



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020 | 11am



WELCOME!

As a community in the model of Christ, we warmly welcome all who have come seeking God in worship at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We welcome people of every race, gender, ethnic background, social status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Together in our diversity and as a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we seek to embrace the love of God offered to us in Jesus Christ. We gather to experience the presence of God in Word and Sacrament and to give praise to God who loves us unconditionally.

Welcome! It is a joy to worship together!

Our Redeemer's is now holding worship online using Zoom and Facebook Live. Please join us at 11am on upcoming Sundays. Here's how:

- By phone: call 1-669-900-9128. Then enter this number when prompted: 822 691 346. This method will let you listen in, but not view the service.
- By FaceBook Live: Simply go to www.facebook.com/ourredeemers. You don't have to have a facebook account – it's a public channel.
- By Zoom:

Download the Zoom app to your computer, tablet, or cell phone. It's free!

Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/822691346>. The link works from 10:45am – 12:15pm every Sunday.

Make sure your video is on, and your audio is muted throughout the service (controls are at lower left corner of your screen).

Use "Speaker View" from the upper corner of your computer screen.

You can chat by typing using the chat function throughout the service. This can be used to add prayer requests, ask questions, and high five your friends.

The bulletin for Sunday is available on our website for download: www.ourredeemers.net/virtual-worship. You can print it at home, or save a tree and follow the pdf document on-screen.

If you would like to participate fully in the Lord's Supper, find a festive beverage and a piece of bread to use for the elements of communion when we get to that part of the service. It may also be conducive to a prayerful atmosphere to light a candle where ever you are joining us from.

OUR MISSION:

In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks and grows.

GATHER

WELCOME & SILENT PREPARATION

*CONFESSION

God is with us,
Here we find new life.

**God forgives and heals us.
We need your healing, merciful God:
Give us true repentance.
Some sins are plain to us;
Some escape us;
Some we cannot face.**

**I will confess my sins to the Lord,
I will not conceal my wrongdoings.**

Silence for reflection.

By the grace of God you have been saved.
In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

God forgives you.
Forgive others;
Forgive yourself.
Be at peace.
Amen.

**Please stand, as you're able*

*GATHERING SONG

"I'm on a Journey" - Mertes

I'm on a journey, Through this desert
And on my back
I've strapped a stone
I can't give up, I won't look back
I'm going home, Lord
I'm going home.

Where we are going
All are wanted
The road is long
And mile on mile
But when you see
The prize before you
The struggle seems,
It seems worthwhile

We're not the first to
Make this voyage
Jesus walked it
Long ago (long ago)
So his footsteps
They are our guide
We know the way to go,
The way to go.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us.
By your gracious life and death for us,
bring light into the darkness of our hearts,
and anoint us with your Spirit,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

*PSALM

Psalm 23

- ¹The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- ²The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
- ³You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We are tur - ning Lord to you. You are mer - ci - ful and true.

5 Help us find our way to You, O Lord.

*GOSPEL READING

John 9:1-41

The Holy Gospel according to John the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"

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²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."

³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him."

³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



KID'S MESSAGE

Pastor Gretchen Mertes

SERMON

Pastor Kathy Hawks

SONG OF THE DAY

"Lead Me Guide Me"

CHORUS

Lead me, guide me along the way,
For if you lead me I cannot stray.
Lord let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

I am weak and I need Thy strength and power,
To help me over my weakest hour.
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

CHORUS

I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without Thy light to see.
Lord just always to me thy servant be,
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

CHORUS

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of insight, open the hearts of the church and the world to all who hear your word, and be moved in their hearts by faith. Raise up voices in your church that are often silenced or overlooked due to age, gender expression, race, or economic status.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of insight, empower us to care for the land and all living things that dwell in it and beneath it. Provide rich soil for crops to grow. Bring rain to lands suffering drought. Protect hills and shorelines from damage caused by erosion.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of insight, bring peace to all people and nations. Anoint leaders who seek goodness, righteousness, and truth on behalf of all. Frustrate the efforts of those who would seek to cause violence or terror.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of insight, you care for our needs even before we ask. Come quickly to all who seek prayer this day. Give strength and fortitude to all who are tending to the ill in these perilous days. Keep their spirits up and their minds sharp, and help them remember to rest and tend to themselves as well as to those who are ill.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of insight, help this assembly lift up the unique gifts of each person who participates no matter their physical capacity, cognitive ability, or sensory need. Help us to be creative and brave in making our facilities and our ministries accessible to all.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

God of insight, you call out to those who are asleep and awaken them to new life with you. We give thanks for your saints. Join us together with them as your children in this world and the next.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

*You may greet others and may say,
"Peace be with you." or similar words.*

MEAL

OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

"The King of Love my Shepherd" ala Bob Marley

The king of Love my shepherd is,
His goodness failing never.
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so, through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never,
Good Shepherd may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever

OFFERING RESPONSE SONG

"Let the Vineyards" - Mertes/Fund

Let the vine - yards fruit - ful be. And the cup of
 7
 bless - ing. Ga - ther a har - vest from the seeds that were sown.
 12
 That we may be fed from the bread ___ of life. Gath - er the hopes and
 18
 dreams of ___ all, U - nite them with ___ the prayers that we of - fer.
 25
 Grace our ta - ble with your love. Give us a fore - taste to
 31
 hea - ven. A - men. ___ A - men. A - men. _____

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Holy God,
you provide us with every gift of creation,
and you quench our thirst with living water.
Receive these tokens of your goodness to us.
May our lives be bread for the hungry and streams in the wilderness,
signs of the abundance of your grace in Jesus Christ.
Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

it begins with grace.

it begins with grace
 and ends with grace
 and it is so deeply important
 to know that
 we are carried through
 by grace

because this road gets hard
 the road to redemption
 the road to resurrection
 is the road of uneven ground
 of roots that trip us
 and rocks that make us slip
 and fall
 and it is hard to get back up again
 to keep going.

it is a road that seems to have no end
 that turns back in on itself,
 disorienting,
 discouraging,
 destroying.

it is everything we fear about the wilderness.

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but here
we are met with grace.
right when it is about to come crashing down
here is bread for the journey
and a cup for the way.

here on the night of betrayal
our Savior Jesus Christ took bread
and blessed it
and broke it
and gave it to the disciples
saying, "this is my body
broken for you.
do this in remembrance of me."

and here on the night where there is no turning back
our Savior Jesus Christ took the cup
and blessed it
and gave it to the disciples
saying, "this is my blood
shed for you.
do this in remembrance of me."

and so we gather
and so we remember
and so we tell the story of a road
we do not have to walk
ourselves.

this is grace.
the table that is spread for us
in the middle of the wilderness
the reminder that our job is not to suffer
but to love one another.
our call is not to loneliness
but connection
our fate is not death
but life.

so come to this table.

let this reminder
sink into your body:
there is nothing
no betrayal
no denial
no sin
that grace cannot cover.

Amen

Remember us Lord, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

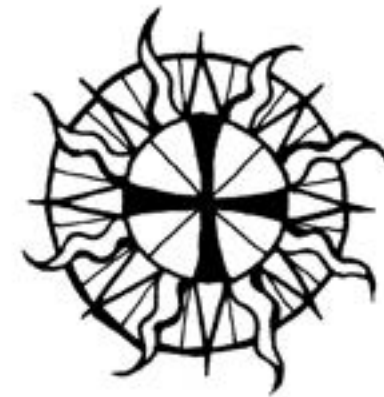
Give us today our daily bread.

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.**



COMMUNION SONGS

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
(repeat)

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Make us a church filled with love
Make us a people changed by God
Holy Spirit, descend with your holy dove
Make us a church filled with love

Bend our wills to peace and joy
Bend our ears with inspired word
Holy Spirit, breathe peace on our heads
Bend our wills to peace and joy

Shape our hearts to give and learn
Shape our minds into openness
Holy Spirit, stir up our souls
Shape our hearts to give and learn

"Create in Me"

"Make Us a Church" - Mertes

SENDING

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
may our fasting be hunger for justice,
our alms, a making of peace,
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LENTEN BLESSING

The Lord bless you _____ and keep _____ you, _____ the

5 Lord make his face shine u - pon you, _____ may the Lord go out be -

11 fore _____ you, _____ and give you peace. _____

Go out into the world trusting in the grace of Christ.
Do not be afraid to face the wilderness,
But do not compromise with evil.

And may God be your shelter to save you from ruin.
May Christ be your teacher and show you the path to walk.
And may the Spirit encircle you with songs of freedom.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

"Get Up, Go" - Mertes

CHORUS

Get up get up get up get up go
get on your shoes and get on the road
Get up get up get up get up go
Get up get up get up

this voice keeps saying in my head
"if you hold still for too long you're dead"
this spirit pushes from behind
"a journey out frees up your mind"

CHORUS

don't take too much, forget what's past
the essence of a Lenten fast
pace yourself, embrace the beat
lean in to God but move your feet

CHORUS

***DISMISSAL**

We will not offer to God
offerings that cost us nothing.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



For Your Consideration

In these times of worry and fear, when we don't know what is secure and what is not, we trust in God's love and promise to be with us, no matter what. For some of us, finances are upside down and employment may be scarce. For others of us, we are weathering the storm so far, so good.

It is important, if you are able, to help our church remain on solid financial footing through this crisis. The work we do is possible because we all work together as one for the greater good. We are called to be the body of Christ.

Please use one of the donation methods at right to keep your pledge on track, or to make an extra contribution. If its not feasible for you right now, please don't worry. We all have gifts to offer at different times, and in various ways. God bless us all.

How to Make an Offering or Donate Online or by Phone

Using Your Cell Phone

- **Enter: 206-717-8465** and the amount you wish to donate.
- **Press send.** You will receive a registration link.
- **Click the link** and enter your contact and payment information.
- **Tap "Process."** You will receive a verification text and a receipt by email.

To give to a designated fund, text "Funds" and you'll receive a list of currently active funds.

- **Enter: 206-717-8465** and the amount you wish to donate.

Online Giving

[Make an offering to Our Redeemer's](#)

Questions? Contact Karie Stearns, administrator@ourredeemers.net.

Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, check the website, current newsletter, or tri-fold brochure in your pew.



worship

Our Online Worship Service | Sundays, 11am

Live-Stream our 11am service at facebook.com/OurRedeemers/ or via **Zoom**



faith formation

Theology on Tap | Tuesday, March 24, 7-8:30pm, Online via Zoom

Join us online via Zoom (details coming), have a libation at hand, and let's explore and question among friends!



social justice

#NoPlasticsForLent - ELCA Young Adults and ELCA Advocacy

Throughout Lent we are aspiring to reduce our single use plastics. Use the hashtag **#NoPlasticsForLent** and show us how care for creation is a part of your Lenten practice.

We Pray for...

Pastor Maynard Atik, Emerson Boone and family, Todd Carlson, Kris Hall, Ronald Hansen, Paula Hlastala, Colin Johnson, Elsie Love, Ben Marhefki, Carolyn Mason, Ida McCormick, Nancy Oldenkamp, Ashley Olson, Paige Olson, Max Perry, Mike Pollreis, Jim Pollreis, James Prelog, Emilie Purvine, Linda Ravenhorst, Charlie See, Karen Taylor, Martha Ward, Bill Weiss, Margaret Wetter, Dana & Judy Wright; John/Jerry/Buckey/Laura; Journey participants; sobriety and resistance against evil; success in new sobriety; mental health of members and staff; immigrant families remaining separated; Road to Housing guests; pastors, bishops, church workers, and mental health specialists; doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals; loved ones with cancer; and all affected by Covid-19 economically, physically, and emotionally.

Grieving the Loss of...

Catherine Grover, Gary Smith, and Declan, Judy and Dana Wright's grandson.

In thanksgiving for the birth of Arya Kathryn Taylor, granddaughter of Sandy Box

To include someone in the prayers

for 4 weeks, please fill out a Prayer Request card or email the church.

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

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Next Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, March 22

11 am - Online Worship - Informal | Online-via Zoom

Monday, March 23

April Newsletter Content Deadline

Tuesday, March 24

7pm - Theology on Tap | Online-via Zoom

Wednesday, March 25

10am - Staff Meeting | Online-via Zoom

Sunday, March 29

11 am - Online Healing Service | Online-via Zoom

4pm - The Journey | Online-via Zoom (tentative)



Don't Fall for this Scam!

Remember that Our Redeemer's will never email asking for money. Hackers have been using Pastor Kathy's email list recently targeting our members. Don't fall for it! If you receive any suspicious calls or emails, contact Karie Stearns, our Parish Administrator (administrator@ourredeemers.net).

LOOKING FORWARD: HOLY WEEK

ALL ACTIVITIES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

GO TO WWW.OURREDEEMERS.NET FOR UPDATES AND DETAILS

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 11am

Procession with palms and the story of the passion

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 9

7:30pm ~Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

Friday, April 10, 7pm

Tenebrae Service Prayer Around the Cross

Good Friday Noon to Holy Saturday Noon

April 10-11, 24-Hour Prayer Vigil

*Easter Celebration

Sunday, April 12, 11am

Festival Celebration Service



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