

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH Third Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 15, 2020

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Order of Worship Third Sunday of Lent March 15, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

#### 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)

# **GATHERING**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Gathering Hymn

Give Me Jesus

ELW #770

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

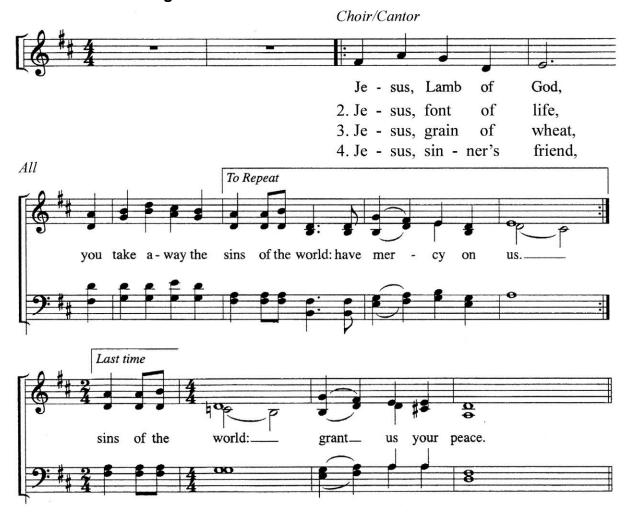
#### \*Greeting

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.

<sup>\* =</sup> Please rise

### \*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.

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: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# **WORD**

#### Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

#### Psalm 95

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

<sup>8</sup>"Harden not your hearts,

as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors tested me,

they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,

'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore in my anger,

'They shall never come to my rest.'"

#### Romans 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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



\*Gospel: John 4:5-42

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a

spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no

longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

Sermon Rev. Darrel Cory

\*Hymn of the Day

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty stanza 1: all stanza 2: women ELW #777

stanza 2. women stanza 3: men stanzas 4-6: 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.

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**

#### Offerina

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.



### \*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.

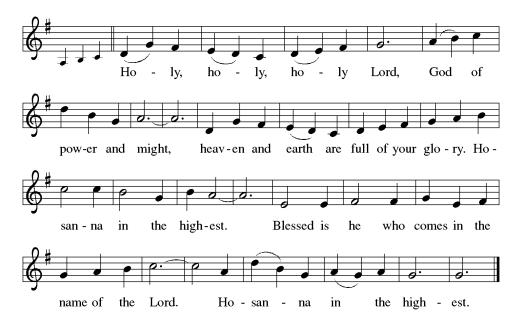
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts

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



Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation.

We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.

We await his coming,

when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love.

Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.

Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

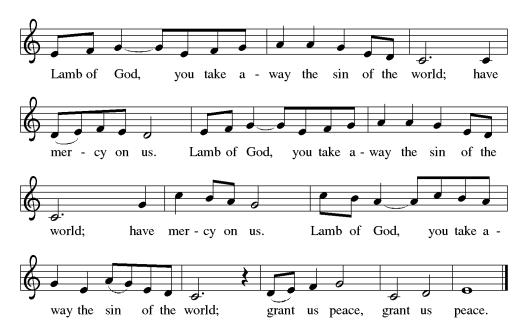
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, 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



#### 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 prefilled cups) and gluten-free wafers are available at the head of the aisle.

**Hymns during Distribution** 

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

ELW #501

The cantor will sing once; the congregation then sings once.

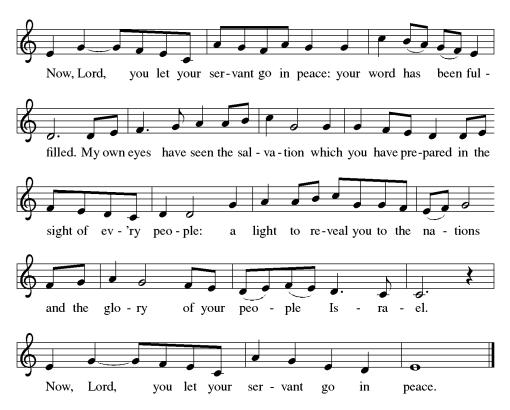
Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery stanzas 1-3 and Lent 3

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.



# **SENDING**



\*Sending Hymn Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

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

ELW #647

#### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Please join us for coffee fellowship in the Narthex following worship!

### **ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY**

Reader: Jane Aandal

Ushers: Dan and Jane Aandal

Acolytes: Cora and Mckenzie Hintz

Communion Ministers: Janet Fisher, Darlene Kelley, Tom Kays Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Bev Thompson, Patsy Lindquist

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Stewardship Committee

Church Offering Bank Run: Chris Burnham

#### ASSISTING IN MINISTRY WEDNESDAY (MARCH 18)

Ushers: Carter and Leslie Rogalla

Acolytes: Casey Nelson and Chase Hanson

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

Church Offering Bank Run: Jan Anderson

### ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY (MARCH 22)

Reader: Chris Burnham

Ushers: Dan and Jane Aandal

Acolytes:

Communion Ministers: Tom Kays, Chris Burnham, Jan Anderson Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Bev Thompson, Patsy Lindquist

Organist: Reid Froiland Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Property Commitee Church Offering Bank Run: Chris Burnham

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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.

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# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15-22, 2020

Sunday, March 15 8:15-9:00am Choir rehearsal

9:30am Worship with Holly Communion

Monday, March 16 9:00am-12:00pm Quilting

4:00pm Finance Committee meeting

6:00-8:00pm Quilting

Tuesday, March 17 9:00am-12:00pm Quilting

6:00-8:00pm Quilting

6:00pm Council meeting

Wednesday, March 18 5:15pm Lenten Soup Supper

5:45pm Choir warmup and sing

6:30pm Midweek Lenten Worship (with Holden

Evening Prayer)

7:00pm Choir rehearsal

Sunday, March 22 8:15am Choir rehearse & sing

9:30am Worship with Holly Communion

# **LOOKING AHEAD AT EVENTS...**

Sunday, March 15 Camp Sunday at Zion

Sunday, March 29 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck

3-5pm PreK-5th, Painting & Coloring to Relax, at

Redeemer

7:00pm WITNESSES program at Zion

Tuesday, March 30 5:30pm Altar Guild meeting

Saturday, April 4 1st Communion class

Tuesday, April 7 10:00am Marth Unit at Valley Home

4:00pm Evangelism and Social ministry meeting

Wednesday, April 8 No Worship service

5:15pm Family, Faith, Fellowship meeting

Thursday, April 9 Maundy Thursday

6:30pm Worship service

# **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In your prayers this week please remember Lowell Burkel, Mark Thompson (Dale & Jan Dillon's son in law), Val Lindgren, John Wollenzien, Barb Lien, Linda Olson, Ingrid Anderson, Obert Sunsdahl, 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 Kenny and Marlys Kain in memory of loved ones, and by Rev. Darrel Cory in memory of JoAnn Cory.

Families that received Madison's First Communion class letter: please make sure you let her know if you are or are not able to attend class.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck on Sunday, March 29: Please join us for fellowship and fun following worship on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a potluck, please bring a dish to share and join in a fun game of Bingo!! (There will be fabulous prizes!)

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!!!

March 15th: Camp Sunday at Zion

Mach 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 <a href="mailto:kari.jesme@outlook.com">kari.jesme@outlook.com</a>.

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.