

# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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.

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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.

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

..... † **GATHERING** † .....

**Voluntaries**

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*  
*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Paul Manz  
Joyce Jones  
David Lasky

**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 disdainng 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. God of Truth, **Too often we bend to fit our needs. Show us how to recognize and follow your truth, shown to us by the love and life of your son, Jesus. Amen.**

<We sit.>

..... † **WORD** † .....

**READING**

**Psalm 145:10-13**

*Pew Bible page 506*

*All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.*

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

**LIL' LUTHERAN TALK**

<We stand.>

**GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 18:28-40**

*Pew Bible page 880*

*Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"*

*After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a rebel.*

<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**

**Come to the Table (sung twice)**

*ELW Hymn 481*

**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**

**Be Thou My Vision**

Bob Chilcott

<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.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: '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**

**Lead On, O King Eternal!**

*ELW Hymn 805*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY**

*Lead On, O King Eternal!*

Carolyn Hamlin

**Lenten Midweek Services**  
 Join us for a meal beginning at 6:15pm in the  
 Family Life Center followed by an abbreviated  
 worship service  
 March 18 - Those on the Margins - Mark 5:1-20  
 March 25 - Walking the Way of the Cross -  
 Mark 10:32-45

..... **ANNOUNCEMENTS** .....

**Redeemer LMM** will not have our regular meeting in March, but we will go to see the Newberry Wolves baseball game on Saturday, March 21 at 4:00 pm. More information will follow about tickets. Hope to see you there!

**The Worship and Music Committee** will meet today at 2:00 pm in the church library.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
15 <b>Sunday School -</b> 9:30am <b>Worship - 10:30am</b> <b>Children's Choir</b> <b>Rehearsal - after</b> worship <b>Handbell Choir</b> <b>Rehearsal -</b> 11:40am-12:20pm <b>Worship &amp; Music</b> <b>Committee Meeting</b> - 2pm	16	17       <b>Library</b> <b>Reserved</b>	18 <b>Mid-Week</b> <b>Meal &amp; Lenten</b> <b>Service -</b> 6:15pm - FLC BBQ Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Slaw & PB&Js to be served  <b>Senior Choir</b> <b>Rehearsal -</b> after worship	19	20	21  <b>GAAP -</b> 10am-Noon  <b>LMM -</b> <b>Newberry</b> <b>College</b> <b>Baseball</b> <b>Outing - 4pm</b>	22 <b>Sunday School -</b> 9:30am <b>Worship -</b> 10:30am <b>Children's Choir</b> <b>Rehearsal - after</b> worship <b>Handbell Choir</b> <b>Rehearsal -</b> 11:40am-12:20pm <b>Confirmation -</b> 4pm

**Worship Leadership - This Sunday**  
**Worship Asst:** Nikki Chapman  
**Acolyte:** Rosealynn Sexton  
**Crucifer:** Griffin Long  
**Comm Prep:** Kathy Lindsay  
**Altar Flowers:** No Flowers During Lent  
**Ushers:** Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia,  
 Tom Gilson, Dennis Caughman

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**  
**Worship Asst:** Alanna Boozer  
**Acolyte:** Ellie Nguyen  
**Crucifer:** Adam Boozer  
**Comm Prep:** Kathy Riggin  
**Altar Flowers:** No Flowers During Lent  
**Ushers:** Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia,  
 Tom Gilson, Dennis Caughman

**Numbers for Sunday, March 8, 2026:**

**Attendance:**  
 03/04: Mid-Week Lenten Service: 35  
 Sunday School: 24  
 In-Person: 62  
 Online: 181  
**Total: 243**

**Offering:**  
 Gen Op Account: \$ 2,971.96  
 Major Maint.: \$ 100.00  
 Lenten Meals: \$ 132.00  
 Facilities Rental Income: \$ 500.00  
 Special Flowers: \$ 56.00  
 Choral Scholar: \$ 410.00  
 Abiding Memorials: \$ 25.00

**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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