

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH Second Sunday in Lent Sunday, February 28, 2021

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Order of Worship Second Sunday in Lent February 28, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

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.

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

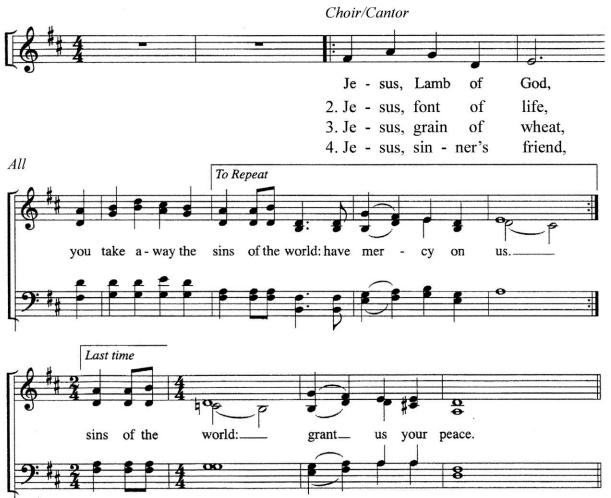


Text: Gesangbuch, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt. Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

*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



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.

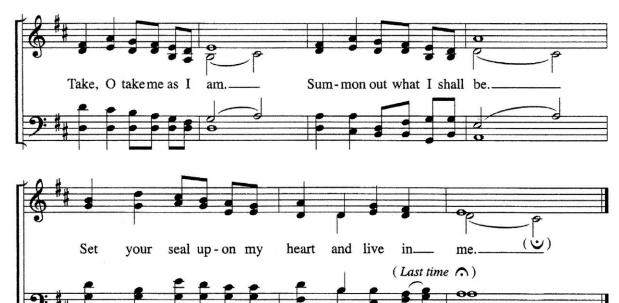
For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

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

(Water is poured.)

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.)



- 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: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her"

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:23-31

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.
- ³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." 19He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, 24but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.



*Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

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

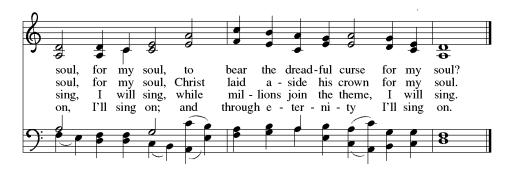
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**





Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.
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*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



*The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

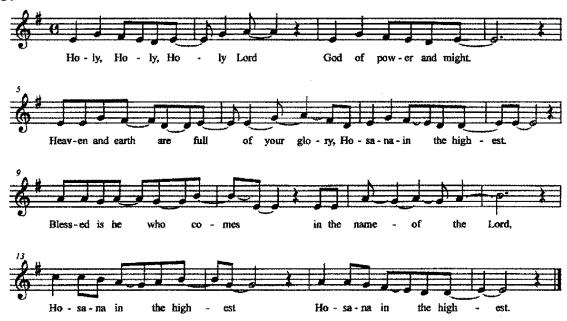
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

*Sanctus

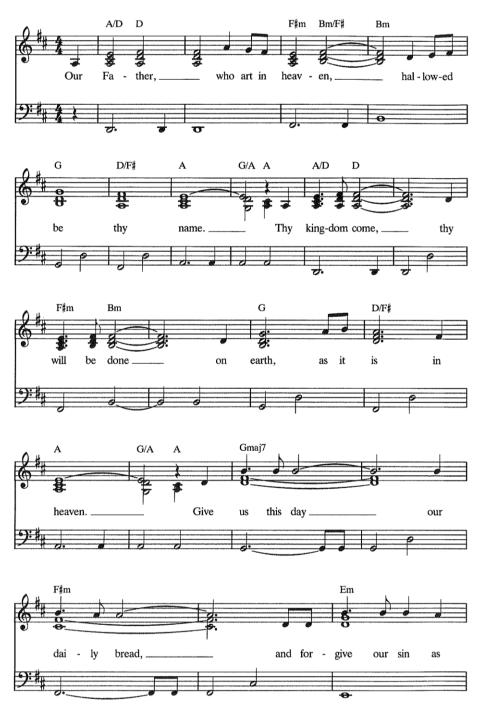
L: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C:



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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.





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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.

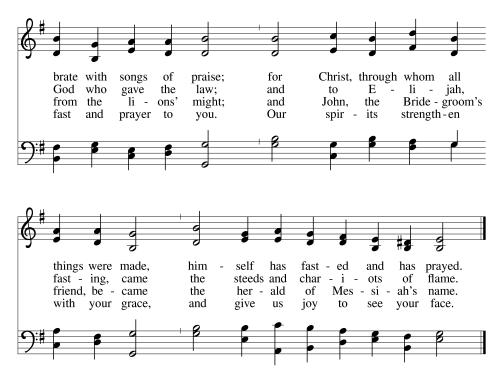
Please wait to leave your pew until the last person in the pew ahead of yours has reached the serving station, so that we maintain proper social distancing.

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.





Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862-1947, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543 Outside USA: Text from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906. All rights reserved.

*Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

SENDING

*Benediction

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



*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding: Rev. Darrel Cory Lector: Paula Adamson

Lector. Paula Adamson

Acolyte/Communion Minister: Reid Froiland

Serving at the Altar: Phyliss Johnson and Susan Brekke Musicians: Paula Adamson, Greg Dally, Dean Dalen

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.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28- MARCH 7, 2021

Sunday, February 28	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday-Friday, March 1-5	11:15am	Meals on Wheels Delivery
Tuesday, March 2	5:15pm 6:30pm	Faith Formation committee meeting Worship & Music committee meeting
Wednesday, March 3	6:30pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
Sunday, March 7	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion

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 to the glory og God by the Altar Guild.

Financial Stewardship for 2021:

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

Weekly Giving – week of February 15-21: \$3,545.30 (\$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 also includes some forms of electronic giving (e.g.: Vanco). Monthly income includes all forms of electronic giving.

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.