

SO MUST THE
SON OF MAN
BE LIFTED UP

JOHN 3:14



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 10, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

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Order of Worship
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Rev. Stephanie White

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

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 an e-mail to redeemer@gvtel.com to let us know from where you are worshipping.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.
Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

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

Holy God,
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.
We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.
We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.
We keep score in our hearts.
We let hurts grow into hatred.
For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord.
Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through ✝ Jesus Christ.
Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

We Can Be Lifted Up

STS #16

All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary. (See Insert)

***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**


L: Petition

C:



Lord have mer - cy. - - Lord -- have mer - - - cy. -

After last chorus - sing twice



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

Congregation:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: In peace let us pray,
Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above
and for our salvation,
Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

L: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer
here their worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us, Gracious Lord.
Help, save, comfort and defend us, Gracious Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

***Prayer of the Day**

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

First Reading: Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.**

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD
and you delivered them from their distress.**

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

Second Reading: While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸Christ 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, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who 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. ²¹And 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life.

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.

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

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

REMEMBER ME
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Gospel: To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

***Gospel: John 3: 14-21**

The holy gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹⁴"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

***Hymn of the Day**

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

ELW #857

***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.**

***Peace**

*The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.*

Please share a sign of the peace with one another.

Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! As our tithes and offerings are being collected, please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew and pass it down to the next person.

***Offertory**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

(see next page)

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

***Offering Prayer**

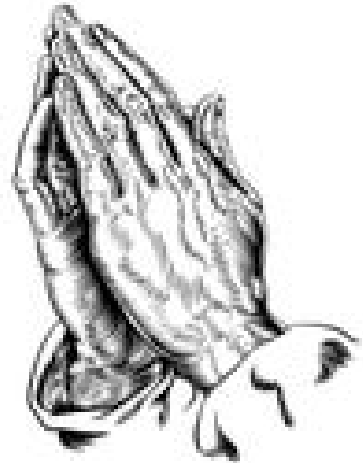
God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
Amen.

***Prayers of the Church**

...God of grace,
receive our prayer.

***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.



SENDING

***Benediction**

Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Amazing Grace

ELW #779

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

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share your bread.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Acolyte:

Ushers: Myron and Juneal Peterson

Lector: Greg Hallstrom

Serving at the Altar: Denice Nelson and Carol Ihle

Musicians: Paula Adamson, Greg Dally and Dean Dalen

Video: Dave Ulrich

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, March 3	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, March 4	7:00 p.m.	FMS & LHS Orchestra Concert @ LHS
Wednesday, March 6	5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Soup Supper BLAST/6 th Grade Confirmation Holden Evening Prayer Sharing the Vision Confirmation – The Chosen
Thursday, March 7	6:00 p.m.	NWMN Synod Conference II Spring Gathering at Redeemer – Lite supper, Bars & Coffee, visit from Bishop Tesch
Friday, March 8		Pastor Sabbath
Sunday, March 10	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Monday, March 11	5:30 p.m.	Property Committee meeting
Tuesday, March 12	9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Martha Unit Bible Study Faith & Family Stewardship meeting Worship & Music Committee meeting
Wednesday, March 13	1:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Ruth Unit Bible Study Soup Supper BLAST/6 th Grade Confirmation Holden Evening Prayer Sharing the Vision Confirmation – The Chosen
Thursday, March 14	5:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Friday, March 15		Pastor Sabbath
Saturday March 16	9:30 a.m.	First Communion Class
Sunday March 17	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, March 18	7:00 p.m.	Choir Concert @ LHS
Tuesday March 19	6:00 p.m.	Council Meeting @ Redeemer

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Hal Kelley, Enid Sande, Linda Ulrich, Neil Erickson, Imogene Helle, Leanna Johnson, Daniel Johnson, Barry and Sue Froiland Family, Shari Safranski, Sandy Parker family, Carter and Leslie Rogalla, Trevor Sorter, Jamie Elleson, Ken Froschheiser, Leona Bugge, Travis Forsberg, Bob and Barb Horien, Morgan Martell, Rick and Tami Hanson, r, Dale Folger, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Larry and LaVonne Forsberg, Annabelle Cuppett, and Jeremy Johnson.

Altar flowers are given by Polly and Derek Gustafson in loving memory of Allan R. Gustafson Jr. Blessed by his memory.

March Attendance

March 3 – 38	
March 6 – 60	
March 10 –	
March 13 –	
March 17 -	
March 20 -	
March 24 –	
March 28 -	March 29 -
March 31 -	March 31 -

**Financial stewardship 2024
Week Ending–March 3
\$4,617.53
February 2024 Income –
\$4,617.53**

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



Birthday Blessings

March Birthdays –

2 – Nikolas Barry **3** – Chris Bjerklie, Aaron Sjaaheim **4** – Haylie Bayne, Sarah Castle **5** – Rev. Eric Miller **6** – Brian Bugge, Mariah Bugge, Kendra Carlson **7** – Briggs Anderson, Carlie Rogalla **8** – Molly Halsa, Jonah Nordby **9** – Leona Bugge, Laurie Wilson **10** – Nancy Harbott **11** – Tucker Kruchowski **13** – Susan Brekke, David Houske **14** – Tyler Richards **15** – Jack Milender, Cecil Anderson Kyle Goethe, Blaine Olson **16** – Michelle Kempert, Parker Hanson, Alexa Grindeland **17** – Harper Bakken **18** – Mike Nelson **19** – Carole Krogstad, Haley Bruggeman **20** – Chelsey Johnson, Emily Meyer, Brenden Vigen **21** – Christine Halsa, Zane Anderson, Tiffany Lofberg, Gerry Seim **22** – Aiden Bakken, Hailey Leatherwood **23** - Dane Froiland **24** – Cindy Sele **25** – Derek Suronen **26** – Brian Kays, Dean Dalen, Sunny Wilde, Michelle Anderson **27** – Kailee Vigen **28** – Tatum Fay, Shelby Norlin, **29** – Cali Green, Elaine Grovum, Rick Hanson **30** – Lisa Cullen, Molly Dahlin, Joe Borchardt **31** – Rosemary Voecks, Kylee Little, Ayden Davis, Maura Efteland, Kyla Davis

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We Can Be Lifted Up

REFRAIN

E. A B

G#m F#m A/B

- ing, And noth - ing seems to mat - ter at all.
 - tion, And noth - ing's mak - ing sense an - y - more;

E B/D# C#m

When you're feel - ing low and you just can't mus -
 When the on - ly thing you're do - ing is noth -

G#m F#m A

- ter strength to car - ry on, just look
 - ing, You'll know the time has come to look

A/B B E D.S. al Fine

up to - ward the sun. We can be
 up to - ward the Son.

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

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The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.' The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.' The third staff has the lyrics: 'You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth'. The fourth staff continues with: 'to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,'. The fifth staff concludes the piece with the lyrics: 'from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.' The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests.

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth

to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,

from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954

Music: Rick Founds

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

PM

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.