

# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH Fifth Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 21, 2021

# **REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH** Order of Worship (ELW Setting 1) Fifth Sunday in Lent March 21, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the 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

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

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



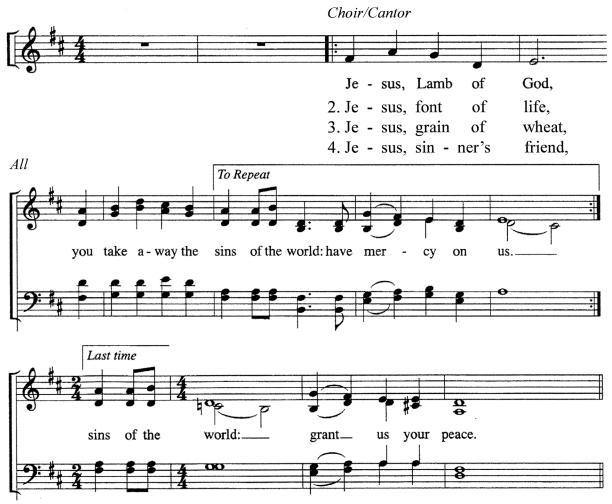
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### \*Greeting

- 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



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.

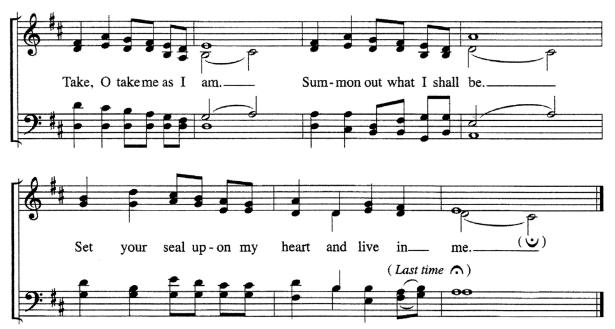
For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

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, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

\*Refrain

# WORD

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

# Psalm 51:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,

and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,

a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;

that the body you have broken may rejoice.

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

# <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Hebrews 5:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### \*Gospel Acclamation

Jesus, Remember Me

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



- P: The holy gospel according to St. John...
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Sermon

Rev. Darrel Cory

The Word of God Is Source and Seed



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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.

# <u>MEAL</u>

#### 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.



Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW #181



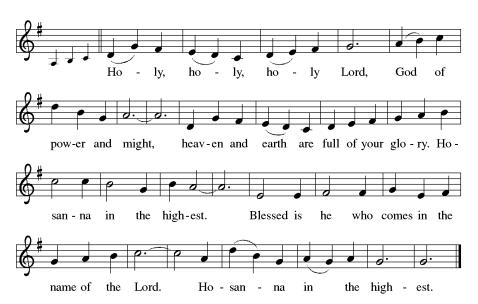
### \*Thanksgiving at the Table

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



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 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, world; have mer-cy on us. you take a of the world; way the sin grant us peace, grant us peace.

ELW p. 112

#### 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

My Song Is Love Unknown

LBW #94



I all my days could gladly spend!

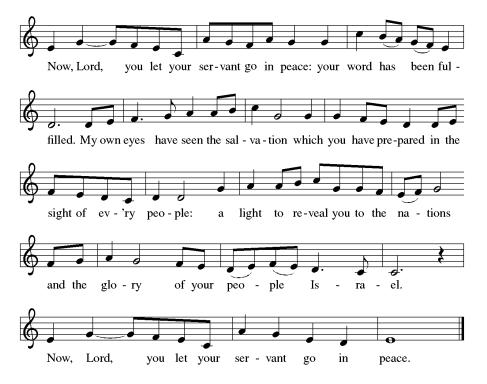
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#### \*Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

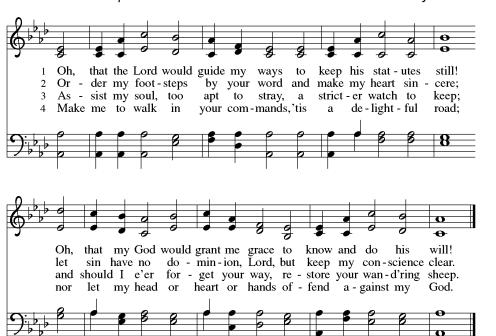
#### \*Post-Communion Canticle



**SENDING** 

#### \*Benediction and Threefold Amen





Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

#### \*Dismissal

- P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY Presiding: Rev. Darrel Cory Acolyte/Lector: Madison Crane Communion Minister: Jan Anderson Serving at the Altar: Becky Smith and Denice Nelson Organist: Reid Froiland Cantor: Chris Cuppett Video: Dave Ulrich

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<u>**Our Mission Statement:</u>** 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.</u>

Our Staff:	
Pastor	Darrel Cory (phone: 218-791-0141, email: <u>darrelcory@gmail.com</u> )
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# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21-28, 2021

Sunday, March 21	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion	
Wednesday, March 24	6:30pm	Midweek Lenten Worship	
Sunday, March 28	<b>Palm Sunday/Sun</b> 9:30am	<b>day of the Passion</b> Worship with Holy Communion	
Looking Ahead to Holy Week			
Wednesday, March 31	No Worship Services		
Thursday, April 1	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 6:30pm	, Worship with Holy Communion	
Friday, April 2	<b>Good Friday</b> 6:30pm	Worship	
Saturday, April 3 '	9:30-10:15am 10:45-11:30am	Easter Egg Hunt, grades 3-5 Easter Egg Hunt, grades PreK-2	
Sunday, April 4	<b>Easter Day</b> 7:00am 9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion Worship with Holy Communion	

# **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**In your prayers** this week please remember Sharon Bugge, 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 in memory of Don Fugleberg by Don's family.

Youth Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade from 9:30-10:15 a.m., and PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade from 10:45-11:30 a.m. at Redeemer's backyard. Please send a text message to Madison at 608-535-9151 with each child's name and grade by Friday, March 26. Adults are welcome to stay while their children hunt for eggs on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Masks are required due to COVID-19 Preparedness Plan.

**The Faith, Family, Fellowship Committee** is in need of a good working refrigerator and freezer. Please contact the church office 681-3390 if you have one or know of someone who has one. Thank you.

## Financial Stewardship for 2021:

Weekly Giving – week of March 8-147: \$2507.25 (\$5,283 needed each week to meet budgeted expenses)

**February Income:** \$12,723.67 (\$22,894 needed each month to meet budgeted expenses)

**Year-to-Date Income:** \$36,489.67 (\$45,788 budgeted year-to-date) 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 <u>Monday at 10:00 a.m.</u> 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.