



Reflections

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LENTEN LITANY *Based on Isaiah 58*

God of justice, God of life, in this season of Lent, we remember the work that you call us to do:

“Is this not the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?” (58:6).

Recall us to your promise and make us people of memory:

As we long for clean, safe water, remind your church that you call us to protect access to the natural resources on which life depends.

“Is this not the fast I choose?”

As violence threatens the most vulnerable among us, remind your church that you call us to work for the safety and security of all our neighbors.

“Is this not the fast I choose?”

As injustice leaves its mark on our communities, remind your church that you call us to strive for justice in all the earth.

“Is this not the fast I choose?”

As we face the reality of a hungry world in which some have plenty and many have too little, remind your church that you call us to ensure all are fed.

“Is this not the fast I choose?”

God of justice, God of life, inspire us and incite us with your call and your promise:

“Is this not the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice ... Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?” (58:6-7).

“Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard” (58:8).

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OUR CONGREGATION

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The Redeemer Community

Schedule for Worship in Lent

Wednesdays, now-March 24, 7 p.m.: Sung evening prayer livestream.

Sundays, now through-March 28, 10 a.m.: Sunday worship livestream.

Thursday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.: Maundy Thursday Zoom.

Friday, April 2, 7 p.m.: Good Friday livestream worship with Christ United Methodist Church, featuring reflections on the seven last words of Christ.

Easter Sunday, April 4 – *service being planned.*

All livestream services are available on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sGE88YtJrLWuGWO0sS-yw>

Sharing a Story for a Wednesday Evening Prayer Worship

Pastor Dave reports that **Emily Kent** is going to share a story about a value that has shaped her at the **Wednesday, March 10** Midweek Lenten service.

However, he is looking for someone to share on **March 17**, and **24**. “In my Feb. 15 and 22 article in *Reflections*, I invited you to consider writing a short reflection for these Wednesday evening services. I gave a few questions as possible prompts for a reflection, which I based on **Sister Joan Chittister’s** belief that ‘Lent is about reaching back to remember who we are even while we keep on becoming more than we were.’ So I invite you again to see if any of these questions stirs something you’d like to share some Wednesday evening for our livestream service.

“Who are you? I mean, who are you *really*? What makes you *you* – something you deeply value, some experience that has shaped you, a person who has been a true mentor and guide for you, a story whose message continues to live in you and shape how you live in the world?”

“When was a time you lost touch with this essential part of yourself? What happened when you lost touch with this? How did you find your way back “home” to yourself?”

If interested or if there are any questions, contact Pastor Dave.

RSVP to Be in Sanctuary for Livestream Worship

Starting now and running through Palm Sunday on **March 28**, council has agreed to open the sanctuary for up to 10 worshippers a week in addition to those who are leading the livestreamed 10 a.m. worship service.

Because the church doesn’t know how many people will be interested in attending in-person worship, folks are asked to RSVP for one of the Sundays between now and March 28. Contact **Office Manager Becky Trover** via email at info@redeemerluth.com) or by calling 614-237-1263. Let her know which Sunday you’d like to attend, and how many people are in your party. If the Sunday you’d like to attend already has 10 people in it, Becky will tell you which other Sundays have space for your sized group -- so if you leave a message, please indicate other Sundays you would be available.

To see full protocol for attending in person, please click [HERE](#).

“We are excited to offer this first step back to re-gathering for those who choose to do this.” Please contact **Dave Shull** if you have any questions at dshull@redeemerluth.com or 206-725-3785.

Redeemer to Serve Carry Out Dinner at First English March 11.

Redeemer is providing and serving the carry out dinner at First English on **Thursday, March 11**. Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. so people can pick up a dinner and be home before dark. The menu will be Pasta Bake (recipe below), roll w/butter, fruit cup, cookie or wrapped desert, and a Belvita pack (for a late night snack or breakfast).

Please contact **Kay Ernsthausen** at 614-288-8506 or via email at KErnie032000@yahoo.com regarding donations. Casseroles need to arrive at the church hot. Kay has drivers willing to pick up casseroles, so let her know if you can make a casserole and if you need it picked up.

Pasta Casserole

1 lb of mini pasta- penne or rigatoni pasta
1.5 lbs hamburger, sausage or a mix to equal 1.5 lbs
2 jars of spaghetti sauce
12 oz. shredded Mozzarella Cheese
2 cups. shredded Parmesan Cheese
Optional add-ins: onions, peppers (red or green), black olives, mushrooms, etc.

Directions:

Boil water according to package directions to make pasta. While water is heating up and pasta is cooking, in a large skillet pan brown the meat. If adding onion or peppers, cook those with the meat. Once meat is cooked through, drain off fat. Add spaghetti sauce to cooked meat and any other add ins. Stir until heated through. Mix pasta and sauce together. Pour into 13x9" disposable pan. Bake at 350 until heated through. Approximately 30 minutes.

Noisy Offering to Go to ELCA Disaster Relief Program

This week is seen as the one-year anniversary of the COVID outbreak. The U.S. has hit the 500,000 mark of loss lives. In the last year, tornados hit, snowstorms devastated areas like Texas, wildfires burned out of control in the west. Mother Nature did not let up just because of the pandemic. So for now through Pentecost, Redeemer's Noisy Offering will help replenish the ELCA Disaster Relief fund.

Sunday Adult Ed Class to Discuss Duncan Book on March 14

The Adult Sunday Education Class continues discussing chapters one seven and eight of the book *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.* on **Sunday, March 7** at 11:15 a.m. In the book, ELCA Pastor Lenny Duncan writes about some realities confronting our denomination that we won't want to face, but which we ignore at our own peril. He writes in a very accessible style. He clearly wants to wake us up. And he knows waking people up from sleep doesn't often feel very kind to those of us who wish to ignore painful truths. But throughout the book Pastor Duncan's motivations are clear: "Dear Church, this book is a love letter to you. I know at times it hasn't felt that way."

New conversation partners are encouraged to join the group!

Join the Zoom Meeting ID: 818 8878 2023; Passcode: 630107. By phone call 646-876-9923. If you don't have the Zoom app, you can join the class by copying and entering the following web address in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81888782023?pwd=Q2Z2cW9ob3JvR1NSRi9rYVBkMC90Zz09>

Tuesday Bible Study Begins Looking at Psalms March 9

The Tuesday Bible Study will begin looking at the book of Psalms on **Tuesday, March 9**. If you have Tuesday afternoon free, join us. We are a group of people who are both serious about listening for the Spirit's voice in the text and in each other and serious about supporting each other through whatever we're going through – and who laugh deeply and often. Give us a try! Get in touch with **Dave Shull** if you have any questions.

To join the group this **Tuesday, March 9** from 1-2:30 p.m., go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983; Passcode: 619946. To participate by phone, call 646-876-9923. If you don't have the Zoom app, you can join the meeting by copying and entering the following web address in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137366983?pwd=T0NoUU5ORmNYN1YrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>

Previous Sunday, Midweek Worship Services Available on YouTube

Previous Sunday worship services are available at <https://tinyurl.com/r6mk2xh>. For the current Sunday Worship Bulletin, go to the Redeemer website at www.RedeemerLuth.com >News, Sermons, Devotions.

We are holding one another in prayer and in spirit as we work through this time. Go in peace, serve the Lord, wear a mask!

Important Emails

Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

Info@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, **Office Manager Becky Trover**, healing prayer requests or for general information.

MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the Member Care team about needs for personal ministry such as in-home communion, a home visit, meals, etc.

FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com – use for stewardship campaigns.

Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with Redeemer's IT Team for items related to the website.

Property@RedeemerLuth.com – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

Transportation@redeemerluth.com – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

Communications@redeemerluth.com – use to send church related announcements or pictures for sharing on Redeemer's social media sites. Another way is to tag Redeemer in the posts.

Publishing Deadlines for *Reflections*, Sunday Bulletins

For *Reflections*

- PLEASE SUBMIT PRIOR TO **5 P.M. ON SUNDAYS**.
- Send to info@RedeemerLuth.com and put *Reflections* in subject line.
- Or leave a note in the *Reflections* mailbox at the top of the stairs outside the church office.

For Sunday Bulletins

The deadline for information to be published in Sunday bulletins is the **Wednesday morning** before. That information can be sent to the above email: just put "Bulletin" in the subject line.

Prayers and Personals

Pastor Dave Having Outpatient Surgery This Week

Last month, **Pastor Dave** reports, his dermatologist found a very new and small melanoma on the side of his face. That will be surgically removed this **Thursday, March 11** in a 30-minute outpatient surgery. So Dave will not be available on Thursday.

Redeemer member **Emlyn Ott** will preach and preside in worship on **Sunday, March 14**.

Dave asks for prayers for him and all the medical staff who work with him.

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Prayers are asked for the family of former Redeemer member **Bill Greer** who died Jan. 24 due to complications from COVID-19. He and his wife **Judy** had moved to the Belfontaine area to be closer to family and grandchildren.

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Redeemer received two grants for the community garden: \$535 from the Columbus Foundation and \$599.75 from the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Community Garden Academy.

Best wishes to **Carla Baldogo** who retired this past month. Her email is troop68.carlab@gmail.com.

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Directory Correction: Bernice Stewart's email is Bugsbunny67bs@netscape.net.

New Redeemer Directory Available

Redeemer's Directory of members has been updated. To receive an electronic copy or to have a hard copy mailed to you, please contact the church office at 614-237-1263 or via email to info@redeemerluth.com. Hard copies are available at the church and can be found under the bulletin board in the hallway off the Narthex.

March Birthdays

8-Helen Brunston
12-Deirdre Jimison 12-Catherine McFarland
13-Dave Engel 14-Jenny Friederich
14-Lynn Nakamura 14-Tim Watson
14-Laura Warren 15-Kristi Hildebrand
17-David Williams 24-Carol Heacock
30-Colin Young 31-Ed Klopfer

The Wider Church

Bishop Eaton Urges People Get Vaccinated

Vaccination hopes, fears and falsehoods are around us in this time of heightened anxiety. A new resource, [“All in’ Against COVID-19: FAQ and Guide to Supporting Vaccine Confidence for Faith and Community Leaders,”](#) released March 1, 2021 by The Partnership Center, Center for Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), was among those highlighted during a Faiths4Vaccines Roundtable Discussion in which ELCA advocacy staff participated.

“Many people in this country do not trust either the government or the medical establishment. They fear that this might be an experiment or somehow the government intruding on this. I’ve even heard people say that they’re afraid that a chip is going to be inserted in their arm when they get the vaccine. That’s not true,” says Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton in a [Feb. 28 video](#).

“The vaccine is safe, it’s effective, and it’s being made available to many, many, many people. So, I need you to talk to folks in your congregations... to convince them that this is safe, that it’s effective, and it will make it easier for us to return to life in person. ...Be well, dear Church.”

The FAQ section of “All in’ Against COVID-19” is reproduced here, and it can be downloaded and reviewed in its entirety from [HHS.gov](#), including annotated citations. The Partnership Center lists [other resources](#) for your review.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) About Vaccines

- [How do COVID-19 vaccines work?](#)

Vaccines train our immune system to recognize the virus that causes COVID-19 and make cells to fight it. With vaccines, we can build immunity to a disease without getting the disease.

- [What is “Herd” or Community Immunity?](#)

Herd immunity means that enough people in a community are protected from getting a disease because they’ve already had the disease or because they’ve been vaccinated. Herd immunity makes it hard for the disease to spread from person to person, and it even protects those who cannot be vaccinated, like newborns or people who are allergic to the vaccine.

- [What are the side effects of COVID-19 vaccines?](#)

Some people get temporary side effects like fever, headache, or a sore arm after they take the COVID-19 vaccine. Side effects are usually mild and last only a few days. Side effects occur when the body is building protection against the virus.

- [How do I know the vaccine won’t give me COVID-19?](#)

You cannot get COVID-19 from any of the COVID vaccines now in use nor from those being tested in the United States as none of them contain the live virus that causes the disease.

- [What does it mean that a vaccine has a 95-percent efficacy rate?](#)

Clinical trials showed that the vaccines are 94-95 percent effective, meaning they prevent 94-95 of every 100 vaccinated individuals from getting COVID-19.

- [Will I still be able to transmit the virus if I get a COVID-19 vaccine?](#)

A vaccine reduces the likelihood that you will get infected, so you’ll be less likely to infect others.

- [Why are people having allergic reactions to the COVID-19 vaccine?](#)

A small number of people have had allergic reactions, called anaphylaxis, after getting a COVID-19 vaccine; but they were treated and have fully recovered. The CDC [provides recommendations](#) on what to do if you experience an allergic reaction after getting a COVID-19 vaccination or any other vaccine.

- [Do the vaccines work on the new COVID variants?](#)

Scientists are studying variants of the virus that cause COVID-19 to see whether existing vaccines will protect people against them. You can [track US COVID-19 cases caused by variants](#).

- [Why is there a heavy focus on vaccinating people of color?](#)

People of color who get COVID-19 are at much higher risk for severe cases of and even death from the disease. It's important that they are [vaccinated as soon as possible](#), especially seniors of color.

- [When can I get the COVID-19 vaccine?](#)

As larger supplies become available, more people will be able to receive the vaccines. Most adults should be able to get the vaccine later in 2021. Stay tuned to the vaccine program in your state/county by using the [locator](#) or through your [state or local health department](#) to find out when, where, and how vaccines will be available in your community.

- [Do I need to get a COVID-19 vaccine if I've already had COVID-19?](#)

Scientists are still reviewing this question. We don't yet know how long natural antibodies in people who have had COVID-19, or antibodies created as a result of vaccines, will be effective.

- [How long does the COVID-19 vaccine last?](#)

We don't know how long the vaccine protects people, but clinical trials are actively investigating this. What we do know is that among people who were vaccinated in clinical trials of the vaccines now available, 94 to 95 people out of 100 did not get the disease.

- [Who is paying for the vaccine? Is it free to the public?](#)

Vaccine doses purchased with U.S. taxpayer dollars and are being given to the American people at no cost. Vaccination providers can be reimbursed for vaccine administration fees by the patient's public or private insurance company or, for uninsured patients. No one can be denied a vaccine if they are unable to pay a vaccine administration fee.

- [Do I still need to wear a mask and avoid close contact with others if I have received two doses of the vaccine?](#)

Yes! Experts need to understand more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide in real-world conditions before they recommend that we stop wearing masks or avoiding close contact with others. In the meantime, it will be important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic.

- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth
- Stay at least six (6) feet away from others
- Avoid crowds
- Avoid poorly ventilated spaces
- Wash your hands often

The Community Beyond

Food Giveaway Set for Thursday

A number of Eastside groups have joined together to sponsor a food giveaway on **Thursday, March 11** from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. or while supplies last. The drive-thru event will be held at 2727 Brice Rd. (entrance at the CNG station).

Getting Ready for Sunday

4th Sunday in Lent, March 14, 2021

Lessons

Readings: Number 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; John 3:14-21

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of St. Phillip Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community member Kris Kaufman.

Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and concerns: Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Doretha Holland, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, David and Barbara Hairston, Kay Ernsthause, Marshall Edgington and his wife, Ken and Grace Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Bill Boys, Kathy Rapp, John Kennedy and Kevin Bailey, Michelle Clemence's sister Nancy Roebuck and her niece and family: Kaarina, Michael, Natalie, Liam and Tiffany Scales, Pamela Andrews and Heidi Sherer and family on the death of her cousin Ann,.

Noisy Offering will be for ELCA Disaster Relief

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Sunday, March 14: Book Discussion on *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S. - Chaps. 7-8*

Led by Pastor Dave

This Week at Redeemer

March 9 – March 15, 2021

<u>Tuesday</u>	1:00 p.m.	ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	ZOOM A Brewing Faith
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00 p.m.	LIVESTREAM Lenten Worship on YouTube
<u>Thursday</u>	5:00 p.m.	Redeemer at First English Lutheran Church
<u>Sunday</u>	10:00 a.m.	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion on YouTube
	11:15 a.m.	ZOOM Adult Sunday School