



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023 | 11 AM

WELCOME!

Welcome! It is a joy to worship together!

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.

WORSHIP ONLINE OR BY PHONE

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All are Welcome to Communion! Christ hosts this meal, and ALL are invited to share this feast of life and forgiveness. We offer pre-packaged gluten-free/juice communion elements for those who prefer them. Our shared communion bread is gluten free, and we provide individual cups and grape juice for the health of everyone gathered. Children commune at the discretion of their parents. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. To receive communion at your seat, please alert an usher.

OUR VISION: 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.

We are on land created by God and stewarded for generations by the indigenous ancestors of the Duwamish people, who are still here. We honor the Creator's continuing presence in this land, confess our complicity in its brokenness, and awaken to our connectedness with all of creation.

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GATHER

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision – an Irish Melody, arr. by Joel Raney
from "The Essential Collection for the Church Pianist" – compiled & edited by Jane Holstein,
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WELCOME AND SILENT PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Scripture is full of questions...

Where are you?

Am I my brother's keeper?

Whom shall I send?

Who do you say that I am?

Who sinned?

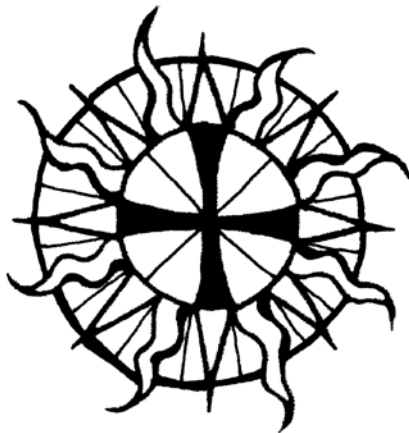
How many times shall I forgive?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Scripture is full of questions,

so just like those in our scriptures, may we bring our full curiosity and wonder into this space.

Let us ask and seek after our merciful God.



*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

In today's text, the disciples ask Jesus, "Who sinned?" They want to know who around them could be blamed for suffering. The disciples want to identify who around them had done wrong.

In the prayer of confession, we stop pointing fingers at others. In confession, we turn our attention toward ourselves and invite God into that honest and vulnerable space.

So do this counter-cultural thing with me today. Let us pray:

Who here has sinned?

We have sinned. We put our heads in the sand. We ignored people in need. We make false assumptions and fail to be kind. We are in need of forgiveness.

Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score.

When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Have you sinned?

I have sinned. I put my head in the sand. I ignore people in need. I make false assumptions and fail to be kind. I, too, am in need of forgiveness.

Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score.

When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

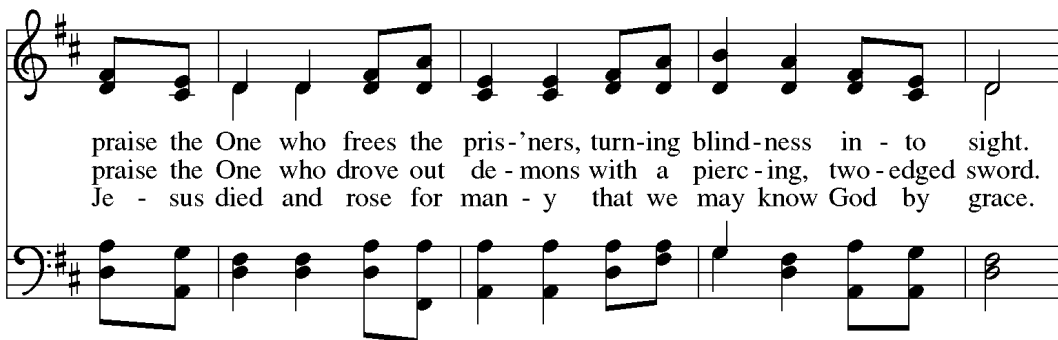


***OPENING HYMN**

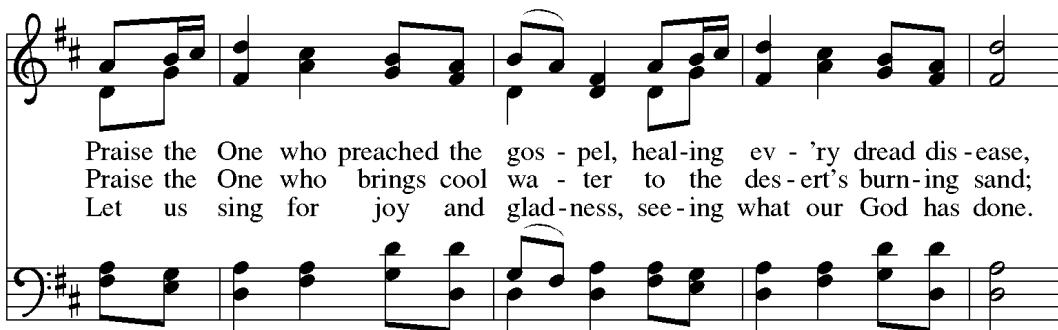
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



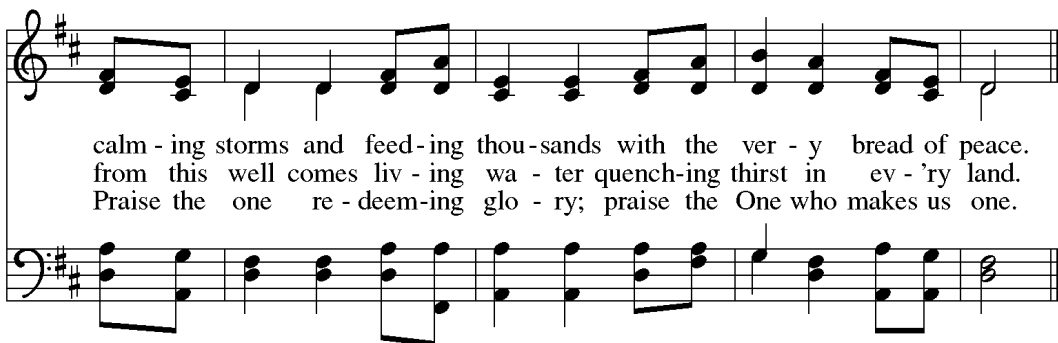
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

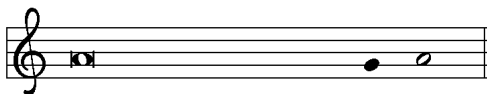


calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

*GREETING

God's great joy, grace and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



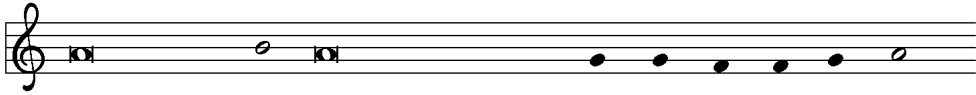
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray:

God of Good news,
there is *reading* your Word,
there is *hearing* your Word,
and then there is tunneling ourselves into your Word—
harvesting your Word,
building a home in your Word,
laying your Word over us like a blanket,
wrapping ourselves in your Word,
know your Word like the back of our hand,
singing your Word,
planting ourselves like a garden in your Word.

God, we could listen to scripture like we listen to the news,
or we could cocoon ourselves in your Word and it could change us entirely.

So bundle us up. Give us the latter.

We want to know you.

With hopeful hearts we pray.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

Listen for the Word of God.

Our ears and hearts are open.

⁸Once you were shadows, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of the shadows, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

The holy Gospel according to John, chapter 9.

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?"

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

KID'S MESSAGE

Pastor Gretchen Mertes

SERMON

Pastor David Hahn

HYMN OF THE DAY *We Come with Questions to the tune of Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The lyrics are: "We come with Here is the God help us ques - tions as mys - t'ry we live in - to sum - ing that claim as the mys - t'ry be - there will be fol - lowers of an - Je - hen - yond com - pre - hen -".

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Christ has died,
Qui - et our

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al - ways

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in a merciful God,

a God who does not keep score,

a God who wants good for us.

We believe in a creative God,

a God who would heal with mud,

a God capable of seeing what we cannot.

We believe in a saving God,

a God who heals,

a God who greets our questions with patience,

a God who sends us out with hope in our step.

What wondrous love is this.

Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Eternal God, you seal us by the Holy Spirit and mark us with the cross of Christ forever in baptism. Inspire us by your love as together we strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Creating God, by your word you have made all things, and you hate nothing you have made.

Teach us to perceive the beauty of the breadth of your creation, from the grandest mountain range to the smallest springtime bud. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Powerful God, you anoint kings and establish rulers. Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that impede the well-being of all. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Shepherding God, you lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep; tend all who are sick and comfort those who grieve. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God our host, you fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask. Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

God of history, with thanksgiving we remember our ancestors in faith who cared for your people. We praise you for the ways they formed the faith of others and continue to inspire us. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

***PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace by crossing hands over your heart, or another gesture, saying "Peace be with you."

MEAL

GENEROSITY STORY

OFFERING

Choir - *Kyrie* by Marty Haugen
Soloists - Barb Dougherty, Eric Johnson, and Stephanie Running

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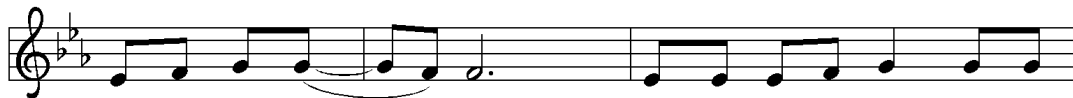


OFFERING RESPONSE HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me



with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,



and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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*OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.

Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God,

our living Water and our merciful Guide,
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,
and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,
who joined us in our desert,
pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

continued

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:
wash away our sin,
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us in whatever version is most prayerful for you:

**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.**

***INVITATION TO THE MEAL**

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

All Are Welcome

to commune, including children (as parents permit).



LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Ask the Complicated Questions

1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er

Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
 fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
 test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
 truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,

strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
 truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
 shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
 ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

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Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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***TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
Amen.

SENDING

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Embodied God,
at your table, we have tasted your goodness.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and hold the world in your love.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

As you leave this place,
may God bless you with seeking.
Seek out the hungry.
Seek the weary.
Seek the good in every person you pass.
Seek out the hopeful.
Seek the faithful.
Seek God in each of us.
As you seek and as you wonder,
may you find what you are looking for.

In the name of our loving God,
who is always seeking us,
go now in peace.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour, I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.
Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace arr. by Jack Schrader
from "Amazing Grace - Blues Gospel Piano" by Jack Schrader, Hope Publishing Company

artist's statement

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

seeking: *Who sinned?*



SON, RISE

by T. Denise Anderson

Inspired by John 9: 1-7

Oil on canvas

Jesus' community saw this man's blindness as a curse or a punishment for sin (either his parents' sin or his own). While it is true that blindness comes with challenges in a world made for sightedness, it is important that we do not problematize blindness in preaching and teaching this story the way they did. What happened here was an apocalypse—a revelation of the nature of Jesus and the heart and mind of God. That revelation challenged the epistemologies of the community, and it is the ones in the story who'd been sighted all along who were ironically unable to perceive what God was doing.

Jesus said that he "must work the works of him who sent me while it is day" (John 9:4). Daybreak is also an apocalypse of sorts; it reveals what we couldn't readily see at night and allows us to perceive the work in front of us. In my portrait, I've lit this man's face as if the earth and the sun's light are moving slowly across the surface, signaling the

dawn of a new day. His eyes remain closed in my portrait because, for me, his newfound sightedness is not the miracle or the most important part of this story. What's most important is the revelation of who Jesus is. Jesus has been revealed to this man in a way that even the witnesses around him could not comprehend. His encounter with Jesus raises him to a new life and offers the whole community a new understanding of God's works. It's a new day for everyone, though that proves to be a difficult gift to receive.

—Rev. Denise Anderson

We Pray for...

Jennifer Carter, Irma Gross, Vicki Hobbs, Marli Iverson, Bob Johnston, Bob McIntyre, Tim Nygard, Barbara Olsen, Stephen Olsen, Nancy Paulson, Jennifer Seyler, Carolyn Swanson, Charlotte Wallstrom; immigrant families remaining separated, Road to Housing guests.

Grieving the Loss of

Barbara Cromwell, Paul Nelson

To include someone in the prayers, email the church -or- fill out the online prayer request form: [LINK](#). (Requests received after each Wednesday will be put in the following week's bulletin.

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Preaching: Pastor David Hahn
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Lector: Niels Running
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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worship

9 AM Informal Worship | In-person

In this hour-long service, an ensemble leads us in a mix of traditional hymns and contemporary music. We hear a challenging and thoughtful message, pray together and take communion. Children are welcome and, for the little ones, our staffed nursery is open.

11 AM Traditional Worship | In-person & Online

The 11:00 am service is liturgy deeply rooted in the Lutheran tradition of God's living word. Join together in prayer, familiar hymns and communion at God's all-welcoming table. We wish one another peace and blessings and leave the service more connected, challenged and hopeful than before.



Holy Week Preview

April 2 "Where Are You Headed?"
Palm/Passion Sunday

April 6, 6 PM "Will You Wash My Feet?"
Maundy Thursday

April 7 "Why Have You Forsaken Me?"
7 PM Good Friday Worship

April 7-8, Noon-Noon
Good Friday 24-hour Prayer Vigil

April 9, Easter "Who Are You Looking For?"

6:30 AM - Sunrise Service in Carkeek Park

9:00 & 11:00 am - Festival Easter Worship,
Our Redeemer's

8:00 am - 10:00 am - Easter Breakfast,
Our Redeemer's

10:10 am Easter Egg Hunt, Our Redeemer's



faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

Youth Faith Formation Classes

Sprouts: Sundays, Ages 3-5 during 9 AM service. Children explore an age-appropriate Bible-based curriculum.

O-ROCK: After the 9 AM service, we welcome kids from kindergarten to 5th grade to explore Bible stories, get to know each other and caring adults, and invite questions about God, life, and everything they can imagine.

Middle School Hang Out: A time for 6th and 7th graders to get to know each other, and about how God's love makes a difference in our lives and around the world.

Youth Confirmation: For 7, 8, and 9th graders. Fun, faith, and service, preparing to publicly say "yes" to God. Includes retreats, summer camp, and visits to other faith communities.

STELLAR VBS: Helps Kids Shine a Light on Jesus' Love!

Join us August 7-11 from 9 am-12 pm every day. We are launching kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. Make sure to mark your calendars and register your kids for Stellar VBS! Blasting off August 7! [Download the registration form](#) and return to Pastor Gretchen. Hard copy registration forms are also on the front door table or in the office.

Adult Forum Today

Today, 10 AM | Fellowship Hall

For this third Sunday of Lent, we will look at John 9:1-41 and wonder, "Who sinned?" Come and deepen your Lenten journey as we explore the story of the person born blind, and when it is that disabilities are initially understood as deficiencies rather than differences.



SAVE THESE SUMMER DATES

July 23-28

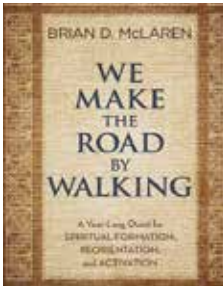
Confirmation Camp @Lutherhaven in Coeur D'Alene Idaho!
(Programming is available at camp for kids of other ages as well!)

August 7-11

VBS 9AM-noon: "Stellar" - an outer space adventure!
For kids ages 4-5th grade, with helpers in 7-12 grade.

August 26

Our Redeemer's is going to the ballpark to watch the Mariners vs. Kansas City for the M's Faith and Family Night. More information to come.



Adult Faith Formation Book Study

Mondays, 7-7:45 PM | Zoom

Are you interested in discussing any of the following:

March 20 – Why miracles and what is the “Kingdom of God” anyways?

March 27 – Is there a Hell? and problematic passages in the Gospel

April 2 – Sermon on the Mount – new perspectives

Then join us! Zoom Link: <https://rb.gy/vvc6qq>; Meeting id: 872 0474 6428; Passcode: 096864. We'll meet via Zoom at 7:00 pm in a discussion of that week's short chapter, **facilitated by Mandy Neill**. Contact Mandy (welcome@ourredeemers.net) with any questions.

Synod-Wide Bible Study on the Book of Acts

Tuesdays, 6:30 PM | Zoom

Various rostered ministers in our synod will co-facilitate a weekly study of Willie James Jennings' book, **Acts: A Theological Commentary on the Bible**. Purchase of the book is encouraged, although not a necessary requirement to fully participate. Drop in any time! Join any or all using Zoom Meeting ID: 822 0985 0836 Passcode: Acts.

LiVe Project: Interrogating Privilege

Final Class meets Thursday, 6:30pm - 8pm on Zoom

This 8-week mini-course is designed specifically for lay leaders to open up transparent, and honest conversations around the ways privilege shapes and impacts our lives and communities of faith. Participants will also have an option to explore their own bias through the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI). Participants must register through the following link to receive zoom access: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/zoom/register/tZwkc-Cupj4uGNIok1c9c9G4fEd4DO1k0a_N

Spring Retreat: “Spirit-Stirring & Creation Care”

Saturday, April 1 | 9 AM-3 PM | First Lutheran, Bothell

This day-long retreat focuses on how to restore dignity in relationship to creation, to rethink and practice faithfully a life of faith with creation at the center of our imaginations as local congregations.

The retreat is a primer to the follow-up 5-week course in April and May with Deacon Jessica Zimmerle. Registration Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScG0nljL5k9Zy-9D9kdZVI-HqglXCZpUHSsJV3GqfNiyEUcSw/viewform?usp=pp_url



social justice

A FORCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

LWR Spring Health Care Kit Needs Needed by April 21st

Health care kits will be collected and assembled for LWR Spring loading and distributing to those in need globally. Drop items off at the church.

- *Lightweight, dark colored bath towels Target has a great one: Everyday Living brand for only \$3 each.
- *4oz size bath bar soap. Ivory is preferred, or other brands-light scent.
- Nail clippers -sturdy. Amazon has bulk for a good price.
- Sturdy combs. Again, Amazon has good bulk price. Sturdy is key.
- Toothbrushes- individually wrapped. No toothpaste is accepted.
* *especially needed items*

Ballard Sunday Dinner Needs Your Help Every Month

SIGN UP

Ballard Sunday Dinner needs a team of 5-10 people each month to feed our neighbors who may be struggling with a hot meal on Sunday nights. If you have any of the following skills (planning, cooking, serving, greeting, opening doors, cleaning), we want you to come join us - sign up here and come have some fun! <https://rb.gy/dkvefb>.

Save the Date: Recycling Roundup May 13

Start collecting your Styrofoam, packing peanuts, mobile phones and laptops, **and BIKES** for recycling! It's an Earth Day and Mother's Day celebration with our neighborhood and Northminster Presbyterian Church, too. Questions or want to be a day of event volunteer? Please contact Connie Sandstrom, conniesandstrom05@gmail.com.



community

Madonna's Book Group

Today, 4 PM | Our Redeemer's

The book to be discussed is THE NARROWBOAT SUMMER by Anne Youngson. All are welcome to join in! Madonna's Book Group meets to review books, support each other, and share personal journeys. Contact Lynne for more information: buckomcneill@yahoo.com.

This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, Sunday, March 19

LENT 4

9 AM - Informal Worship

Sprouts: 9 AM | In-Person

10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes & Confirmation

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

11 AM - Traditional Worship

2 PM - Hand Bell Rehearsal

2 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner

4 PM - Madonna's Book Group

4 PM - The Journey | Our Redeemer's

Monday, March 20

7 PM - Adult Faith Formation Book Study | Zoom

Tuesday, March 21

12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

6:30 PM - Synod-Wide Bible Study on the
Book of Acts | Zoom

7 PM - Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 22

6:30 PM - Kid's Choir

7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 23

6:30 PM - LiVE Project: Interrogating
Privilege | Zoom

7 PM - Ensemble Rehearsal

Sunday, March 26

LENT 5

9 AM - Informal Worship

Sprouts: 9 AM | In-Person

10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes & Confirmation

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

11 AM - Traditional Worship

2 PM - Hand Bell Rehearsal

4 PM - The Journey | Our Redeemer's

Email administrator@ourredeemers.net if you need online or in-person meeting help. Find meeting information in the announcements herein or on the church's [website calendar](#).



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