

**Redeemer Lutheran Church  
San Antonio, Texas**

**May 2, 2021  
Fifth Sunday in Easter  
Responsive Prayer 1: Pgs. 282-284**

NOTE: Offerings will not be received by passing the plate. For now, please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located at each exit.

Face masks are used to protect those around you.

Please respect social distancing of six (6) feet and no handshaking. Family groups are welcome to sit together. Please sit in designated pews only for bible class and worship.

Please feel free to use the restrooms, one person at a time, and before you leave please use the sanitizing product to wipe down areas used.

Please hum, sing silently, or sing quietly with face lowered as the organist plays the hymns. This protects those in front of you.

**Prelude**

**The Opening Hymn:**

“God Loved the World So That He Gave” – LSB # 571

**Invocation: Pg. 282**

**The Lord’s Prayer: Pg. 282**

**The Apostle’s Creed: Pg. 282**

**The Readings:**

**The First Lesson is from Jeremiah 31:1-5 (CSB)**

<sup>1</sup> “At that time” — this is the LORD’s declaration — “I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people.” <sup>2</sup> This is what the LORD says: The people who

survived the sword found favor in the wilderness. When Israel went to find rest, <sup>3</sup> the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued to extend faithful love to you. <sup>4</sup> Again I will build you so that you will be rebuilt, Virgin Israel. You will take up your tambourines again and go out in joyful dancing. <sup>5</sup> You will plant vineyards again on the mountains of Samaria; the planters will plant and will enjoy the fruit.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

### **The Second Lesson is from Romans 11:11-24 (CSB)**

<sup>11</sup> I ask, then, have they stumbled so as to fall? Absolutely not! On the contrary, by their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel jealous. <sup>12</sup> Now if their transgression brings riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fullness bring! <sup>13</sup> Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Insofar as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, <sup>14</sup> if I might somehow make my own people jealous and save some of them. <sup>15</sup> For if their rejection brings reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? <sup>16</sup> Now if the firstfruits are holy, so is the whole batch. And if the root is holy, so are the branches. <sup>17</sup> Now if some of the branches were broken off, and you, though a wild olive branch, were grafted in among them and have come to share in the rich root of the cultivated olive tree, <sup>18</sup> do not boast that you are better than those branches. But if you do boast — you do not sustain the root, but the

root sustains you. <sup>19</sup> Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” <sup>20</sup> True enough; they were broken off because of unbelief, but you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but beware, <sup>21</sup> because if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either. <sup>22</sup> Therefore, consider God’s kindness and severity: severity toward those who have fallen but God’s kindness toward you — if you remain in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. <sup>23</sup> And even they, if they do not remain in unbelief, will be grafted in, because God has the power to graft them in again. <sup>24</sup> For if you were cut off from your native wild olive tree and against nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these — the natural branches — be grafted into their own olive tree?

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

**The Gospel Lesson is from John 15:1-8 (CSB)**

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

**Congregation:** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not produce fruit he removes, and he prunes every branch that produces fruit so that it will produce more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who

remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers. They gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be my disciples.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**The Message Hymn:**

“O Blessed Spring” – LSB # 595

**The Message:**

**Responsive Morning Prayers: Pg. 283**

**Congregational Prayers**

**Collect of the Day**

**Luther’s Morning Prayer: Pg. 283**

**Benedicamus and Blessing: Pg. 284**

**The Closing Hymn:**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” – LSB # 709

**Postlude** (remain seated)

(**Note:** CSB - Christian Standard Bible)

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