

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, April 7, 2019**

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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 1)  
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April 7, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

*The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.*

*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**

*Christ, the Life of All the Living*

ELW #339

**\*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.

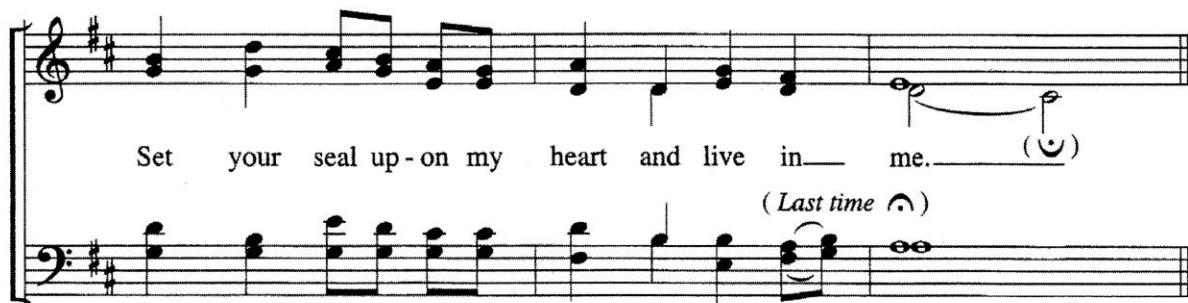
*(Please rise.)*

## \*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: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all 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

Isaiah 43:16-21

- <sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things,  
    or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing;  
    now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me,  
    the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
    rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
    <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 126**

*The cantor leads the responsive reading of the psalm.*

- <sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
    then were we like those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
    Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for  
    them.”**  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
    and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Philippians 3:4b-14

<sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

<sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

<sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: 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.

The musical score 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 first system is for the cantor, and the second system is for the congregation.

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

REMEMBER ME  
irregular

**\*Gospel: John 12:1-8**

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**



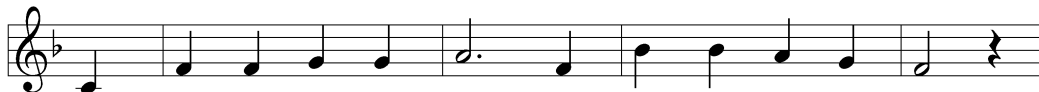
## Hymn of the Day

## My Song Is Love Unknown

stanzas 1-3 and 6-7: all

stanza 4: women

stanza 5: men



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,  
 2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;  
 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.  
 but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.  
 re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.  
 He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail  
 But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his  
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they  
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!  
 thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise, and needs will have  
 my dear Lord made away;  
 a murderer they save,  
 the prince of life they slay.  
 Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes,  
 that he his foes from thence might free.

6 In life, no house, no home  
 my Lord on earth might have;  
 in death, no friendly tomb  
 but what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home;  
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing—  
 no story so divine!  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 never was grief like thine.  
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
 I all my days could gladly spend!

## **\*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**

**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.

**\*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.**

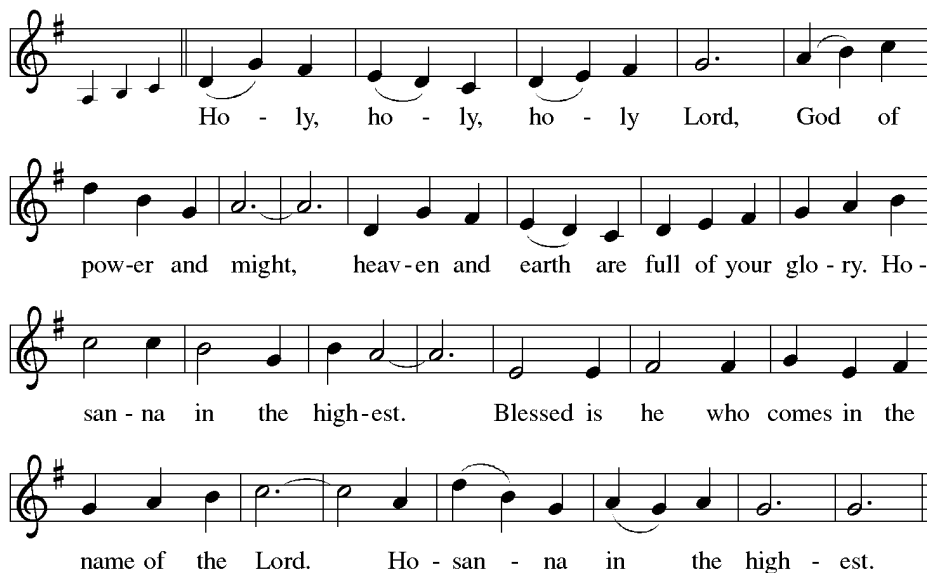
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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



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

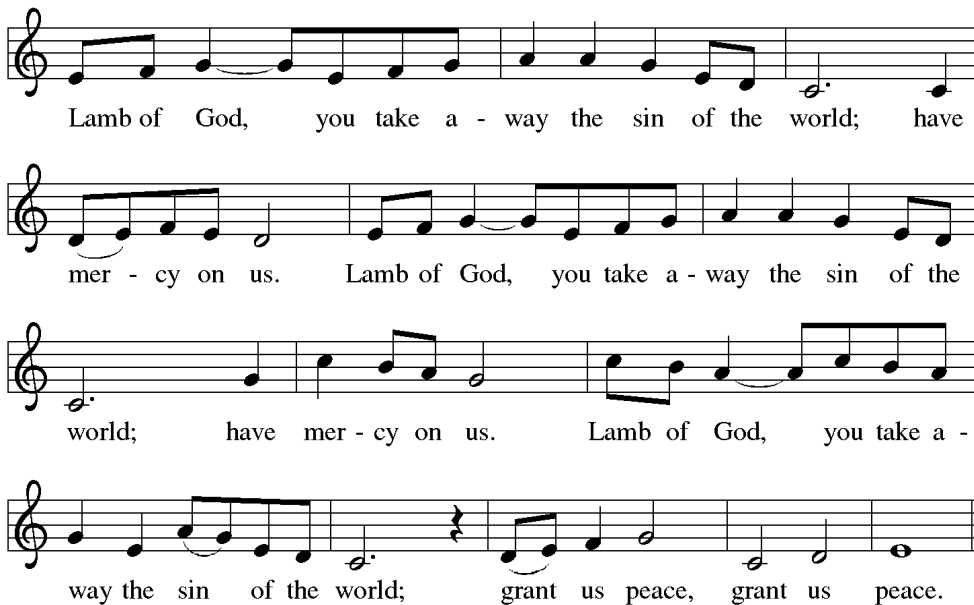
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

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**  
**Hymns during Distribution**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
*Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*

ELW #793  
ELW #333

**\*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.

## \*Sending Hymn

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

ELW #803

## \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!!

**C. Thanks be to God!!!**

Postlude

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

## ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Reader: Mike Parker

Ushers: Al and Phyllis Johnson

Acolytes: Zachary and Landon Wikert

Communion Ministers: Renae Dalen, Terri Cuppett, Marlys Kain

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Altar Guild Members

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Personnel Committee

Church Offering Bank Run: Chris Burnham



ASSISTING IN MINISTRY WEDNESDAY (APRIL 10)

Ushers: Dale and Denice Nelson

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Altar Guild Members

Church Offering Bank Run: Jan Anderson

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY NEXT SUNDAY (APRIL 14)

Reader: Jan Anderson

Ushers: Myron and Juneal Peterson

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Altar Guild Members

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Senior Choir

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 APRIL 7-14

Sunday, April 7	8:15am 9:30am	Choir rehearsal and sing Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, April 9	7:00pm	Ruth Unit at Linda Ulrich home Hannah Unit at Jan Anderson home
Wednesday, April 10	5:15pm 5:45pm 6:30pm	Lenten Soup Supper Sing and Ring Midweek Lenten Worship (setting: <i>Holden Evening Prayer</i> )
Sunday, April 14	<b>Palm Sunday</b> 8:15am 8:45am 9:30am	Choir rehearsal and sing Sing and Ring rehearses with the Senior Choir Worship

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In your prayers** this week please remember Wyatt James Symanietz (Ann Bregier's great grandson, 8 ½ months old), Jamison Westling, Brenda Russ, Chad Gunderson, Kelly Amundgaard, Jason Miller, Jovie Defrang, 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 Ruth and Ole Tweet in honor of their granddaughter Cary's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Holy Week Services:**

Thursday, April 18—Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion, 6:30 p.m. First Communion will be received by several of our youth that evening.

Friday, April 19—Good Friday Worship, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 21—Easter Day Worship, 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services; the children will retrieve the Alleluia banner at the start of the 9:30 service.

**Mark your calendar!!** The **May Salad luncheon** will be Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 11am-1:00pm; the cost is \$8.

**Altar Guild is in need of volunteers** due to members moving and illness. If you're willing to help out please contact Bev Thompson.

**Midweek Lenten services** continue next Wednesday. The service begins at 6:30; we again will use *Holden Evening Prayer* as our musical setting to guide our prayer. Lenten Soup suppers will be served Wednesday evenings prior to midweek Lenten service. Serving will begin at 5:15 p.m.

**National Volunteer Week April 8-12!** A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers that dedicate their time to make our worship service a success. We could not do it without you.

**We will continue tying the gift quilts for our graduating seniors** at 6:00 pm on Thursdays, April 4, and April 11. There will also be the opportunity to tie a few knots on Wednesday evenings before the Holden Evening Prayer Service, and on a few Sundays following the Worship Service. Many hands make light work!

**How is your 40 Acts of Giving Challenge going?** If you do not have the bright green challenge calendar, you can find one on the table in the Narthex. Find a container and give a gift as you are able to answer the daily question. Money collected will be divided and given to Kylie Westling's food fundraiser and the ELCA World Huger appeal.

**The Stained Glass fund** has a zero balance, and we still have projects that need to be completed. We encourage to consider this fund when you give a memorial.

**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.

**Just a friendly reminder** to make sure you visit our website [www.redeemertrf.org](http://www.redeemertrf.org). We have plenty of information on how you can volunteer, newsletters, bulletins, and our different programs; and, you can also donate thru our website.

**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@gmail.com](mailto:kari.jesme@gmail.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](mailto:tsyles@umn.edu) or [jkerdman@umn.edu](mailto:jkerdman@umn.edu).

**If you are struggling with grief,** please check the kiosk in the Narthex for various grief support groups being offered by Hospice of the Red River Valley.

### First Quarter Financial Status

	First Quarter		
2019	Jan	Feb	Mar
Budget Income	\$24,441.58	\$24,441.58	
Actual Income	\$17,106.47	\$14,879.65	
Budget Expense	\$24,441.58	\$24,441.58	
Actual Expense	\$18,066.47	\$19,167.83	