

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 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

Adoration

Florence B. Price

Ah, Holy Jesus

Joyce Jones

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Micheal Burkhardt

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 removes 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 God, **In this season of contemplation, help us to recognize that you revealed yourself in Jesus, who walked among us and was handed over to be crucified. May we be strengthened by his presence among us today. Amen.**

<We sit.>

..... † **WORD** †

READING

Psalm 146

Pew Bible page 507

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

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 19:1-16a

Pew Bible page 881

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against Caesar." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover, and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

<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

Seed That in Earth Is Dying

ELW Hymn 330

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

What Wondrous Love Is This

L. Eugene Oldham

<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 a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style with quarter and eighth notes, often grouped with slurs. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Within the Darkest Night Derek K. Hakes

<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 **Christ, the Life of All the Living** *ELW Hymn 339*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY *Prelude in E minor* J. S. Bach

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

..... ANNOUNCEMENTS

Intergenerational Sunday School – the 5th Sunday of the month means gathering with all Sunday School classes in the FLC for fellowship, pastries, and filling of the Easter eggs for the egg hunt.

Easter Egg Hunt – join the Christian Education Committee for an Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 29th at 3:30pm in the FLC. All are invited and encouraged to come!

Supper will be served after the egg hunt with Palm Sunday “Sundaes” for dessert!

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday – April 2, worship at 7pm in the church

Good Friday – April 3, worship at 7pm in the church

Easter Sunday – April 5: Sunrise Service at 7am on the front lawn; Worship at 10:30am in the church

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
22 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Children’s Choir Rehearsal - after worship Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 11:40am-12:20pm Confirmation - 4pm	23 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	24 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am Library Reserved	25 Mid-Week Meal & Lenten Service - 6:15pm - FLC Committees Choice and PB&Js to be served Senior Choir Rehearsal - after worship	26	27	28	29 Intergenerational Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Children’s Choir Rehearsal - after worship Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 11:40am-12:20pm Easter Egg Hunt - 3:30pm

Worship Leadership – This Sunday

Worship Asst: Alanna Boozer

Acolyte: Ellie Nguyen

Crucifer: Adam Boozer

Comm Prep: Kathy Riggan

Altar Flowers: No Flowers During Lent

Ushers: Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia,

Tom Gilson, Dennis Caughman

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Worship Asst: Mary Alex Kopp

Acolyte: Miriam Titus

Crucifer: Zarek Reid

Comm Prep:

Flowers: John Cromer

Ushers: Elmer Long, Mack Garner,

Robert Kneee, Dennis Caughman

Numbers for Sunday, March 15, 2026:

Attendance:

03/11: Mid-Week Lenten Service: 25

Sunday School: 27

In-Person: 65

Online: 102

Total: 167

Offering:

Gen Op Account: \$ 6,517.81

Major Maint.: \$ 710.00

Lenten Meals: \$ 56.00

Facilities Rental Income: \$ 50.00

Special Flowers: \$ 108.00

Choral Scholar: \$ 120.00

Abiding Memorials: \$ 535.00

Redeemer Music Fund: \$ 100.00

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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**COMBINED
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Please join us for a combined Sunday School experience in the FLC. Pastries and beverages will be served as we fill Easter eggs for our annual Egg Hunt/

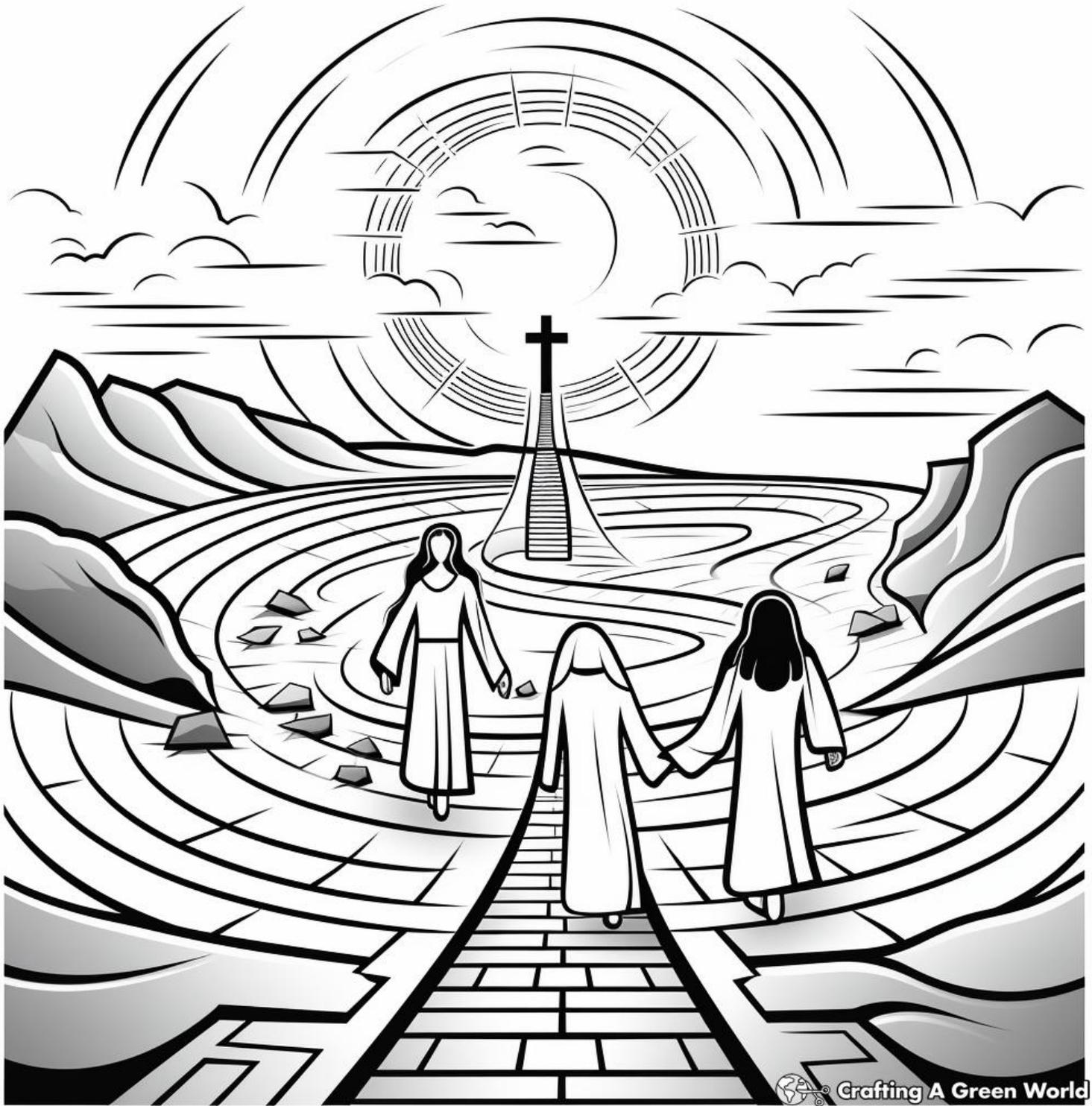
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9:30 AM**



**EASTER
EGG HUNT**

EGG HUNT, GAMES, HOTDOG SUPPER, & PALM SUNDAY "SUNDAES"

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