



# Reflections

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## Worship Services for the Season of Lent 2022



**Wednesday evenings**  
**March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6**  
*7:00 pm In Person and Livestream*  
Evening Prayer

**Palm Sunday April 10**  
*10:00 am In Person and Livestream*

**Maundy Thursday April 14**  
*7:00 pm In Person and Livestream*  
with foot- and hand-washing

**Good Friday April 15**  
*7:00 pm In Person and Livestream*  
**Last Words of Christ**  
at Christ United Methodist Church

**Easter Sunday April 17**  
*8:30 and 11:00 am*  
In Person and Livestream Celebration

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#### 2022

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## The Redeemer Community

### RLC's Current Worship Protocol: *Love Your Neighbor*

- \* Masks are required in worship and in other larger group settings.
- \* Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- \* During the passing of the peace, we suggest you wave or place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way.
- \* Individual communion elements are available to pick up inside the Sanctuary door.
- \* If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use. Only one person at a time in the restrooms.
- \* Please silence cellphones."

### 'Spring Forward' Sunday, March 13

Don't forget to set clocks *ahead* one hour Saturday night when you go to bed as Daylight Saving Time kicks in at 2 a.m. **Sunday, March 13.**

### Executive Team Invites Members Try Out New COVID Practices

It has been a very long two years. You have been incredibly supportive of the efforts by the Executive Team and Church Council to try to keep us all safe as we follow the guidance of the Columbus Public Health Department and Centers for Disease Control around limiting the spread of COVID.

As we anticipate City Council's vote to end the mask mandate Monday evening, the Executive Team met Sunday afternoon to discuss this issue. This is what we are recommending:

Beginning this **Sunday, March 13**, we will remove the every-other-row seating and invite you to sit wherever you would like. We will still require masks for the next two weeks.

If no new directives come from the health department, on **Sunday, March 27**, we will keep the **north side** of the sanctuary masked, while those sitting on the **south side** can be unmasked.

Small group meetings at the church will remain masked unless everyone at the meeting is comfortable being unmasked.

The Executive Team invites your feedback about these changes.

Again, we thank you for two years of extraordinary resilience and creativity as we have sought to keep deepening our sense of community in the most challenging of times.

Executive Team members include **Wendy Stoica, Michele Disbro, Nate Ott and Pastor Dave Shull.**

### Mid-Week Lenten Services Begin March 9

Redeemer will have Wednesday sung evening prayer services the next five Wednesdays, from **Wednesday, March 9** through **Wednesday, April 6.**

If anyone would like to share a five-minute spoken reflection that evening, please see the article below about the theme for these messages, and sign up on the sheet in the hallway outside the library.

Sundays, Redeemer will have the regular 10 a.m. Sunday morning services.

For the entire Lent, Holy Week and Easter worship schedule, see the front page of this *Reflections*.

*We have missed those of you who have not yet returned to in-person worship. If you feel safe coming back into the sanctuary, your presence and spirit would be a true blessing to us. We are not the same without you.*

### Volunteers Sought for Mid-Week Lenten Reflections

One of the songs in the Lenten evening prayer service includes the words: "Let the lowly hear and be glad: the Lord listens to their pleas; and to hearts broken God is near, who will hear the cry of the poor."

Lent is a time when we reflect honestly about our lives, and open ourselves to name the ways God's Spirit has been present to us in some kind of way. When have you or someone you know felt

broken-hearted? What brought that pain about? How did some kind of healing come about? Who are what helped make God's Spirit real and present?

Each of us has some stories about this. You can bless this community by sharing a five-minute story at a Lenten evening service. Sign up in hallway outside the library or phone or email the church office: 614-237-1263; [info@redeemerluth.com](mailto:info@redeemerluth.com). Thank you!

### **RLC Collecting Items for LWF Personal Care Kits**

Sister Act is collecting items for "Personal Care Kits" to be sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and **Sunday, March 13** will be working with the youth in Sunday School to assemble them. These kits are similar to health kits Redeemer has assembled in the past in that they are given to people who have to flee their homes. **We are in need of more towels.** While they requested light-weight bath towels no larger than 27" x 52" that has had to be modified because that is no longer the standard size. Remember **darker colors preferred** and the towels should be light-weight because people who get them often have to wash them or let them dry by hanging them up to air dry.

Please put the donations in the coat room on the shelves.

### **Redeemer to Serve Dinner at First English March 10**

Redeemer is serving dinner at First English on **Thursday, March 10**. This will be the last early dinner as Daylight Savings Time will begin. The menu will be Sloppy Joe sandwiches, individual package of chips, fruit cup, desert, and granola bar. **This time they have asked that a second sandwich be added to the meal as well as fresh fruit so this means additional batches of Sloppy Joes are needed as well as 20 dozen packages of buns.**

**Kay Ernsthansen** reports that the numbers have been going up this winter so it is necessary to plan on 120 dinners (10 dozen). To volunteer to provide a batch of Sloppy Joes or a dozen or more of any of the items, please contact Kay by texting or calling her at 614-288-8506 or emailing her at [KErnsthansen@gmail.com](mailto:KErnsthansen@gmail.com). Thank you for your help!

### **Matching Gifts Available for Donations to LWR Ukraine Efforts**

Donations to the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) efforts to assist folks affected by the war in Ukraine will be doubled up to a total of \$258,000 due to contributions from two congregations in Wisconsin.

To participate through Redeemer, simply make a check out to Redeemer, writing "Ukraine Match" on the memo line. The church will then forward those donations on to LWR.

According to the latest report from LWR, refugees fleeing Ukraine now total 1.2 million. A total of 249 have been killed and 553, injured. LWR estimates over 12 million people are in need.

"Conflict in Ukraine has put millions of people in danger. As Ukrainians shelter from bomb blasts or flee their homes, many need medical attention, food, water, and basic sanitation.

"Civilians have been injured or killed in eastern Ukraine, the capital Kyiv, and other areas. People are sheltering underground to escape shelling from heavy artillery, rockets and airstrikes.

"In the combat zones, thousands of families have been cut off from water, food, electricity, and fuel for days. Health facilities have sustained damage and many Ukrainians are in need of medical attention.

"The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) estimates that more than 1 million people have fled to neighboring countries like Hungary, Poland, and Moldova, while more than 160,000 have been displaced within Ukraine in winter temperatures. The flood of refugees will put pressure on food and other supplies in host communities.

### **Lutheran World Relief Response**

"We are committing an initial \$1 million to respond to this crisis. Our Humanitarian Action team is identifying and working with partners in and around Ukraine to rapidly develop programming plans based on short- and long-term needs. We are bringing together expertise from our partners around the world.

“We expect that our initial response will:

- Support critical health needs through the provision of medical supplies or support for emergency medical services
- Provide food, shelter and other critically needed items, including quilts and care kits
- Distribute emergency funds to refugees

“We plan to respond in Ukraine, in neighboring countries hosting Ukrainian refugees, and in other countries suffering from the inevitable ripple effects, like fuel and food disruptions.

“**We will be air-lifting Personal Care Kits and Mission Quilts that were pre-positioned in our Dubai warehouse as part of our first response.** These urgently needed supplies will reach Ukrainian families who have fled for safety. We are grateful for the thousands of Lutherans across the United States whose care and generosity have made it possible for us to respond immediately. At this time, financial gifts are the number one need to assist refugees on the move.”

## Noisy Offering Now Going to 'ReconcilingWorks'

For now through Easter, Redeemer's "Noisy Offering" – that is, the offering of loose or “noisy” change given each Sunday when entering the Sanctuary – will now go to ReconcilingWorks. This is in celebration of Redeemer's 30th Anniversary as a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

Since 1974, "ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation" has advocated for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual/aromantic (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their church, congregations and community.

“In relationships built through outreach and education, ReconcilingWorks shares Christ's message, the Gospel, which is for everyone equally. The group advocates for systemic change in policy and practice in church and society, working to alleviate not only the painful symptoms of oppression but also to eliminate its root causes.

“We are Lutherans working with the recognition that racism, sexism, ageism, able-ism, heterosexism, homophobia, and all the other artificial distinctions that seek to raise one group into privilege and preference over another, conspire together to diminish our world and church.

“An independent, Lutheran, membership-supported organization, ReconcilingWorks is committed to strengthen all of God's beloved for authentic, visible, faithful lives and to work for systemic change with the church and society.”

For more information check out their website at [www.ReconcilingWorks.org](http://www.ReconcilingWorks.org).

## Adult Ed Discusses 'Seven Deadly Sins'

Surprise! The classic “seven deadly sins” (Pride, Anger, Envy, Sloth, Greed, Gluttony, Lust) are not really sinful actions! Rather, they are deadly attitudes or dispositions that can *lead* to sinful actions. For seven weeks, Redeemer's Adult Education class is exploring these “deadly seven” and when in the cycle of our lives each disposition is most likely to take hold of us.

Along the way, the class will also consider the life-giving potential inherent in each of the seven and those virtues that serve to thwart their influence. The first Sunday, the class discussed gluttony.

As we enter Lent, what better time to take a hard, and sometimes humorous, look at who we are and who God is calling us to be.

**Dr. Brad Binau**, a Redeemer member and professor of pastoral theology at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University will lead the discussion. He is currently teaching a course at Trinity on the Seven Deadly Sins.

**Sunday, March 13**, Pastor Dave will be leading the discussion on greed.

The class is available both in-person and on Zoom. Click this link to join via Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86225287104?pwd=RjcxYmVXUEs0S2JZVko1eVZTU09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86225287104?pwd=RjcxYmVXUEs0S2JZVko1eVZTU09;); Meeting ID: 862 2528 7104; Passcode: 965357. Phone only: 312-626-6799. The discussion is lively and there is always room for more voices!!

## Report from Redeemer's BREAD Network Meeting

The Redeemer BREAD Network Meeting took place on February 23. Pastor Dave started off the meeting with a welcome and a reminder of why justice is important. Redeemer's BREAD liaison **Rob Sievert-Wagner** reported on the current campaigns on the BREAD roadmap. The upcoming Nehemiah Action will be addressing four campaigns: **Police Reform & Gun Violence, Affordable Housing, One ID and Environmental Justice**. Here are summaries of each campaign:

- The **Police Reform & Gun Violence** committee is working with the city on the non-police crisis response unit. The new **Public Safety Director Robert Clark** has met with BREAD and is open to working with them. We hope to be celebrating progress on the group violence reduction campaign.
- The **Affordable Housing** committee is pushing Columbus and Franklin County to use 1/3 of the half a billion dollars they received from the federal government's American Rescue Plan for housing for people who are hurting the most -- i.e., families making under \$30,000 per year. They are also asking the city to require housing developers to make a priority of building affordable housing.
- **One ID** is the longest running campaign and had been stalled but the new **Police Chief Elaine Bryant** is in favor of it and has previous experience with a similar program in Detroit.
- The **Environmental Justice** committee is continuing to explore what can be done to address the immediate harms caused by climate-driven flooding, heat, and worsening air quality.

Redeemer has committed to bringing 57 people to the Nehemiah Action on **Tuesday, May 10**. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Dave Shull, Sue Watson, Emily Ott, Michele Disbro, Kathy Zwanziger** or **Kristi Hildebrand** or call the church office.

### Upcoming BREAD Dates

Rally: Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Nehemiah Action: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at the Celeste Center 6:15 p.m. (Registration) 7 p.m. (Event)

Justice Ministry Celebration: Monday, June 27 at 7 p.m.

## New Procedure Set for Disposing of Communion Cups

Those attending worship and participating in communion on Sundays are invited to place the empty communion cups in the designated container on the back table after worship. They will be rinsed out, and the rinsed element will be poured into the ground to honor those who are no longer with us.

## Tuesday Bible Study Explores Book of Ruth

During Lent, the Tuesday Bible Study will be led in a study by the Book of Ruth by **Learning in Context student Adam Howard**. The group meets both in-person and via Zoom on **Tuesday, March 8**. The group runs from 1-2:30 p.m.

To join the group via Zoom, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 863 5869 9434; Passcode: 943506. To participate by phone, call 312-626-6799. If you don't have the Zoom app, you can join the meeting by copying and pasting the following web address in your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86358699434?pwd=cTlaaUM5MWl6U29mNGtsQXhuTnlIUOT09>.

## Important Emails

[Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

[Info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for stewardship campaigns.

[Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with Redeemer’s IT Team for items related to the website.

[Property@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Property@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

[SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

[Transportation@redeemerluth.com](mailto:Transportation@redeemerluth.com) – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

[Communications@redeemerluth.com](mailto: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](mailto: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**

Prayers for healing and recovery are asked for **Eileen Day** who will be having surgery Friday. Prayers for continued recovery are asked for **Kathy Ehrich, Emily Kent** and **Don Luck**, all of whom have recently had surgery.

## **Narcan Nasal Spray Available at Redeemer**

Redeemer has been given some Narcan Nasal Spray which can save the lives of those who are experiencing an opioid overdose. They are available for folks to have in their cars or to give to people you know. Redeemer can get more, so please take as many as you need. They can be found on a table in the Narthex.

The following link is to a very user-friendly YouTube training video on how to use it:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ZmSXQfi74k>

## **March Birthdays**

7-Earl Bradley

8-Helen Brunston 12-DeeDee 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

## **The Community Beyond**

### **Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests Available**

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests. Orders will usually ship in seven to 12 days.

Tests can be ordered online at <https://special.usps.com/testkits>.

## Home-Delivered Meals Available through Aging Office

The Franklin County Office on Aging is still offering free home delivered meals through **Thursday, March 31**, and is continuing to provide free COVID-19 vaccine, booster, and medical transportation for those who are over the age of 60 living within Franklin County that have an appointment scheduled.

If you or someone you know is interested in receiving free home delivered meals or transportation, please contact aging office at 614-525-6200.

## Office on Aging Launches HOPE Campaign

The Franklin County Office on Aging has launched its HOPE Campaign which has a mission of “Helping Our residents and families with Purposeful Engagements”.

They hope to check in on seniors, families, caregivers and Franklin County residents’ mental and physical health, as well as to inform them of the community-based programs and services available to them through the Franklin County Office of Aging.

Individuals who would like to reach out to find out more about the services and programs the agency can offer to Franklin County seniors, and caregivers, please contact 614-525-5230.

## Getting Ready for Worship 2nd Sunday in Lent, March 13, 2022 Lessons

**Readings:** Philippians 3:17—4:1; Psalm 27:1-3, 7-14; Luke 13:31-35

### Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### A Prayer for Ukraine

O Lord, God of life, as you care for all creation, give us your peace. May our security come not from weapons, but from respect. May our strength come not from violence, but from love. May our own wealth come not from money, but from sharing.

May our path be not one of ambition, but of justice.  
May our victory not be one of revenge, but of forgiveness. Unarmed and confident, help us to defend the dignity of all creation. Sharing today and always the bread of solidarity and peace. Amen.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton  
Faith Vigil for Peace in Ukraine



## Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of Zion Lutheran Church, Danville.
- + For Redeemer community member David Williams.

***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, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Diane Louangrath, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Alyssa Jordan-Bird and Nate Bird, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Chad Eberle's mother, Don Luck, Eileen Day.

## Worship Leaders

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Dave Shull
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kay Ernsthansen
<b>Crucifer</b>	Skye Andree
<b>Reader</b>	Miles Smith
<b>Cantor</b>	Scott Steiner
<b>Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Organist</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Ashley Bird
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence
<b>Producer</b>	Scott Steiner, Michele Disbro

*There are no flowers on the altar during Lent  
Noisy Offering will go to Reconciling Works*

## Upcoming Week at Redeemer March 8 – March 15, 2022

<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	11:00 a.m.	Member Care
	1:00 p.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; ZOOM</b> Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	<b>ZOOM</b> A Brewing Faith
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	7:00 p.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; LIVESTREAM</b> Lenten Evening Prayer
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	4:30 p.m.	<b>RLC serves at First English Lutheran Church</b>
	6:30 p.m.	Caregivers Support Group
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>		<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS – Spring Forward</b>
	8:45 a.m.	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; LIVESTREAM</b> Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; ZOOM</b> Adult Education
	11:15 a.m.	<b>Sunday School for ALL AGES</b>
	11:15 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	12:30 p.m.	Catechism Class

**Redeemer's mission:** To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all  
**Redeemer's vision:** To foster understanding and healing in community