



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:30 am

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDES

As the Deer Runs to the River

Our Father in Heaven

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Christopher Uehlein

J. S. Bach

Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

<We kneel.>

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

We confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

<We stand.>

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

**Praise the One Who
Breaks the Darkness**

ELW 843

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.

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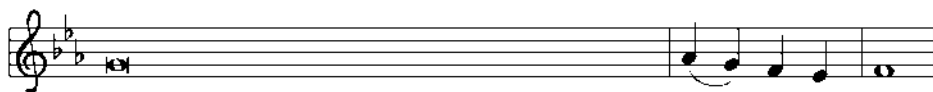
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



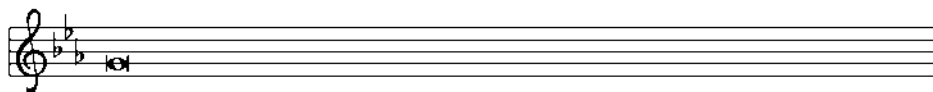
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



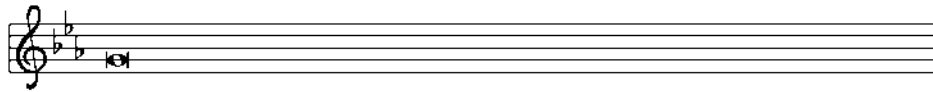
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. God of holy anticipation,

You have promised that you would return at a time unknown to us. Make us ready, so that when you return we might be welcomed into your kingdom with open arms. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ WORD +

READING

Matthew 25:1-13

Pew Bible pg. 806

The Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

<We sit.>

LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Titus

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

ELW 436

APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith with the words of the 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,
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.**

<We kneel.>

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition will end with "Merciful God" and the response is "Receive our prayer."

At the conclusion of the prayers, we respond with "Amen."

<We stand.>

SHARING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share the peace however you and those around you are comfortable.

<We sit.>

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

S. Drummond Wolff

<We stand.>

+ MEAL +

OFFERTORY HYMN

Just As I Am, without One Plea

ELW 592

OFFERTORY PRAYER

verses 1 & 4

Let us pray ..., through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg. 107

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.

PREFACE

ELW pg. 108

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...

...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

<We sit.>

COMMUNION

Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world. You are invited to come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. If you are not able, the meal will be brought to you in your pew. A gluten-free wafer is available, upon request, for those who need it.

<We stand.>

THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray ... and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

SUNG BLESSING

In the name of the Father.

In the name of the Father.

In the name of the Son.

In the name of the Son.

In the name of the Spirit.

In the name of the Spirit.

The Three-in-One.

The Three-in-One.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you.

May God's face shine upon you.

May God's blessings be with you.

May God's blessings be with you.

And give you peace.

And give you peace.

SENDING HYMN

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

ELW 452

<Please turn and face the rear of the nave.>

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

C. G. Gläser

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Worship Leadership

Worship Leader	Pastor Matthew Titus
Worship Assistant	Ernie Shealy
Acolyte	Zarek Reid
Crucifer	Griffin Long
Choir Director	Gayle Lindley
Organist	Huger Caughman, Jr.
Youth Director	Aubrey Guyton
Video	Matt Bowers
Audio	Annette Belcher or Claire Grosshuesch
Communion Prep	Lynn Cary

Announcements

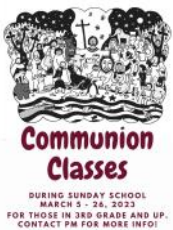
God's Abundance for All People is open to all in need from 10 am to 12 pm Saturdays at O'Neal Street UMC. GAAP is a free clothing and food pantry which now also provides a meal (beginning at 11am). Redeemer has been helping quite a bit on the **THIRD** Saturday of each month, you are all welcome to come volunteer every Saturday. The next day we will help with GAAP will be on April 15. The remodeled Community Clothes Closet will reopen soon! Volunteers are needed to help sort and organize clothing. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Manna House - You can always donate food to Manna House by placing those items in the shopping carts in the narthex or outside the church office. Thank you! Redeemer will be volunteering at Manna House on the following days: July 18 and 20, and November 14 and 16. We need at least two volunteers each day! For more information please contact Annette Belcher.

This year our Lenten Services will be held on **SUNDAY EVENINGS** at 7pm. We will gather in the Family Life Center. A small meal will be provided beginning at 6:15 pm each Sunday. If you are interested in helping with the meals, please contact Cathy Turner.

Lenten Donations - Throughout the season of Lent, we will be gathering reusable grocery bags and can openers that will be donated to GAAP, Manna House, and the Wolves Food Pantry at Newberry College. Collection bins are in the narthex. Thank you!

Easter Lilies - If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, please do so by **TODAY - MARCH 19**. Each lily is \$9.00. You may place an order using the order sheet in the bulletin.



Continuing this Sunday morning during our Children's and Youth Sunday School classes, PM will be leading a class on communion. Those in 3rd grade and up are invited to come and learn. This will be a class for kids who haven't received communion instruction yet and also a refresher for those who have! During the final session (on March 26), the kids will bake communion bread for that morning's service.

Family
Devotion Kits
for Lent

Devotion Kits for families are available in the narthex. For more information, please reach out to Aubrey.

Holy Week Schedule - Maundy Thursday, April 6 7:00 pm
Easter Sunrise, April 9 7:00 am

Good Friday, April 7 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday, April 9 10:30 am



This year's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 8 beginning at 10:30am. All children and youth are invited to participate in this fun event. Please contact Aubrey for more information and for where you can help out with candy donations and being a volunteer on April 8!



Redeemer needs a few individuals who would be interested and willing to keep our website updated with information that is given to Donna our Secretary. If you would be interested, please contact Matt Bowers for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19 - MARCH 25

Today	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship
	5:15 pm	Youth Group
	6:15 pm	Lenten meal in FLC
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service in FLC
Monday	2:30 pm	Prayer & Care Card Class
Tuesday		
	6:30 pm	Project Nectar
	6:30 pm	Sistercare
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal-McCullough Music Room
	7:30 pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal-McCullough Music Room
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

Attendance for March 12, 2023

Sunday School	29
In-Person	83
Online	58
Total	141

Offering for this Week:

Needed Weekly - \$6,000.00
Received 3-12-23 - \$10,899.63