



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
First Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 1, 2020

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Order of Worship
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Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

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)

** = Please rise*

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* ELW #319
All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

***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.

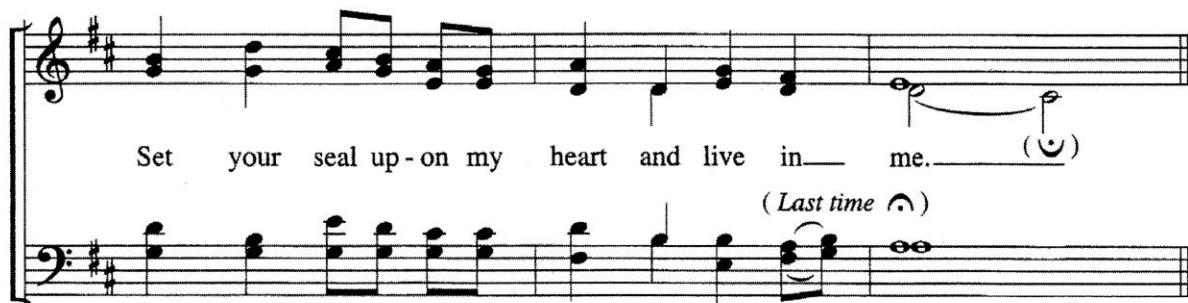
(Please rise.)

*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: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through 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 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

¹⁰Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Romans 5:12-19

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel AcclamationJesus, 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 presented in two systems. Each system consists of 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 7/8. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady accompaniment.

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

REMEMBER ME
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***Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

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

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

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Darrel Cory

***Hymn of the Day**

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW #802

***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.**

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

***Prayers of the Church**

P: ...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! 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**

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.

***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.

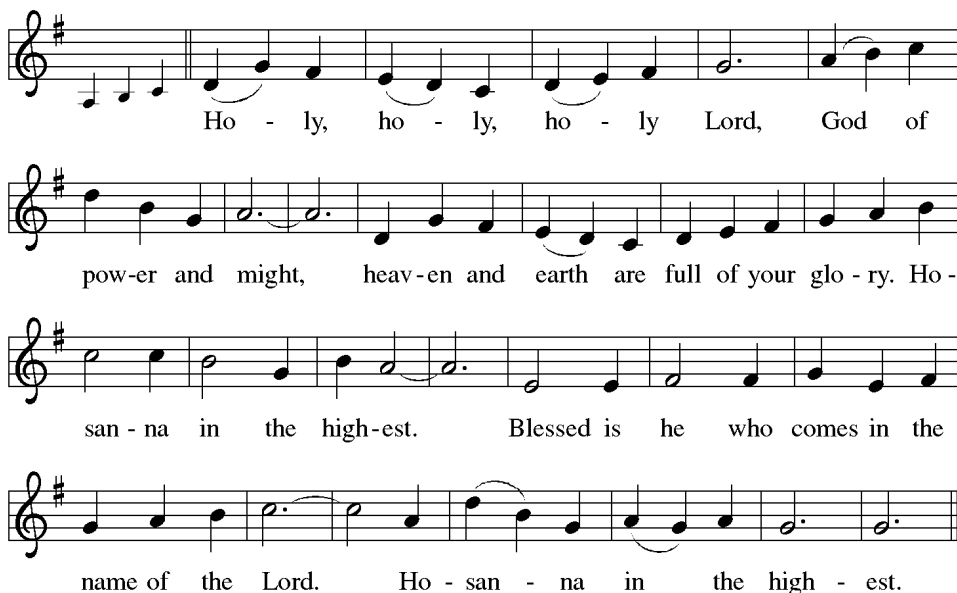
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen!!

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen!!

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

*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

All who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Communion will be served at two stations at the front of the sanctuary. Grape juice (in pre-filled cups) and gluten-free wafers are available at the head of the aisle.

Hymns during Distribution

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery
stanzas 1-3 and Lent 1

ELW #325
ELW #334

*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

ELW p. 113



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.

The image shows a musical score for a threefold Amen. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - - - men.' are written below the treble staff, with the final 'men' being elongated. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

*Sending Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW #618

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

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Reader: Betty Carlson

Ushers: Myron and Juneal Peterson

Acolytes: Rebecca Vogel

Communion Ministers: Chris Burnham, Betty Carlson and Tom Kays

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Bev Thompson, Patsy Lindquist

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Worship and Music Committee

Church Offering Bank Run: Chris Burnham

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY WEDNESDAY (MARCH 4)

Ushers: Myron and Juneal Peterson

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Bev Thompson, Patsy Lindquist

Church Offering Bank Run: Jan Anderson

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY NEXT SUNDAY (MARCH 8)

Reader: Janet Fisher

Ushers: John Wollenzien and Jan Milender

Acolytes:

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Bev Thompson, Patsy Lindquist

Musicians: Greg Dally, Paula Adamson

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Evangelism and Social Ministry

Church Offering Bank Run: Chris Burnham

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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 MARCH 1-8, 2020

Sunday, March 1	8:15am 9:30am	Senior Choir Rehearsal Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, March 2	5:30pm	Faith Formation meeting
Tuesday, March 3	10:00am 4:00pm 6:30	Martha Unit at Valley Home Evangelism and Social Ministry meeting Worship and Music meeting
Wednesday, March 4	5:15pm 5:45pm 6:30pm	Lenten Soup Supper Sing and Ring (sings during worship) Midweek Lenten Worship (with <i>Holden Evening Prayer</i>)
Sunday, March 8	Choir Off 9:30am	Worship

LOOKING AHEAD AT EVENTS...

Monday, March 2	5:30	Faith Formation meeting
Tuesday, March 3	10:00am 4:00pm	Martha Unit at Valley Home Evangelism & Social Ministry meeting
Sunday, March 8		Daylight Savings Time ~~ Turn clocks forward one hour
Tuesday, March 10	7:00pm	Hannah Unit at Redeemer
Sunday, March 15		Camp Sunday at Zion
Sunday, March 29	5 th 7:00pm	Sunday Potluck WITNESSES program at Zion

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your prayers this week please remember Mark Thompson(Dale & Jan Dillon son in law), Val Lindgren, John Wollenzien, Barb Lien, Linda Olson, Ingrid Anderson, Obert Sundahl, Delores Ault, Rev. Darrel Cory, Gloria Leach, Larry Forsberg, Annabelle Cuppett, Erika Kahlhamer, Jeremy Johnson, Brenda Russ, Chad Gunderson, Kelly Amundgaard, Jason Miller, Shelley Steva, and Molly Dahlin and family.

Altar flowers this day are given by Annabelle Cuppett and Family in loving memory of Jim Cuppett.

Redeemer's Church Directory is available!!! Directory is now online at members.InstantChurchDirectory.com; the directory is free online and you are able to print your own copy. You can also purchase a printed copy from the office; the cost for the directory is \$10 for a black and white copy or \$20 for a color copy. You can also choose regular or large print. **Checks can be made out to Redeemer**. Please contact Vanessa if you are interested or have any problems accessing the directory online.

If you would like to donate any money towards the cost of the soup expenses, just put an envelope in the offering plate (marked "Soup Supper") or leave in the church office labeled "Soup Supper". Soup for Lenten services normally cost about \$450, so any donations are welcome. Thank you for your souper-support

Youth Events for Redeemer Youth!!!

Wednesday, February 26 Sr. High Youth Group: Zion, 7:30-9 pm in Youth Room!
March 8th: 6th-12th Graders, Bowling Party from 1-3, sign up by Madison's office
March 15th: Camp Sunday at Zion
March 29th: PreK-5th, Painting & Coloring to Relax, 3-5 at Redeemer
March 29th: WITNESS Program 7pm, at Zion

We still have openings for Altar Flowers on the following dates in:

April 1/5, 15/19, 22/26

Contact the church office if you're interested in buying Altar Flowers.

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 Knutson or the church office.

A support group for people who are caregivers and/or family members of those with dementia/Alzheimer's will be held the third Monday of each month at the Grand Stay hotel meeting room in Thief River Falls. This caregiver support group is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. It is designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for caregivers through regularly scheduled meetings. For more information, please contact the facilitator Kari Jesme at 218-686-4487 or at kari.jesme@outlook.com.

Free services for seniors wishing to remain independent: The RSVP Groceries to go and Handyman Programs are vital services for seniors 60+ wishing to remain independently in their homes. G2G Volunteers shop for and deliver groceries or assist with shopping 2-4 times per month.

Handyman volunteers assist with minor home maintenance issues. Caring volunteers are ready to help you! Contact Tammy or Jennifer at 218-281-8288 or 800-862-6466, or e-mail tsyles@umn.edu or jkerdman@umn.edu.