

First Sunday in Lent



February 22, 2026 + 10:00 a.m.

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- **Within the sanctuary** please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- **Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation**, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- **Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order** are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- **Please silence your cell phone.**

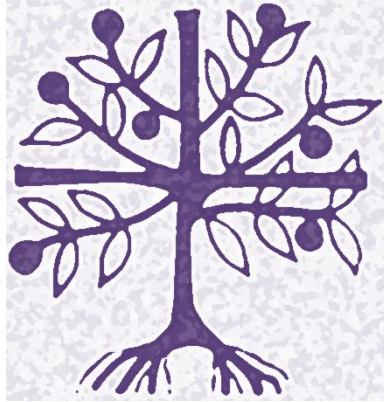
WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome



Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003
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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of
the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

In peace, in peace,

Assistant: Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

The musical score consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The Assistant's part is a single line of music. The Congregation's part is a single line of music with a long note for "mer - cy" that spans across the end of the staff.

For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all ... (Refrain)

For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word ... (Refrain)

Assistant: Congregation:

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.
A - - - - men.

The musical score consists of two staves. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second staff is for the Congregation. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The Assistant's part is a single line of music with a long note for "A - - - - men." The Congregation's part is a single line of music with a long note for "men." The lyrics are: "Help, save and de - fend us, O God. A - - - - men."

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us 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.**

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading **Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7** (New Revised Standard Version)

A reading from the book of Genesis

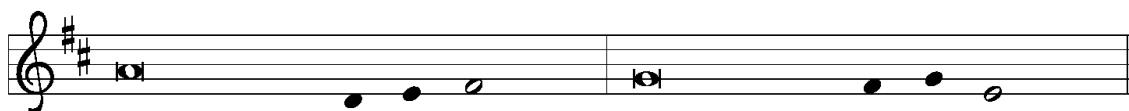
The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**



Psalm 32



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Happy are they whose transgressions [|] are forgiven,
and whose sin is [|] put away!

**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- [|] putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there [|] is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones with- [|] ered away,
because of my groaning [|] all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me [|] day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the [|] heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- [|] ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave
me the guilt [|] of my sin.

**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in [|] time of
trouble;**

when the great waters overflow, they [|] shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve [|] me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts [|] of deliverance.

**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that [|] you should go;
I will guide you [|] with my eye.**

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no [|] understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will [|] not stay near
you."

**Great are the tribulations [|] of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust [|] in the LORD.**

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice [|] in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are [|] true of heart.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the
Source of grace and mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der
faith - ful - ness of God.

Repeat optional

Gospel **Matthew 4:1-11** (New Revised Standard Version)

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.

He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished.

The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

He will command his angels concerning you,'

and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written,

'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him,

"Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

HEARING VOICES

Dr. Brad Binau

Musical Reflection

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Sandra Eithun
Chime Choir

Apostles' Creed

We honor and celebrate our oneness with Christians in this time and throughout time as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

After each petition: "Your mercy is great, O God." **Receive our prayer.**

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val and mother Margaret Bowling, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Maddie Sutphin, Becky and Larry Trover's son-in-law Brandon James, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Kelley Frank and Trina Thornton, Kelley's mother Charlotte Frank, Karen Rider's friend Betsy Wagner, Sue, Tim, and Lisa Watson, Heidi Carman, Debbie Turner's friends Sherrie and Jim Tompkins, Grace and Ken Jones and their son Dan Jones, Emily Crosley, Bill Boys, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott's sister and brother-in-law Paulie and Jerry Shaffer, Barbara Hairston, Drusanne Shaulis; WilFrantz Raymond's sister Cheslie; Don Luck, Greg Williams, Kathy and Tom Mimplitch's daughter Holly Ragland, Nate and Alyssa Bird

For the people of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Newark

For Redeemer community member Robin Stokes

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug. For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.



WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

In body or spirit, please stand

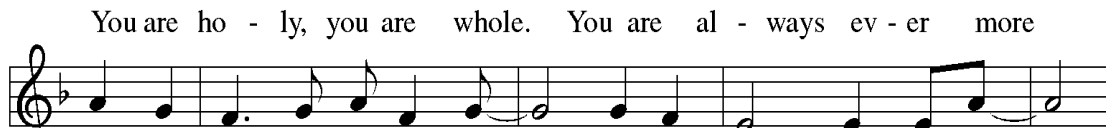
Offertory

You Are Holy

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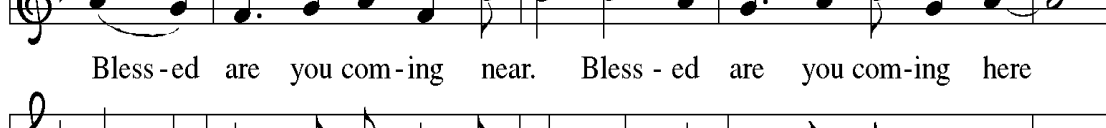
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here




to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.


2



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* *May be sung in canon.*

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
 One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Now, O God, we remember Jesus. He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried. His commitment to follow your way led the powers of this world to put him on a cross. Yet human hands cannot destroy your love. You brought him to new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend. He loved us well, loved us to the end, and loves us still.

So we remember on the night his closest friends abandoned and betrayed him, he shared a meal with them in which he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me."

After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine and gave it to them, saying, "This is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Holy Spirit, come! Bless this bread which you have given and human hands have made. Let it become for us the bread of life. Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. Let it become for us the cup of salvation. Open us to recognize the living Christ in this bread and cup, and in one another. And open us to live the words Jesus teaches:

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing the Meal

Whoever you are, from wherever you come, whatever you believe, you are welcome and invited to receive. Come! For all things are now ready.

Please be seated

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.

Hymn Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
death we are re - born; though you die in all of
his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
rise with ev - 'ry morn.

Lent 1

From the dawning of creation
you have loved us as your own;
stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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Hymn

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Open us to receive the gifts of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for all creation, welcome in this community, and the promise of friendship with the Spirit who delights in us. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, arr. John Carter

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Adult Ed
February 22 + 11:15 am
Room 2

**Martin Luther and
the Apostle's Creed**
Brad Binau

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**IMPACTING
COMMUNITY**

A DISCUSSION SERIES FOR THOSE WHO
WANT STEPS THAT CAUSE CHANGE

UPCOMING TOPICS:
February 22, 2026: Domestic Violence
Lillian Howard, Director of Clinical and Supportive Services
LSS Network of Hope
March 22, 2026: Hunger, SNAP, and What's Next?
April 26, 2026: Environmental Justice

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Lent
A Time to Renew

Midweek Lenten Evening Prayer
Wednesdays February 25 - March 25
7:00 pm
In-Person and Livestream



**Lenten Soup and
Conversation**
Wednesdays Noon – 1:00
February 25 – March 25
Narthex



Easter Flower Orders
due March 11
Envelopes on bulletin board

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Dr. Brad Binau
Assisting Minister	Mary Benis
Cantor	Heidi Sherer
ASL Interpreter	Emily Ott
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Ashley Bird
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Producers	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
Communion Prep	Diane Brobeck, David Williams, Michelle Clemence
Hospitality	Maddie Sutphin

The Noisy Offering will go to LSS CHOICES.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER FEBRUARY 22 – MARCH 1

Today	8:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Wednesday	Noon	Lenten Soup and Discussion
	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Lenten Evening Prayer
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education



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Redeemer's vision: To foster understanding and healing in community
Redeemer's Values: Inclusion, Compassion, Justice