

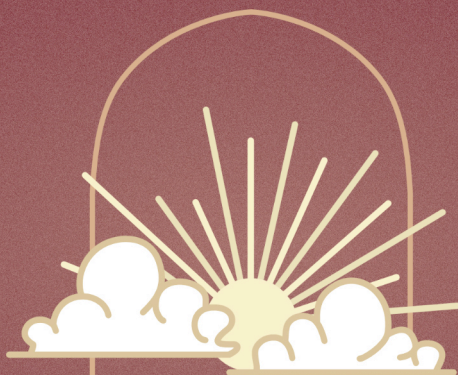


REDEEMER

WINTER HAVEN

*"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"*

Psalm 46:10 (ESV)



WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

The Gospel of John

April 26, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

Season of the Cross: Gold for Eastertide

All the hopes and expectations of Christians are realized in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making Easter the most celebrative day of the church year. Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter is only the first of fifty days of Eastertide — the season leading up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.

Call to Worship: Psalm 78:1, 4, 18-25

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! Tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done....

People: The people tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved. They spoke against God, saying, "Can God spread a table in the wilderness? Can he give bread or provide meat for his people?"

Leader: Therefore, when the Lord heard... his anger rose against Israel, because they did not believe in God and did not trust his saving power. Yet he commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven,

People: And he rained down on them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven. Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance. In spite of all this, they still sinned; despite his wonders, they did not believe.

Song of Ascent

The first song we sing together guides us as we "go up" or approach the presence of God to worship Him. This song is meant to rouse us to worship and awaken our hearts.

Come Ye Sinners

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 8:3, 6-10

While the law cannot justify us or make us righteous; it is a teacher given to lead us to Christ, the fulfiller of the law.

3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord... 6 So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. 7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 9 a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. 10 And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

We pray together, praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

Song of Repentance

In this song of repentance we acknowledge our sin and our need of a Savior

Upon A Life

Assurance of Pardon: Revelation 7:14-17

We read God's Word together and are reminded that grace and mercy are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

14 "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. 17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Greeting

In Jesus, we have not only been reconciled to God, we have also been reconciled to one another. Therefore, we greet one another as brothers and sisters.

Songs of Praise and Celebration

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done to save us

Satisfied
Goodness of God

Receiving New Members

As was the case for believers in the Old and New Testaments, we are called to publicly confess our faith in the grace of God, to participate in the rituals of entrance into the people of God (circumcision in the Old and baptism in the New), and to acknowledge our membership with His people.

Laura Fussell, Paul & Pam Mikkola

Worship Through Giving: Give Online at redeemerwh.org/give

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.

Kids' Worship Dismissal

*Children **through fifth grade** are dismissed for kids' worship.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what he has done and ask him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and the world.

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught this prayer to guide His people in how to pray (Gospel of Matthew 6:9–13). When we pray it together, we address God as our Father, ask for His kingdom to come, depend on Him for daily provision, seek forgiveness, and look to Him for strength to walk in faithfulness.

Proclamation of God's Word

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

John 6:22–52

Song of Response & Sending

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Benediction

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
Both now and forevermore

There is a prayer team available following the worship service for anyone in need of prayer.

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22 On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. 23 Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24 So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 26 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." 28 Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30 So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" 32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

41 So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" 43 Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— 46 not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Sermon Series: We Have Seen His Glory

Sermon Title: The True Manna

Date: April 26, 2026

Hook: *Everybody's got a hungry heart.*

I. WE WHO ARE SEEKING

"The people are ready to believe Jesus can give what they seek; they have yet to learn He is what they need." - Lesslie Newbigin

II. HE WHO WAS SENT

"The God of Moses who sent the manna was now among them giving true bread. He is the one sent from Heaven." - Bruce Milne

III. HE WHO SATISFIES

"The Christian life is not a life of dreary duty but of joyful satisfaction in the God who has redeemed us." - B.B. Warfield

Take-away: *As the true manna, Jesus saves and satisfies all who believe.*



THE GOSPEL IN

2 Corinthians

The Paradox of the Cross

Even though this book is called 2 Corinthians in our Bibles, there are multiple clues within this letter that it's not the second letter Paul ever wrote to the church in ancient Corinth. Paul had started this Jesus community some time ago on one of his missionary journeys (Acts 18), and, after moving on, he heard a report that things were not going well. The letter he wrote to them in response to this news is commonly known as 1 Corinthians, but it appears that many in the church had rejected Paul's teachings within that letter and had rebelled against his authority.

We learn that Paul followed up in person with what he calls a "painful visit" (2 Cor. 2:1) and that he later sent another letter, which was written with "anguish and tears" (2 Cor. 2:3-4; 7:8-12). After all these measures, most but not all of the Corinthians realized their arrogance and apologized to Paul, hoping to reconcile with him. So finally Paul wrote this letter, 2 Corinthians, to assure them of his love and commitment.

This book has been designed with three main sections, each addressing a distinct topic. In chapters 1-7, Paul finalizes his reconciliation with the Corinthians. In chapters 8-9, he addresses the topic of forgotten generosity. And in chapters 10-13, Paul challenges the remaining Corinthians who still reject him.

The Big Idea:

Jesus' willingness to humbly endure death by crucifixion should challenge our values and worldview. The elevation of humility, weakness, and service is the paradox of the Kingdom of God.

From *The Bible Project*, "2 Corinthians"

Announcements

Student Ministry Fundraiser: Make plans to join us on **Saturday, May 30** for our annual Youth Fundraiser. This event is an opportunity for students to raise scholarship money to attend summer camp. The wild game lunch will begin at 11:30am followed by a silent dessert auction at 12:30pm. If you'd like to bring a dessert, please contact Austin Snively, austin@redeemerwinterhaven.org.

Summer Fest: During our annual student ministry fundraiser on **Saturday, May 30**, we will be having an event for families with a bubble train, inflatables, and face painting. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend! Kids' activities begin at 11am.

Friends & Flowers: Ladies, let's kick off summer with a fun night of flower arranging (beginner friendly, promise!) and visiting with friends! We'll provide the flowers, snacks, and sips. Bring your own small vase! (But if you forget, we've got you covered). Sign up at redeemerwh.org/flowers.

Food, Fellowship, & Formation: Men, come enjoy food and fellowship, and learn more about the formative resources that Redeemer uses to build our character in Christ. **Thursday May 7 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm** in the Lakes Room.

Community Group Open House: If you are looking for a community group, we invite you to be part of our Community Group Open House on **May 31** after worship. This monthly gathering is designed for those hoping to join a regular group. Lunch will be provided, and you'll experience a typical community group format—time to connect, discuss the sermon, and share prayer requests. Please sign up at redeemerwh.org/rsvp.

Hearing Assistance: If you are in need of hearing assistance during the service, please join our "Redeemer Guest" Wifi and download the Listen Wifi App at redeemerwh.org/listen.

Get Connected: The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter (redeemerwh.org/newsletter) and our mobile app (redeemerwh.org/app).

Worship Playlists: Follow our weekly set list on Spotify and Apple Music so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: (redeemerwh.org/worship).

Our Mission

Our mission is to make Jesus' invisible kingdom visible in Winter Haven, Polk County, and the world.

Church Planting

One of the ways we hope to accomplish our mission is by planting new churches throughout Polk County. We proudly partner with Renew Polk (renewpolk.org) and the Florida Church Planting Network (flchurchplanting.org).

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2026 GOAL: \$50,000

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