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Lent and Holy Week Worship Schedule



Wednesday – March 24
7:00 pm Lenten Evening Prayer
Livestream

Palm Sunday – March 28
10:00 am Worship
Livestream and In-Person for up to 10 people
11:15 am Adult Education
Livestreamed on Zoom



Maundy Thursday – April 1
6:30 pm Join fellow members during dinner
Livestreamed on Zoom



Good Friday – April 2
7:00 pm
Worship with Christ United Methodist Church
Livestream



Easter Sunday – April 4
8:30 and 11:00 am Worship
Livestream and In-Person for up to 45 people



*For all in-person worship
Safety procedures will be observed.
Attendance is by reservation.*

*Masks, hand sanitizer, and physical distancing will be required.
Services will also be livestreamed and available on YouTube.*

*RSVP by contacting the church office
info@RedeemerLuth.com - 614.237.1263*

The Redeemer Community

Wednesday Evening Prayer Concludes March 24

Redeemer continues livestreaming its midweek Lenten Service of Evening Prayer this **Wednesday, March 24** at 7 p.m. on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sGE88YtJrLWuGWO0sS-yw>. This is the final of Redeemer's midweek Lenten services for 2021.

Slots Filled for In-Person Worship on Palm Sunday; Two Easter Services Set with 45 In-Person Slots Each

The 10 in-person slots for Palm Sunday worship have been filled. The service will be livestreamed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sGE88YtJrLWuGWO0sS-yw>.

For Easter, Council has approved expanding the number who can attend to 45 persons at both the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. service. Folks wishing to attend one of the two Easter services are asked to RSVP to **Office Manager Becky Trover** via email at info@redeemerluth.com) or by calling 614-237-1263. Let her know which service you'd like to attend, and how many people are in your party.

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

Council Adopts Worship Policies for Easter, Following Sundays

Council met last Tuesday and approved expanded capacity for worship services. It also approved beginning to open the building for small groups, with the caveat that safety measures such as requiring masks, social distancing, use of hand sanitizer, and other measures will continue to be followed.

For worship on Easter Sunday, Redeemer will have two services that up to 45 persons, in addition to worship leaders, can attend. Reservations are required so folks are urged to contact the church office if they want to come. After Easter, Redeemer will continue to allow 45 people at one 10 a.m. service, and if there is enough interest Redeemer will return to two services. The service will continue to be livestreamed.

For small groups starting in April there will be limited areas that will be available. Each group will have to reserve a space, and the space will depend on the possible number attending. Contact the church office to reserve space. There will be guidelines for using the space available by April 1 that groups will have to agree to abide by for the foreseeable future.

The Fellowship Hall and downstairs kitchen are not available due to air quality issues.

The basketball hoops will be put back up shortly.

For feedback or suggestions please email the church or Council President Julie Johnson at julianne.johnson53@gmail.com

Council Exploring Purchase of New Equipment, Technology

Church Council approved moving forward with exploring the purchasing of new equipment to continue livestreaming Redeemer's worship services. This includes the replacement/purchase of cameras, speakers, sound and video mixers, software and more.

Redeemer has operated with a patchwork of sound equipment for a long time, and it no longer fits current needs. **Tom Mimitch** has spent many, many hours over the past three months researching all aspects of this issue, and he presented his findings to council last Tuesday. Council will now proceed with that information.

The Southern Ohio Synod has a Tech Team that will provide feedback and then council will proceed to get estimates for the equipment and installation. More to come!

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 Conclude Discussion of Duncan Book

The Adult Sunday Education Class will conclude its discussion of the book *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.* on **Sunday, March 28** at 11:15 a.m.

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 Looks at Psalms March 23

The Tuesday Bible Study continues looking at the book of Psalms on **Tuesday, March 23**. 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 23** 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 as well as the mid-week Lenten 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 Food Giveaway Begins April 15

The food giveaway that Redeemer sponsors in conjunction with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) and the Mid-Ohio Food Collective will begin **Thursday, April 15**. Volunteers are needed in the afternoons. More details will be available later.

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Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets

The April – June edition of *Christ in Our Home* devotional is available. If you would like to have a copy, the church office is happy to mail one to you. Call 614-237-1263 or email info@RedeemerLuth.com

If you prefer, you may receive Christ in Our Home devotionals via email by going to <https://go.augsburgfortress.org/christ-in-our-home-email-subscription>.

March Birthdays

24-Carol Heacock

30-Colin Young 31-Ed Klopfer

The Wider Church

Bishop Eaton Issues Statement on Anti-Asian Racism

My enemies trample on me all day long, for many fight against me. O Most High, when I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I am not afraid; what can flesh do to me? (Psalm 56:2-4).

As a nation, we continue to witness and suffer from the cruelties of racial and gender-based violence. In recent days, we have witnessed the horror of gun violence in Atlanta and the vandalism of one of our ELCA congregations in Seattle.

As church we grieve the mass shooting in Atlanta, that took the lives of eight people, six of them Asian women. As church we join **Bishop Kevin Strickland** of the Southeastern Synod in observing that "God has called us to become the beloved community that God created where all are valued and honored. We then are called through the waters of our baptism to strive for justice and peace in all the world, for all."

Naming the victims' gender and race matters. Women of color live at the intersection of racism and sexism and do not get to choose oppressions. The ELCA social message "Gender-based Violence" (2015) teaches that "gender-based violence is a global evil that marks millions of lives." A white male killing six Asian American women is a racist and gender-based act of violence. Over the past year of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been an increase in anti-Asian racism and violent attacks, fueled by hate speech and racist political rhetoric. The organization Stop AAPI Hate has tracked 3,795 hate incident reports from Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Women constituted 68 percent of the victims, with many reporting instances of sexual harassment and sexual and physical abuse. Reports of escalating violence do not stop in the United States — they are global.

For the Asian community, fear of violence affects daily life. This week Grace Chinese Lutheran Church in Seattle was targeted with a racist message scrawled on the driveway of its property. Responding to this incident, **Shelley Bryan Wee**, bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod, said, “The violence that is being done against people of Asian descent is heartrending and blasphemous. We are mindful that people are being injured and even killed in the name of bigotry.”

As church, let us affirm the words of **Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms**: “A crime against any community is a crime against us all.” As church, we condemn the sins of racism, sexism and xenophobia in all their forms. As church, we lift up and pray for the support and protection of Grace Chinese Lutheran and its pastors, **Jimmy Hao** and **Wendy Chew**. We declare solidarity with our Asian American siblings; we lament with the families that lost loved ones in the shootings; we remember our neighbors working on the frontlines of the pandemic; and we seek ways to support organizations that combat racial violence against all communities. This violence and aggression must stop.

I invite you to watch this [video](#) in which members of the Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders-ELCA share the “Embodied Blessing and Healing” prayer, part of the litany for the church’s day of lament for anti-Asian racism.

O God of all, with wonderful diversity of languages and cultures you created all people in your own image. Free us from prejudice and fear, that we may see your face in the faces of our Asian siblings and people around the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Bishop Eaton Invites Participation in Survey

ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton writes that Lent “is a time when we, as Christians, reflect on our life together in Christ and the ways in which our identity in Christ is reflected in the world. Being able to articulate that identity can help guide us to a better understanding of ourselves and each other as God continues to call us to respond to the needs of the world.

“There are many ways to reflect on our identity as Christians and Lutherans, one of which is by engaging each other across our global Lutheran family. As part of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), we seek to contribute our North American Lutheran perspectives to the larger Lutheran tapestry, made up of 77 million members across 99 countries! And like the ELCA, the LWF has a rich history of theological study processes that can help us better understand ourselves and what it means to be church.

“In 2019, the LWF launched a [study process](#) to explore the ways our global Lutheran identities are lived out through biblical interpretation, worship and the work of justice, peace and reconciliation. As a member of the LWF, the ELCA is taking part in this unique study process in a number of ways as we examine our Lutheran identity in our own context here in North America.

“We hope this process will allow us to experience the diverse ways our Lutheran tradition is being lived out. This is an opportunity to discern the ways in which we, in our own contexts, express law and gospel, faith and works, nature and grace, justification and sanctification, freedom and vocation – all parts of our common theological identity.

“This Lent, I invite you to reflect on your Christian and Lutheran identities by participating in the [Global Survey on Being Lutheran/Encuesta Mundial Sobre lo Que Significa Ser Luteran](#). ... The survey will be open through March 31, and responses gathered will help to shape the 13th LWF Assembly in 2023.

“In addition, between now and June you are invited to take part in a larger conversation that will transpire across the LWF communion. The LWF has produced a discussion guide titled [We Believe in the Holy Spirit: Welcome to a Global Conversation on Being Lutheran/Creemos en el Espíritu Santo: Bienvenido/a a una Encuesta Mundial Sobre lo Que Significa Ser Luterano/a](#). This guide will help lead your congregation’s Christian education and/or youth group on a journey of mutual discovery and learning.

“Thank you for sharing your insights and experiences. They will contribute to furthering our understanding of what being Lutheran means in this time and place as we continue to journey together in Christ through these next 500 years of reformation.”

Getting Ready for Sunday

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

Lessons

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members John Kennedy and Kevin Bailey.

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 and Cathy Oldham, 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, Ken and Grace Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Bill Boys, and Heidi Sherer's Uncle Joel and Aunt Mary Sherer and Uncle Chris Sherer.

Noisy Offering will be for ELCA Disaster Relief

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Sunday, March 28: Book Discussion on *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S. - Conclusion*

Led by Pastor Dave

This Week at Redeemer

March 23 – March 29, 2021

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study

3:00 p.m. ZOOM Member Care

7:00 p.m. ZOOM Journaling

7:00 p.m. **LIVESTREAM Lenten Worship** on YouTube

Sunday

10:00 a.m. **LIVESTREAM** Worship with Holy Communion on YouTube

11:15 a.m. ZOOM Adult Sunday School