are living in here and now.

In other words, a letter Paul wrote around the year 55 talks about issues that Redeemer has to face today if we are to be an active, vital body of Christ today.

If you have some free time on Tuesday afternoons from 1-2:30 p.m., join our community of exploration, honesty, laughter, and prayer. **The Bible study is held via Zoom.** If you'd like to join us, here's the information you'll need to connect:

If you'd like to be part of the Tuesday Bible study on Zoom and have the Zoom app, then enter Zoom and use this information: Meeting ID: 834 2631 2538; Password: 236382. To enter by phone call 646 876 9923 and enter the meeting ID and password.

If you don't have the Zoom app, you should be able to join the meeting by copying and entering the following web address in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83426312538?pwd=ZlVabUZfZGZMMkhqMEhmbVhHbzdaUT09>

Call Dave Shull at 206-725-3785 if you have any questions.

Sunday Worship Available on YouTube

The **June 14** Sunday worship service is available at <https://tinyurl.com/r6mk2xh>. For the Sunday Worship Bulletin, go to the Redeemer website at www.RedeemerLuth.com >News, Sermons, Devotions.

We are holding one another in prayer and in spirit as we work through this time. Go in peace, serve the Lord, wash your hands!

Important Emails

DShull@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

Info@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, **Office Manager Becky Trover**, healing prayer requests or for general information.

MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the Member Care team about needs for personal ministry such as in-home communion, a home visit, meals, etc.

FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with **Financial Secretary Brad Phillips**, and for stewardship campaigns.

Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with Redeemer’s IT Team for items related to the website.

Property@RedeemerLuth.com – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

Transportation@redeemerluth.com – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

Publishing Deadlines for *Reflections*, Sunday Bulletins

For *Reflections*

- **PLEASE SUBMIT PRIOR TO 5 P.M. ON SUNDAYS.**
- Send to info@RedeemerLuth.com and put *Reflections* in subject line.
- Or leave a note in the *Reflections* mailbox at the top of the stairs outside the church office.

For Sunday Bulletins

The deadline for information to be published in Sunday bulletins is the **Wednesday morning** before. That information can be sent to the above email: just put “Bulletin” in the subject line.

Prayers and Personals

Prayers are asked for those who have lost their jobs or had their hours cut even as businesses begin opening back up in this COVID-19 economy.

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Member Directory Update: Jim Riley has a new email: jjamoh@gmail.com as does Pamela Andrews: jamma1959@gmail.com.

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Member Needs Help Moving Boxes on Saturday

Redeemer member **Pamela Reed** asks for help moving BOXES ONLY **Saturday, June 20** from 10 a.m. to noon. Pamela is moving from Trinity Seminary housing to an apartment around Brice Rd. and Interstate 70 this Saturday morning. She asks help **LOADING BOXES ONLY** into a truck at 10 a.m., and unloading at her new place. Professional movers will do all the furniture moving later.

If you can help on either or both ends, please contact **Pastor Dave** at 206-725-3785.

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Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets

The July – September edition of *Christ in Our Home* devotional is available. If you would like to have a copy, the church office will be happy to mail one to you. Call 614-237-1263 or email info@RedeemerLuth.com

If you prefer, you may receive Christ in Our Home devotionals via email by going to <https://go.augsburgfortress.org/christ-in-our-home-email-subscription>

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Jeremy Davis, a Redeemer member who is at the Ross Correctional Institute, is unable to receive visitors due to COVID-19 prevention efforts. In addition, Redeemer is not able to send him the group letter written each week after worship. Please send him a note sharing a greeting, thought, or prayer. It must be on a blank white 8.5x11” piece of paper; the note must be written in black or blue ink only. There can be NO enclosures of any kind. His address is Jeremy Christian Davis #758199, 16149 Ohio-104, Chillicothe OH 45601.

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June Birthdays

16-Val Farnham

20-Katie Jacobs 24-Andy Day

24-Bobby Jimison 25-Ron Willmann

26-Eric Reinoehl 30-Julie Brush

COVID-19 Information

To get the most up-to-date information regarding the pandemic and Ohio's COVID-19 activities, go to the Ohio Department of Health website at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/> or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

In addition, the Southern Ohio Synod has put together a number of Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) resources online at <https://tinyurl.com/y9ohdaov>. Among the items linked to are the latest "Stay Safe Ohio" order from **Gov. Mike DeWine**, a checklist on face coverings and cleaning and disinfecting alternatives.

The Wider Church

LSS Faith Mission Seeks Support to Help Homeless

Lutheran Social Services' (LSS) Faith Mission writes that, "Summer is a dangerous time of the year for neighbors experiencing homelessness on the streets of Columbus. They face dehydration, heatstroke, and food poisoning on the streets – and this year, they're scrambling to find safe shelter in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

"As the need increases, giving goes down. It becomes even more difficult for us to serve the many neighbors who are hungry and homeless coming to us for support."

As a result, LSS is asking folks to make a three-month commitment over the summer. This can be done online at <https://tinyurl.com/y85e5mrf>.

"Your gift also offers healing to people in need across the LSS Network of Hope – providing meals and shelter to homeless and hungry neighbors at LSS Faith Mission in both Franklin and Fairfield counties, ensuring families struggling with hunger have access to nutritious food at the LSS Food Pantries and blessing women and men facing domestic violence with a safe secure place to stay and heal through LSS CHOICES."

Updated Guide Available

The updated guide "Lutheran Introduction to Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression" is now available to order for \$2.25 each. Published by ReconcilingWorks, this latest edition includes revisions "to ensure that the language is as helpful and inclusive to expanding welcome to the LGBTQIA+ community..." In addition, "new pages bring some visibility to the different ways in which someone may identify – including the flags that celebrate their diversity."

It can be ordered by going to <https://tinyurl.com/y6ugynf5> where other print items are also available.

The Community Beyond

Columbus Public Health Offers Free COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing, Insurance Not Required

Columbus Public Health (CPH) announced last week that free, drive-thru COVID-19 testing is now available at its 240 Parson Ave. location. Anyone with symptoms can now receive a test from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Health insurance is not required.

"Testing is critical to preventing the spread of COVID-19 and helps save lives. If you're sick, it's important to get a test as soon as possible to protect yourself, your loved ones and the community," CPH said in a release. The service is offered through a partnership with Mount Carmel, OhioHealth and the Ohio State University (OSU) Wexner Medical Center.

A doctor's referral is not required, however registration and appointments are recommended. Community members can call CPH at 614-645-1519 to register or for any questions. Those who test

positive will be contacted by a public health employee who will ask questions about where they have been and who they were in close contact with as part of the contact tracing process.

In addition to the CPH location, eight other community sites are offering varying levels of free testing in Columbus as well as one in Whitehall.

- **Capital Park Family Health Center**, 2365 Innis Rd. Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday-Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. The location offers screening as well as testing. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is not available.

- **King-Lincoln Medical Center**, 750 E. Long St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday-Friday. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is available.

- **KIPP Columbus**, 2900 Inspire Dr. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday-Thursday. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is available.

- **Lower Lights at Mt. Carmel West**, 777 W. State St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday only. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is available.

- **PrimaryOne** at St. Stephens Community House, 1500 E. 17th Ave. Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is available.

- **PrimaryOne Health** at the Health and Wellness Center, 2300 W. Broad St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is available.

- **PrimaryOne Health** at the John R. Maloney Family Health & Wellness Center, 1905 Parsons Ave. Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is available.

- **PrimaryOne** on Agler Road, 3433 Agler Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is available.

- **Whitehall Family Health Center**, 882 S. Hamilton Rd. Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday; 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday-Friday. A physician referral is not required; however testing is by appointment only. Drive-through testing is not available.

More information is available at www.columbus.gov/coronavirus.

Getting Ready for Sunday Third Sunday After Pentecost, June 21, 2020

Lessons

Sunday Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15, 16-18); Matthew 10:24-39

Prayer for the Times

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted,

grant courage and hope.

Where anxiety is infectious and widening,

grant peace and reassurance.

Where impossibilities close every door and window,

grant imagination and resistance.

Where distrust twists our thinking,

grant healing and illumination.

Where spirits are daunted and weakened,

grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams.

Prayer of the Day

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of All Saints Church, Washington Courthouse – A Lutheran-Episcopal Community.

+ For Redeemer community members Rachel, Andy, Colton, and Cason Day.

Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and concerns:, Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Amy DeLorenzo, Linda and Don Williams, Pamela Andrews, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's mother Maryland Belhorn and friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Bill Boys, Doretha Holland, Dolores Brannigan's husband Dave, Becky Trover's sister Maddie, Jack and Shirley Miller, Tom Comstock and family, and Redeemer visitors.

Noisy Offering will be for Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Sunday June 21: A study of the "Apostles' Creed for Today" – Led by
Dave Shull.

This class is held via Zoom. See separate story about how to participate.

This Week at Redeemer

June 16 – June 22, 2020

<u>Tuesday</u>	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study – via ZOOM
	6:30 p.m.	Sister Act – via ZOOM
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00 am	Upper Cup Discussion Group – via ZOOM
<u>Sunday</u>	YouTube	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School – via ZOOM