Acts 17:1-9
The Uproar in Thessalonica
After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, ‘This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you.’ Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the market-places they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason’s house. When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, ‘These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus.’ The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE Thessalonians
Salutation
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians’ Faith and Example
We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters, that our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith proved to be among you for your sake. And Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus.’ The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Sunday April 17, 2016
11:00 am

We welcome you to worship today and trust that God will meet us here and send us out to be his servants in the world.

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Songs

Children’s Message

Lesson of the Day Acts 17:1-9, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
P: Word of God, Word of life C: Thanks be to God

Message Pastor Karsten Nelson

Response Song/Offering

Prayers

Communion/Lord’s Prayer

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.

Benediction

Sending Song

P: Go in peace to serve the Lord by loving God. C: Thanks be to God

Photo Directory—We are doing another church directory with pictures being taken May 4–7. Please sign up in the Narthex on Sundays for an available time slot or check out our website for a link to online sign ups. Each family that is photographed will receive one free 8x10 picture and a free church directory. If you can’t make that weekend of pictures, alternative locations will be available—please ask at the table.

Automated Call—You may have received an automated call from Pastor Karsten. This was a recorded message that was done for the church directory as a reminder. Thanks for understanding!

Youth Plant Sale! - Need a hanging basket for mom? Looking to purchase paks/pots of your summer flowers (annuals and perennials)? Need vegetable plants, herbs and more? Pick up a Youth Plant Sale form at the Welcome Desk at church and turn in forms/payment by Sunday, April 24. Plants will be available for pick-up Friday, May 6 - Sunday, May 8. Plants are from Pletcher’s Greenhouses. All proceeds support the Youth Ministry! For more information contact Intern Pastor Anne.

Women’s Luncheon—Don’t miss out on the plans for a lovely luncheon and A FLASH TO THE PAST 1920’s Style Show on Saturday, May 7 from 10:30am to 2:00pm. There will be raffles, a money hat and prizes. Tickets not sold at the door so quick arrangement for your friends, relatives to join you in this special day. The cost is $15. Tickets available by phone or between services beginning April 10. Wear your 1920’s hat or costume if you have one. Funds go to tablecloths, décor and special items for the church.

Mission Appeal—You recently received a letter on the back of your quarterly contribution statement regarding our Mission Appeal process. At that time, we had received $245,494. We are happy to say that we have received an additional $13,000 from you since this letter. Our final loan draw has to occur prior to the first week of May. If you are able to donate any of your pledged amount early, we hope to receive these donations by May 1.

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Thrivent Action Team Event Serving at Dorothy Day Monday April 25th—Please join us by participating in a Thrivent Action Team Event serving a meal at Dorothy Day on April 25th. We need servers at 2:00PM until 4:00PM and we need servers from 4:00PM to 5:30PM. Thrivent has approved an Action Team grant to help fund this meal. Thank you Thrivent! We continue to need volunteers and appreciate the many hours people have contributed to fill this important ministry to the homeless and low income in our community. New volunteers are welcome and no experience is required. The signup sheets can be found in the Narthex at the Information Desk. We would like to encourage Thrivent Members to participate but the event is open to all. Volunteers will receive the new Thrivent Action Team T-shirt. Thank you.

Kitchen Training—Come learn about our new kitchen; now that our kitchen is finished we want to help people learn how to use the new kitchen and understand new practices for this space. If you are interested in helping in the kitchen or just knowing more about this space join us after each worship service on April 17 for a 20 minute introduction.

Upcoming Readings
April 24: Church at Corinth Acts 18:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
May 1: Faith, Hope, and Love 1 Corinthians 13:1-3