

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026 - 10:30 am

A warm welcome to The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer!

Lent is a forty-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and leads us through to the three holy days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. It is a time for intentional spiritual renewal, designed to mirror Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. By setting aside this season, we are called to pause, look inward, and examine our lives, preparing our hearts for the joy of Easter by embracing a spirit of repentance and reflection.

Rather than a time of gloom, Lent is a journey of returning to God with a sincere heart. Through fasting, we detach from worldly distractions; through prayer, we deepen our relationship with God; and through almsgiving, we express love for our neighbors. Ultimately, Lent invites us to die to ourselves, so that we might walk more closely with Christ on the road to Calvary and experience the transformative power of the Resurrection.

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Whether you are a long-time member, a newcomer to our parish, or simply exploring your faith, we are delighted to have you join us. We are a family of faith dedicated to sharing God's love and grace through worship, fellowship, and service.

We invite you to join us for our worship services, participate in our ministries, and become a part of our vibrant parish. May you feel the presence of the Holy Spirit among us and find a spiritual home here at Redeemer.

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer is a Christian community of diverse people called and guided by the Holy Spirit to nurture with God's love those within and beyond our congregation.

A place where God is at work!
All are welcome. No exceptions.

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚

Voluntaries

My Song is Love Unknown

Michael Burkhardt

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Paul Manz

Aria on "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

David Cherwien

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who remembers our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

<We kneel.>

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

<We stand.>

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

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.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, 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 ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer 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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together. Holy Lord God, **Jesus washed the disciples’ feet as a sign of service and compassion. Show us how to live and love in service and with compassion, for the sake of all your children. Amen.**

<We sit.>

..... † **WORD** †

READING

Psalm 51:7-12

Pew Bible page 452

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the ones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

LIL’ LUTHERAN TALK

Kevin Boozer

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 13:1-17

Pew Bible page 876

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

<We sit.>

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Titus

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW Hymn 712

APOSTLE’S 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

<We kneel.>

Each prayer petition will end with “Hear us, O God,” and the response is “Your mercy is great.”

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

<We stand.>

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also, with you.**
You are invited to share the peace, however you and those around you are comfortable.

<We sit.>

..... † **MEAL** †

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

How Firm a Foundation

Paul E. Kocher

<We stand.>

OFFERTORY

What Shall I Render

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

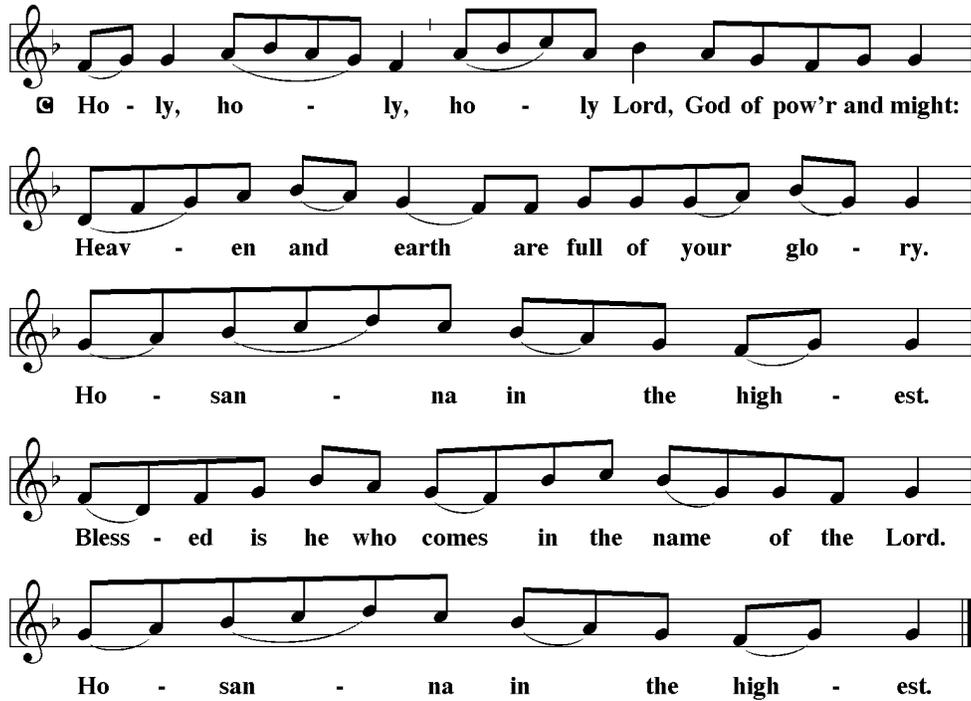
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, ...

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

... Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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 to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

<We sit.>

COMMUNION

Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized. We come in faith, trusting Christ is truly present in the bread and wine – given for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen us for proclaiming God’s love in the world. You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice. If you are unable to come forward, communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

<We stand.>

THE TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ’s body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

..... ✝ **SENDING** ✝

BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,

✝ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

ELW Hymn 775

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Chorale on “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

David Cherwien

..... ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Day of Prayer will be Friday, March 6, 2026, at 6pm at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Light refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Easter Lily Orders are due by March 12th, plants will cost \$8.00 each. Order forms are available in the Narthex and church office.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Property Committee Mtg - 9am Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal - after worship Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 11:40am-12:20pm WELCA - 3:45pm FLC Reserved - Musical Showcase	2	3 Library Reserved	4 Mid-Week Meal & Lenten Service - 6:15pm - FLC Baked Potato Bar & Salad - PB&Js available Senior Choir Rehearsal - after worship	5	6	7	8 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal - after worship Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 11:40am-12:20pm Confirmation - 4pm

Worship Leadership - This Sunday
Worship Asst: Anne Caughman
Acolyte: McKenzie Garner
Crucifer: JC Hazel
Comm Prep: Ann Jacobs & Susan Thomasson
Altar Flowers: No Flowers During Lent
Ushers: Chad Cary, Norris Long, Zeb Reid, Dennis Caughman

Sunday, March 8, 2026
Worship Asst: Kevin Boozer
Acolyte: Jacob Chapman
Crucifer: Taygen Hazel
Comm Prep:
Altar Flowers: No Flowers During Lent
Ushers: Susan Thomasson, Walter Jacobs, Justin Guy, Dennis Caughman

Numbers for Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026:

Offering:
 Gen Op Account: \$304.00
 Major Maint.: \$ 10.00

Numbers for Sunday, February 22, 2026:

Attendance:
 Sunday School: 26
 In-Person: 76
 Online: 125
Total: 201

Offering:
 Gen Op Account: \$ 4,912.31
 Major Maint.: \$ 200.00
 Abiding Memorial: \$ 50.00

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor · Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper
Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr., Organist · Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director
A/V Team: Annette Belcher, Wayden Caughman, Nikki Chapman, and Matt Bowers

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Lenten Midweek Services

Join us for a meal beginning at 6:15pm in the Family Life Center followed by an abbreviated worship service

February 25 - Creation - Mark 4:35-41

March 4 - All the Saints - Mark 9:2-8

March 11 - Our Neighbor - Mark 2:1-12

March 18 - Those on the Margins - Mark 5:1-20

March 25 - Walking the Way of the Cross -
Mark 10:32-45