



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**First Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, February 21, 2021**

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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 1)  
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February 21, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

*On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.*

*Key to hymnals:*

*ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back*

*WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back*

*STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)*

*LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green)*

*\* = Please rise*

## **GATHERING**

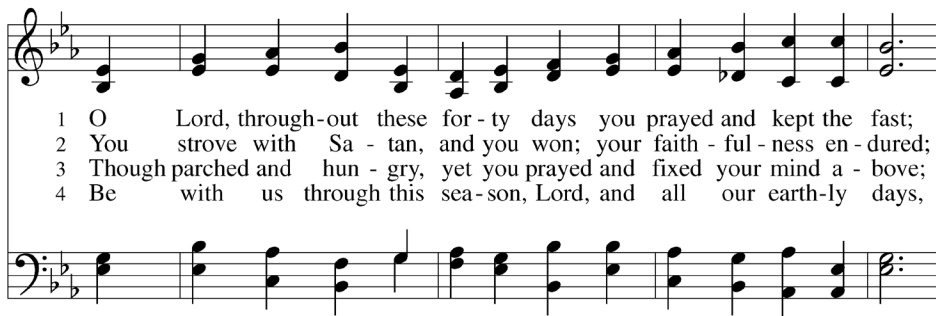
Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

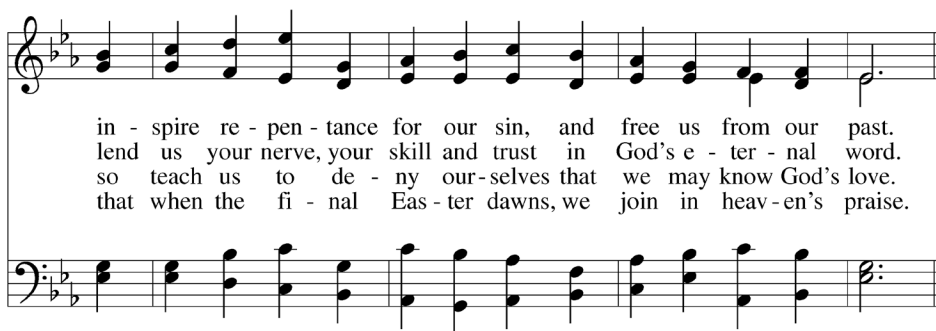
*We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send a text message to Rev. Darrel Cory at 218-791-0141 to let us know from where you are worshipping.*

**\*Gathering Hymn****O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days**

LBW #99

*All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.*

1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days you prayed and kept the fast;  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your faith - ful - ness en - dured;  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a - bove;  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and all our earth - ly days,



in - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, and free us from our past.  
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
so teach us to de - ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
that when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930  
Music: CAITHNESS, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1635

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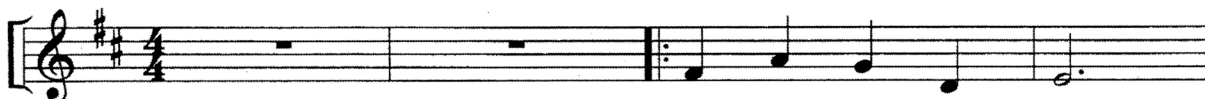
**\*Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

*Choir/Cantor*



Je - sus, Lamb of God,  
2. Je - sus, font of life,  
3. Je - sus, grain of wheat,  
4. Je - sus, sin - ner's friend,

*All*

*To Repeat*

you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

*Last time*

sins of the world: grant us your peace.

In the presence of God and of one another, let us confess our sins.

*(Silence is kept for self-reflection. Those who wish to may kneel.)*

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**


In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. As a called and ordained member of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

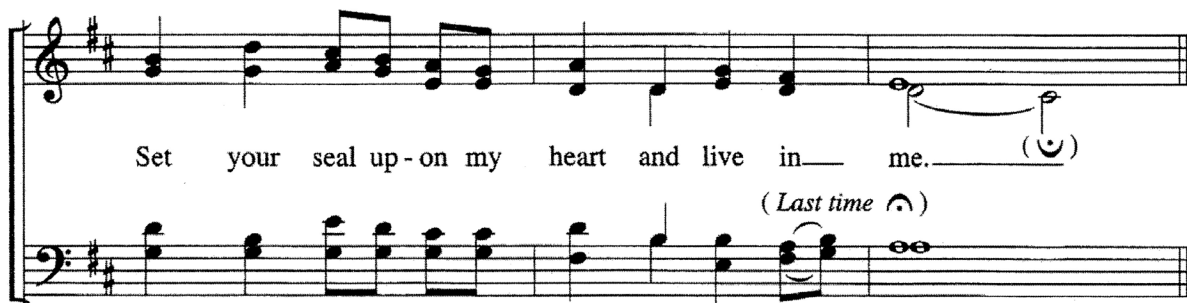
*(Please rise.)*

## \*Refrain

All sing the refrain; the cantor sings the verses.



Take, O take me as I am. Sum-mon out what I shall be.



Set your seal up-on my heart and live in me. (Last time)

1. Marked with ashes we have come, we, the world so troublesome,  
We, the members; Christ our sum. But you, O Lord:
2. All who thirst shall gather here. We, the world draw ever near:  
Christ's own blood, this cup so dear. But you, O Lord:
3. Help us pray by day and night; keep the fast to clear our sight;  
Share our goods to set things right. But you, O Lord:

## \*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

**C: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

# WORD

## Genesis 9:8-17

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your  
goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

## 1 Peter 3:18-22

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



**\*Gospel Acclamation***Jesus, Remember Me*

WOV #740

*The congregation sings "Jesus, Remember Me" once; the cantor sings the verse for the day; then the congregation sings "Jesus, Remember Me" once more.*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.

Text: Luke 23:42  
 Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

REMEMBER ME  
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**\*Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark...

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

## **\*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.**

## **\*Prayers of the Church**

**L: ...Hear us, O God.**

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## **\*Peace**

**P: The peace of Christ be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

### **Offering**

*We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! In-person worshippers can place their offering in the offering plate before the service or at this time. Your tithes and offerings submitted via the Postal Service or electronically are also gratefully appreciated.*

**\*Offertory**

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW #181

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*Thanksgiving at the Table**

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.**

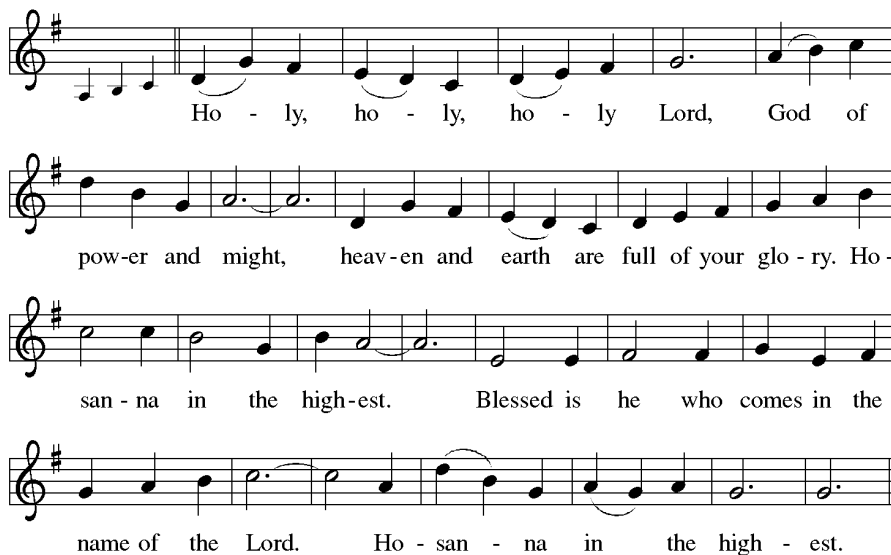
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,

that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*Sanctus**

ELW p. 108



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.

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.

## \*Lord's Prayer

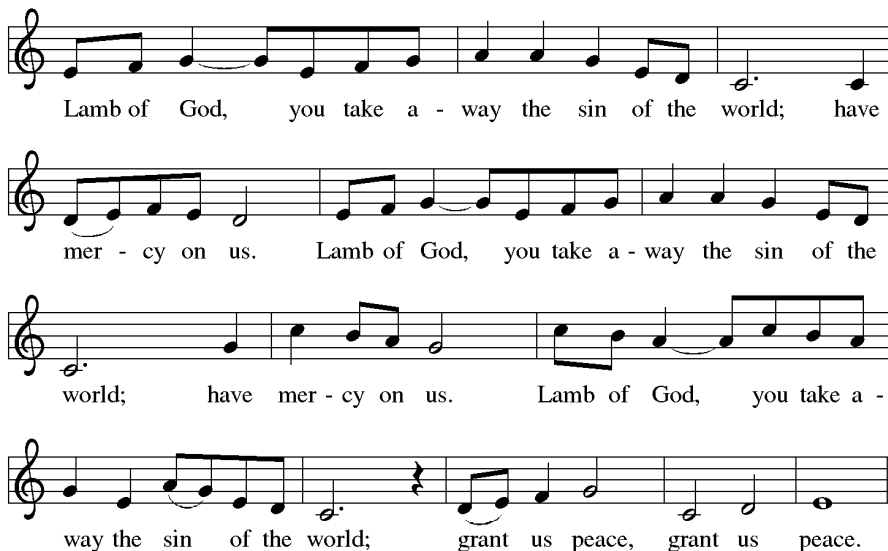
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

## \*Agnus Dei

ELW p. 112



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.

## Distribution

If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, we invite you to join in celebrating at Christ's table wherever you are, with bread and wine, grape juice, or water, as we remain physically separated yet "together met, together bound by all that God has done" and "the love that makes us one." ("I Come with Joy", ELW #482)

If you are worshipping with us in person today, know that all who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please approach the serving station at the front of the church using the center aisle. One side of the church will be served at a time.

Please wait to leave your pew until the last person in the pew ahead of yours has reached the serving station, so that we maintain proper social distancing.

As you approach the serving station, please cup your hands together and stretch them out toward the server; the bread will be dropped into your hands. Then as you move to the wine, a server will remove an individual pre-filled cup, place it on the table, and step back; you may then pick up the cup from the table. Then return to your pew via the outside aisles. Be mindful of the cables for the livestream running across the floor.

Our bread is a new recipe that is gluten- and other allergen-free.

If you wish to receive grape juice instead of wine, please indicate that to the server; a cup of white grape juice will be given to you.

## Hymn during Distribution

### Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW #777

1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.  
2 "Come to me, all trav - lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.  
3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.  
4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."  
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."  
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."  
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

*Refrain*



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.  
In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 “Come to me, distressed and needy;  
I would be your trusted friend.  
Come and seek the gift I offer,  
come, your open hands extend.” *Refrain*

6 “Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;  
lonely ways no longer roam.  
Come and take the gift I offer,  
let me make in you my home.” *Refrain*

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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## \*Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.



**\*Post-Communion Canticle**

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.

**SENDING**

**\*Benediction and Threefold Amen**

A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

**\*Sending Hymn**

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

ELW #325

*All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.*

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
me; in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding: Rev. Darrel Cory

Lector/Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Communion Minister: Jan Anderson

Serving at the Altar: Phyliss Johnson and Susan Brekke

Organist: Reid Froiland

Video/Acolyte: Dave Ulrich

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**Our Mission Statement:** Being chosen by God and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Redeemer Lutheran Church gathers together to worship, serve and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, to provide meaning and purpose for daily living.

## **Our Staff:**

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# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21-28, 2021

Sunday, February 21	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, February 23	TBD	Altar Guild meeting
Wednesday, February 24	6:30pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
Sunday, February 28	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday- Friday, March 1-5	11:15am	<b>Meals on Wheels Delivery</b>

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In your prayers** this week please remember Donald Booth, Rick Hanson, Lowell Burkel, Pearl Johnson, David Grovum, David Jarvi (Susan Froiland's brother), Dan Parker (Mike Parker's brother), Tami Hanson, Julie Kiesow (Lavonne Forsberg's sister), Scott Hickerson, Karen Burgus (Chris Burnham's sister), Dale Folger, Joyce Froschheiser, Ken Poole, Mike Gilbertson, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Brooklyn Poe, Mark Thompson (Dale & Jan Dillon's son-in-law), Gloria Leach, Larry Forsberg, Annabelle Cuppett, Jeremy Johnson, Chad Gunderson, Shelley Steva, and Molly Dahlin and family.

Especially during these uncertain times, God calls us to certain tasks, and we call on God's help to fulfill them.

Dear Lord, we call on you now to guide us through the tasks ahead of us. Amen

**Altar flowers this day** are given by Bev Thompson in memory of Dionne Ammerman and in honor of all of her nieces and nephews.

**We give our Christian sympathy** to Dave Thompson and family on the death of Dave's brother, Curtis Thompson. Curtis died on Tuesday, February 16.

### Financial Stewardship for 2021:

2021 Budget – \$274,731 (Envelopes, cash, and electronic giving)

**Weekly Giving – week of February 8-14:** \$1,785 (\$5,283 needed each week to meet budgeted expenses)

**January Income:** \$23,766 (\$22,894 needed each month to meet budgeted expenses)

*Weekly Giving includes cash and envelopes mailed to the church, dropped off at the church, or placed in the plate each week; it does not include electronic giving. Monthly income includes electronic giving.*

**Meals on Wheels:** Redeemer delivers Meals on Wheels the week of March 1-5; the signup sheet is in the Narthex, or you can call the church office to volunteer. We need 3 drivers a day. Meals are picked up in the lobby of the Law Enforcement Center at 11:15am.

**Altar flower purchases for 2021 are available now.** Please contact the church office if you would like to purchase flowers. Any flowers that were purchased for the time when indoor public worship was suspended in 2020 will be moved to the corresponding week in 2021.

**Indoor public worship services!** To reserve seats for in-person worship for your family unit, please call the church office by 8:00 a.m. the Friday prior to Sunday services and by 8:00 a.m. the Wednesday of midweek Lenten services. We are limited to 55 worshippers in the Sanctuary to allow for adequate spacing. Please see the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for more information. The livestream of worship will continue. Information on deadlines for reservation of seating for Holy Week services will be announced closer to Holy Week.

**We are now back to normal office hours, 8:30am-1:30pm.** For your safety and the safety of our staff, we are requesting when you come to Redeemer that you wear a mask and practice social distancing.

**Most other in-person events at Redeemer have been cancelled.**

**Church Announcements:** Please make sure to have your announcements in every week to Vanessa VanDam by **Monday at 10:00 a.m.** so that the preparation of bulletins does not get delayed.

**Quarterly statements** are available upon request; please contact Vanessa at the church office.

**Monthly Treasurer's Reports** are available anytime for viewing. Contact Marit Martell or the church office.