



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 8, 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** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* ELW #325
All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

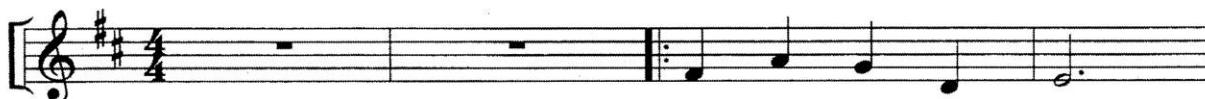
***Greeting**

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.

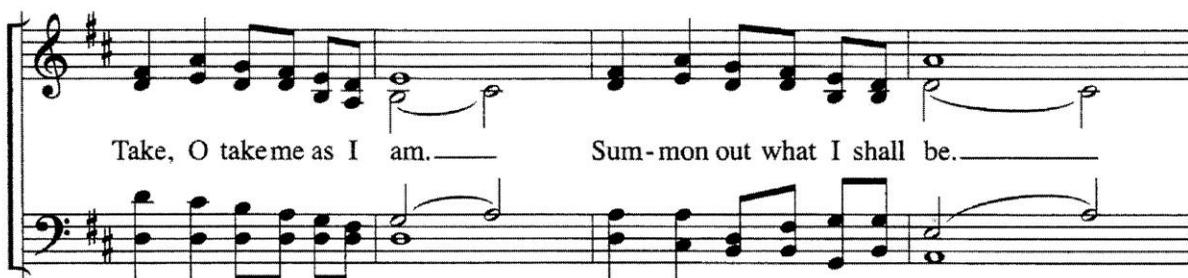
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. As a called and ordained member 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.

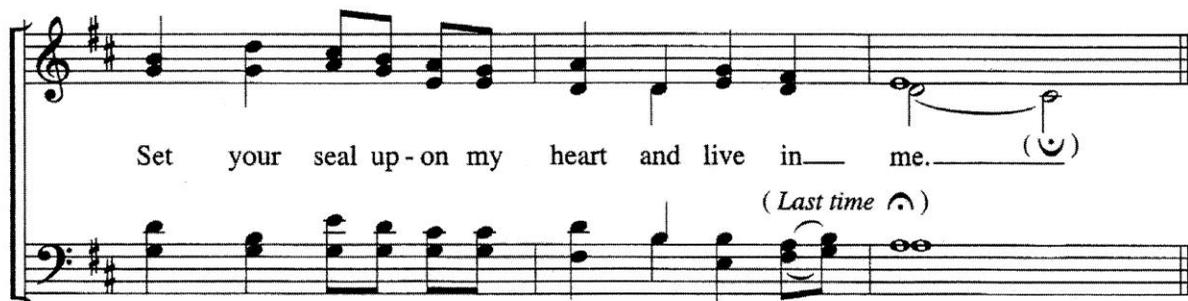
(Please rise.)

*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: During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world. Amen.

WORD

Genesis 12:1-4a

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel AcclamationJesus, Remember Me*

WOV #740

The congregation sings "Jesus, Remember Me" twice.

The image shows a musical score for a congregational song. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), 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 repetitive, with a 7/8 time signature. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes.

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

REMEMBER ME
irregular

***Gospel: John 3:1-17**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have

seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And 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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Darrel Cory

***Hymn of the Day**

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW #335

***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

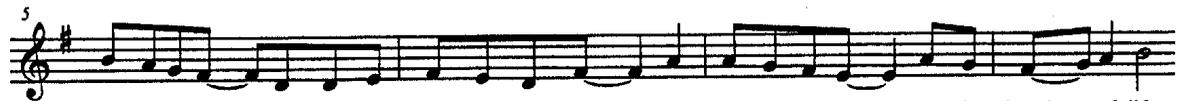
We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! As our tithes and offerings are being collected, please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew and pass it down to the next person.

*Offertory

Let the Vineyards



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful Lord and fill to the brim the cup of bless - ing.



Gath-er a har - vest from the seeds that were sewn that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all u - nite them with the prayers we off - er.



Grace our ta - ble with your pre - sence 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...

*Sanctus

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

C:

Sanctus

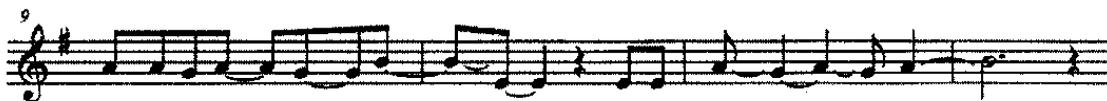
arr. Neil Gladen



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might.



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - na - in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who co - mes in the name - of the Lord,

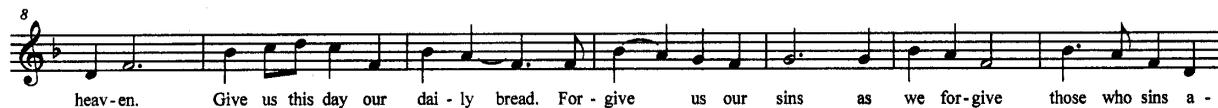


Ho - sa - na in the high - est Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

Lord's Prayer



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.

Hymn during Distribution

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery
stanzas 1-3 and Lent 2

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

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW #661

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: Janet Fisher

Ushers: Cecil and Maryel Anderson

Acolytes: Rebecca Vogel

Communion Ministers: Jan Anderson, Chris Burnham, Maryel Anderson

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

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY WEDNESDAY (MARCH 11)

Ushers: Angie Westling and Scott Pream

Acolytes: Braylee Wiene and Hayden Comstock

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

Church Offering Bank Run: Jan Anderson

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY (MARCH 15)

Reader: Jane Aandal

Ushers: Dan and Jane Aandal

Acolytes: Cora and Mckenzie Hintz

Communion Ministers: Janet Fisher, Darlene Kelley and Tom Kays

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

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Stewardship Committee

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 8-15, 2020

Sunday, March 8	Daylight Savings Time – Turn Clocks ahead Choir Off 9:30am	Worship
Mon-Fri, March 9	WIC	
Monday, March 9	7:00pm	Property Committee meeting
Tuesday, March 10	7:00pm	Hannah Unit at Redeemer Ruth Unite at Linda Ulrich's home
Wednesday, March 11	5:15pm 5:45pm 6:30pm	Family Faith Formation meeting Lenten Soup Supper Sing and Ring Midweek Lenten Worship (with <i>Holden Evening Prayer</i>)
Sunday, March 15	8:15am 9:30am	Senior Choir rehearsal Worship with Holly communion

LOOKING AHEAD AT EVENTS...

Sunday, March 8	Daylight Savings Time ~~ Turn clocks forward one hour 1-3pm 8th: 6th-12th Graders, Bowling Party, sign up by Madison's office
Tuesday, March 10	7:00pm Hannah Unit at Redeemer
Sunday, March 15	Camp Sunday at Zion
Sunday, March 29	5 th Sunday Potluck 3-5pm PreK-5th, Painting & Coloring to Relax, at Redeemer 7:00pm WITNESSES program at Zion

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, 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 Gerald and Jean Helle in memory of Jean's parents.

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 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.