

Second Sunday in Lent

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Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church! Welcome to all and we extend a special welcome to our guests. Please sign the Guest Register, introduce yourself to the Pastor, and please, come and worship with us again.

Worship is a time when our Lord speaks and gives and we listen and receive his gifts of mercy, presence and forgiveness. We respond in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Enter, please, in silence for prayer and meditation.

Please note these Lenten changes in our worship:

- *Every Sunday Communion: We will strengthen ourselves for the journey to the cross by receiving the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood every Sunday in Lent.*
- *No Alleluia's or Hymn of Praise: This liturgical "fast" reminds us of the repentance which Lent calls us to show forth in sorrow over our sin and faith in Christ.*
- *Purple: is a royal color from our King (Mk 15:17). It is a color of penance and sorrow.*
- *The "robing" of the cross dampens its brilliance in accordance with the humility of our Savior and our confession of the sin which Christ bears for us.*

Here is prayer for use before worship begins: taking Holy Communion:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Divine Service One (LSB, Page 151)

Processional Hymn: My Song is Love Unknown, #430

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.** (Matthew 28: 19b)

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1: 8-9)

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

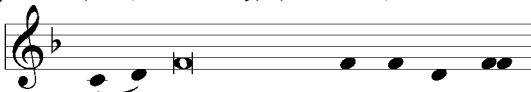
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

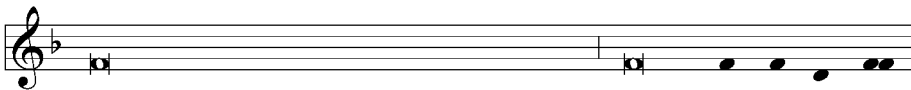
Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy) (Mark 10: 47)



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



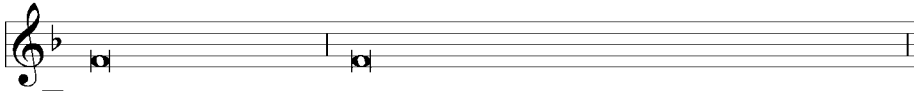
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



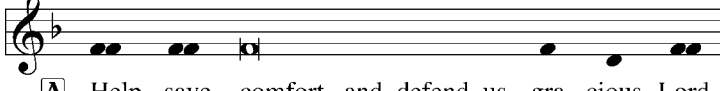
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

(The Hymn of Praise is omitted during Lent.)

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)



C And al - so with you.

P *Let us pray.* O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 69 (the Cantor will sing the refrain below once to begin and the congregation will sing it after him. Followed by the Cantor chants the verses below and the congregation sings the refrain)

Cantor: Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head; many are my enemies without cause, those who seek to destroy me. May those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me, O LORD Almighty. May those who seek you not be put to shame because of me, O God of Israel. For zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me. Answer me, LORD, out of the goodness of your love; in your great mercy turn to me.

REFRAIN

Cantor: They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst. The LORD hears the needy and does not despise his captive people. Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and all that move in them, for God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

REFRAIN

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

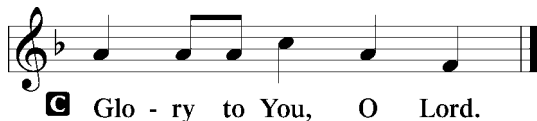
Stand

Verse for Lent (Joel 2:13)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus, #685

Sermon

Nicene Creed (Spoken by All)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church (1 Timothy 2: 1-4)

Sit

Offering


Stand

Offertory: What Shall I Render to the Lord?

□ What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

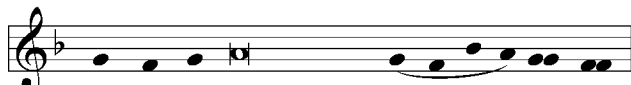


P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:22



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord (Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14: 22-24, Luke 22: 19-20, 1 Corinthians 11: 23-25)

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

(1 Corinthians 11:26)

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. (Revelation 22:20)

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer (Spoken by all)

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. Matthew 6:9-13

Pax Domini (Peace of the Lord) (John 20: 19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.** (*We greet one another, saying, "The Peace of the Lord."*)

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) (John 1: 29)

G Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution Hymns

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, #634

When Peace Like a River, #763

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed, #437

Take My Life and Let it Be, #783

Stand

Post Communion Hymn: Nunc Dimittis (Simeon's Song; Luke 2:29-32)

G Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

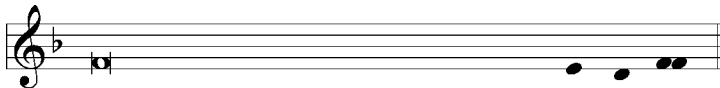
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

P *Let us pray ...* O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Hymn: Lift High the Cross, #837

POSTLUDE

THE LENTEN PAINTING AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY ... is a portrait of Christ's face at his crucifixion. It is done by Adam Moser, son of Rev. David and Judy Moser. We thank the Moser's for allowing us to display it during this Lenten season.

TAKING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT REDEEMER ... The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Redeemer in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, and any denial of His Holy Words, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Please fill out a Communion Registration Card (located in pew racks). If you are in any doubt about our confession of faith, are communing for the first time or are a member of another denomination, please speak to the Pastor before communing in person. Thank you.

SERVING REDEEMER: Bryson Burkett, Wyatt Wesson, Acolytes; Redeemer Senior Choir; Barbara Sigmon, Director & Organist; Stephan Raddatz, Cantor; The Reverend Greg Alms, Pastor; Robert Benfield, Kelly Matthews, Elder-Servers; Mr. & Mrs. Bob Eury, Greeters; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Isenhour, Offertory Processors; Hunter Burkett, Will Burkett, Michael Isenhour, Ryan Isenhour, Ushers.

STUDY THE BOOK OF REVELATION! We meet each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall with plenty of discussion and learning and focusing on God's truth in the last book of the Bible.

BUILDING COMMITTEE will hold its first meeting on this Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. This committee was established at the January Voter's meeting and is open to any member who wishes to serve. The purpose of this group is to explore the possibilities of a new Narthex and Parish Hall at Redeemer.

MARCH UPDATE AND CALENDAR available this morning from Bill and Fran. If you have a family member or neighbor unable to worship with us this morning please deliver their newsletter for us. Additional announcements can be found in the update.

LENT at REDEEMER

“**CHRIST ON THE CROSS, FOR US**” is our Midweek Lenten theme for this year. We will look at Biblical themes that portray the salvific work Christ does for us on the cross.

+ *Christ, the Blood Sacrifice*, February 28th +

+ *Christ, The Ransom*, March 7th +

+ *Christ, The Substitute*, March 14th +

+ *Christ, the Champion*, March 21st +

The Midweek services are preceded by our Soup and Sandwich Suppers ... if you can volunteer to prepare soup or sandwiches as listed below please speak with LYNN WESTRAY today.

March-07 need two volunteers to provide two soups

March-14 need two volunteers to provide two soups

March-21 need four volunteers to provide two soups and 4 loafs of sandwiches

**If you, a friend or loved one has returned to normal activities,
please advise Pastor Alms so prayers of thanksgiving
can be made on their behalf.**

GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY

Prayers for the sick and suffering: Dale Hunsucker (shoulder injury-brother of Barbie Laney); Manley Walling (broken hip and femur, friend of Melvin Little); Amy Huffman (home recovering from surgery); Muriel Kuhn (Lake Norman RMC, mother of Bob Fertig); Eille Ramsey (fall-friend of the Cloninger family); Stacey Whitmire (Ill-friend of Jackie Sherrill); Stacey Davis (Bells Palsy, daughter of Phillip Davis); JT Rufty; Vance Readling; J.R. Littlejohn; Marilyn Fertig; Mark Herbert; Joe Little, (friend of Amanda Eury); Elsie Johnston; Shirley Stewart; Jerry Clontz (friend of Trent & Tina Cloninger); Shirley Grindstaff (friend of Ken & Nancy Edwards); Wilma Hoke, (friend of Janice Ervin); Virginia Winecoff, (Friend of Janice Ervin); Erin Sipe (daughter of Gary & Susan Witherspoon); James Hedrick (friend of Avis & Bobby Matthews); Betty Sherrill (mother-in-law Jackie Sherrill); Bettina Adams (friend of Rebecca Alms); Jerry Tibbs (Jackie Sherrill's Pops); Linda Richards (friend of Fran Little); Viva Stallings (friend of Gary & Susan Witherspoon); Kevin Hefner (friend of Robert & Jane Benfield); Jennifer Spencer; Guy Lee (friend of Rodney Yount); Sylvia Abernethy (sister of Mike Starnes); Joshua Bokaguard.