

**Because
I live,
you also
will live**

JOHN 14:19



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 10, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White**

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Order of Worship

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Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

Key to hymnals in the pews:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

* = Please rise

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send an e-mail to redeemer@gvtel.com to let us know from where you are worshipping.

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen!

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,

and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,

now and forever.

Amen.

***Processional Hymn** *Great God, Your Lover Has Called Us*
All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

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***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us



1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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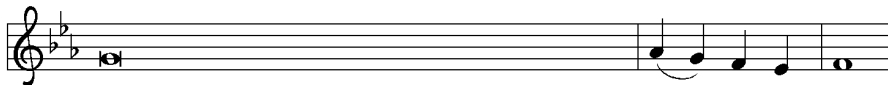
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



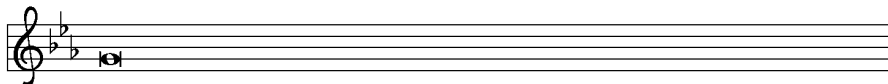
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



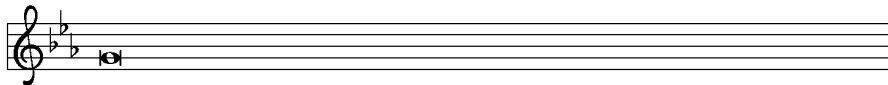
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men, a - men.

***Canticle of Praise**

This is the Feast of Victory

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

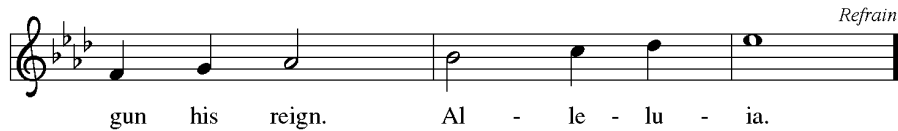
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... Almighty and ever-living God,

you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: *In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God

has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent,³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

After hearing Paul's sermon to the Gentiles, we respond with [Psalm 66:8-20](#). A communal and an individual's song of thanksgiving, the psalm calls all the peoples to bless the God who saves. The ancient Jewish imagery of animal sacrifice (vs. 13-15) corresponds to Paul's location at the Areopagus, nearby the Greco-Roman temples in Athens.

Psalm 66:8-20

- ⁸ Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.
- ⁹ **Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**
- ¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- ¹¹ **You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- ¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- ¹³ **I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—**
- ¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- ¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**
- ¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
- ¹⁷ **I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**
- ¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;
- ¹⁹ **but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**
- ²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

Second Reading: The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Acclamation**

ELW p. 102

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Gospel: *In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

***Gospel: John 14:15-21**

The holy gospel according to St. John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Stephanie White

***Hymn of the Day**

Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus

ELW #392

***Apostles' Creed**

**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,**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

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.

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! In-person worshippers can place their offering in the offering plate at this time. Your tithes and offerings submitted via the Postal Service or electronically are also gratefully appreciated. Please take a minute to sign the Friendship pad at the ends of the pews and pass them down.

Offering Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW #367

As the offering is brought forward, all stand and sing stanza 4.

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring
and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be - to the

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a whole note G4. The lyrics '4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring' are aligned under the notes. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a whole note G4. The lyrics 'and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has' are aligned under the notes. The third staff continues with quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a whole note G4. The lyrics 'tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be - to the' are aligned under the notes.

Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***Offering Prayer**

Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

***Prayers of the Church**

...In the light of the resurrection we pray;
Lord, hear our prayer.

***Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

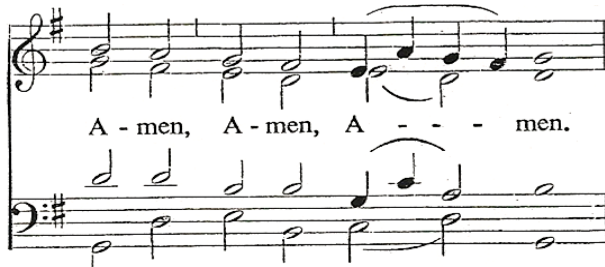
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Benediction and Threefold Amen**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.



***Sending Hymn**

O Zion, Haste

ELW #668

All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

O Zion, Haste



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion, and re - lease.

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Ushers: Jane Aandal and Denice Nelson

Acolytes:

Lector: Terri Cuppett

Serving at the Altar: Denice Nelson

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Video: Dave Ulrich

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Barb Horien Family, Wade Hruby Family, Kristie Huseh, Scott Pream, Diane Brooks, Jon Christianson, Tom Gustafson, Cody Teie family, Larry and LaVonne Forsberg, Tamara Vaughan, Darren Bakke, Shawn Groven, Jim Potucek, Rick Harbott, Michelle Kasprick, Shari Safranski, Bob and Barb Horien, Rick and Tami Hanson, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Laurie Miller, Wayne and Adam Holthouse(deployed to Iran.)

If you have service members that you would like to add to the prayer list, please let Pastor Steph or the office know.



**Altar flowers are given
By Jan Anderson
In loving memory of
Bob Anderson.**

Quarterly statements are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.

**Week Ending
May 3, 2026
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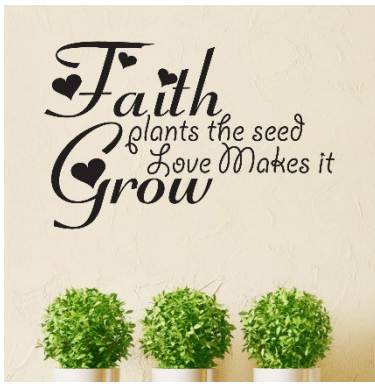
Volunteers are needed to read, usher and serve communion. If you can help out in any of these roles, please fill out a volunteer sheet found on our new church app. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Coming this week:

- Monday, May 11th – 12:00 First Look
7:00 FMS & LHS Choir Concert
- Tuesday, May 12th – 9:00 Quilters
6:00 All Committees Meeting
- Thursday, May 14th – 11:00 – 2:30 sons of Norway
5:00 Finance Meeting
- Sunday, May 17th – 9:30 – Worship

2026 Seniors – please turn in you picture and info to the office ASAP. We are working on a slide show and need to finish it. Also pick a quilt at this time. Reminder to wear your gowns to church on Sunday, May 17th for Senior recognition Sunday. You will be presented with your quilt and cake and beverages will be served following worship in celebration of you.

Altar flowers are still available to purchase. If you are looking to remember someone or to honor someone there are several Sundays still available. See Dianne in the office.



May Birthdays

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1 – Ken Niemela, James Hiemstra, Yolanda Blechinger, Morgan Little **2** – Robby Brateng, Mandy Schuster, Elle Eickman **3** – Julie Borchardt **4** – Elizabeth Schoon **5** – Shirley Booth, David Bruggeman, Gregg Ornquist **6** – Jacqueline Philipp, Nancy Johnson, Kinley Beito, Valerie Lindgren, Mariah Bugge **7 – 8** – Mike Gilbertson **9** – Brianna Berg, Sandra Stavenes, Destany Haphey **10** – Ann Goethe **11** – **12** – Calvin Maas, Mackenzie Harstad **13** – Jeff Sele, Ellen Brateng **14** – Aleah Conely, Corey Johnson, Channing Dally, Zach Praska **15** – Shannon Jesme, Isla Kemnitz, Brenda Eckstein, Gene Lunsetter **16** – Wyatt Nelson, JJ Nelson, Chaz Cullen, Courtney Noel **17** – Dolly Kainz-Ault **18** – Carter Anderson. Ean Olson **19** – Hailey Teie, Josslyn Voecks **20** – Esther Collins, Elizabeth Barry, Bailee Walker, **21** – Jim Ortloff, Dale Nelson, Jared Eidelbes **22** – Jaxon Ewalt Hintz, Roger Hible, Claire Kemnitz **23** – Mike Burkel, Pastor Steph, Barb Ammerman **24** – Wynn Klamm, Morgan Hickerson **25** – Scott Pream **26** – Kaden Mostrom **27** – Haven Lunsetter, Dakota Savich, Michelle Audette **28** – Megan Hall **29** – **30** – Stuart Peterson, Lucas Eckstein **31** – Cal Michaels

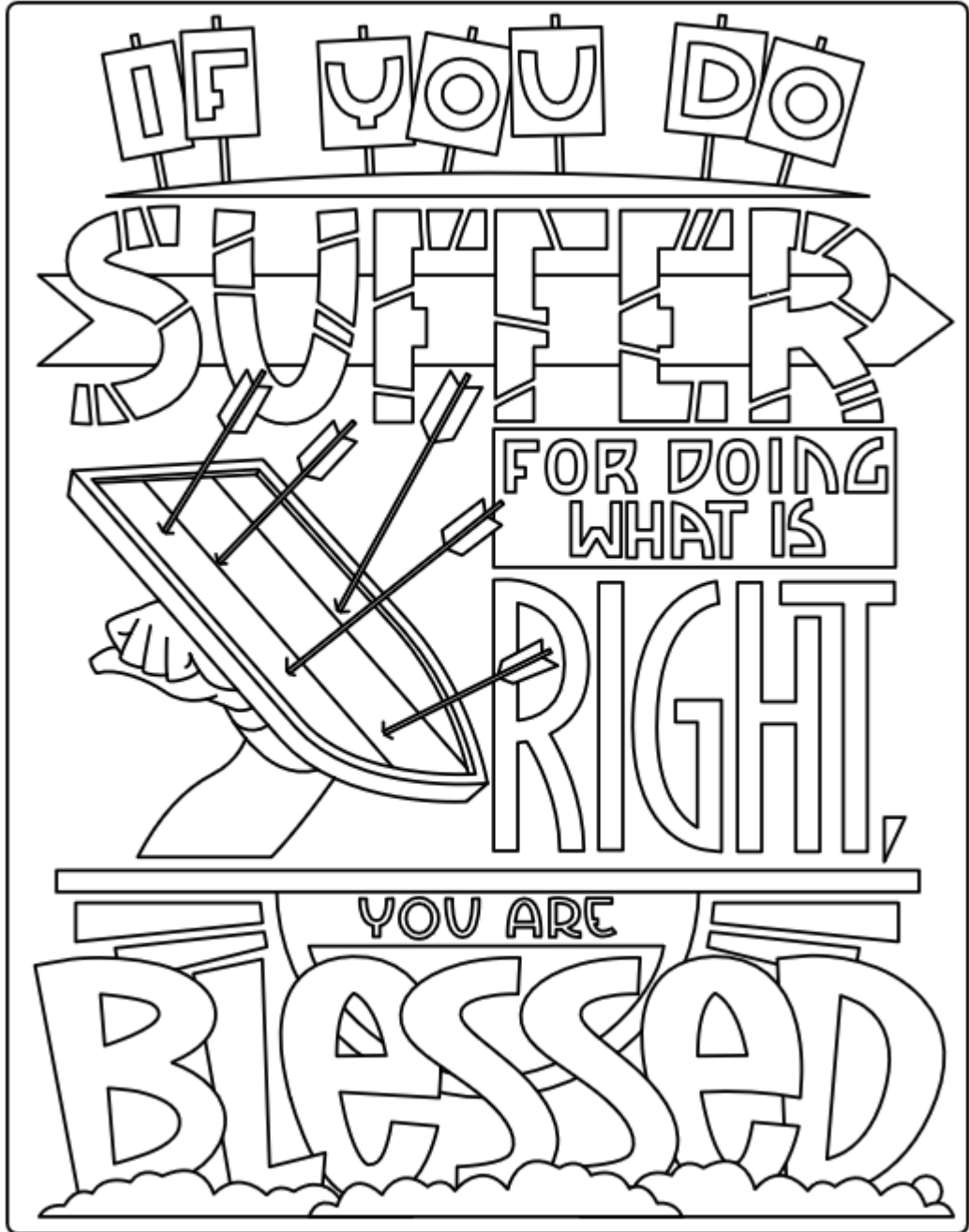
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Kind Words Word Search

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Patience

Humanity

Sympathy

Encouraging

Generosity

Helpful

Friendly

Gentle

Considerate

Unselfishness

Guiding

Happy

Kind

Loyal

Honest

Sweetness

Loving

Honor