

The First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021
8:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church and School

Reaching Out into the Community
To Do What's Best for the Community

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Welcome to worship with the Redeemer family! We are pleased that you joined us for worship today. Our regular worship schedule each Sunday is **8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Adult and youth Bible classes are held at **9:45 a.m.** as listed in the information page. If infants/toddlers become restless during worship, you are welcome to use the parent's room, located at the right of the narthex as you leave the sanctuary. Children's quiet bags for use during church services are available in the narthex. Gluten free communion wafers are available. Please tell a pastor or usher if you require one.

Order of Worship

*The worshipers are invited to sing or speak the words in **bold print** throughout the worship service.*

Pre-Service Music

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Larson – Bells of Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Matt & Beth Redman

**Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.**

**Blessed be Your name when I’m found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.**

Chorus: **Ev’ry blessing You pour out, I’ll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be Your glorious name.**

**Blessed be Your name when the sun’s shining down on me,
When the world’s “all as it should be.” Blessed be Your name.**

**Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there’s pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. (*chorus*)**

**You give and take away; You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, “Lord, blessed be Your name.”
You give and take away; You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, “Lord, blessed be Your name.”**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be Your glorious name.**

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The Passion Reading

Mark 14:1-16 ESV

It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, ²for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.” ³And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. ⁸She

has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹ And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.” ¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹ And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him. ¹² And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³ And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” ¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” ¹⁶ And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit;

Amen.

When the Pharisees see Jesus eating with the tax collectors and sinners they ask His disciples,

“Why does He eat with sinners and tax collectors?”

Jesus responds, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I come not to call the righteous but sinners.” (Mark 2:16-17)

Jesus, I cannot claim to be without sin. My words, actions, and thoughts show it. I need forgiveness and healing more than ever. Heal and restore to me the joy of salvation.

Jesus hears your cry for His mercy. You are forgiven totally and completely. He paid the price through His cross and in the resurrection the Father stamped it, “Paid in full.” Jesus now invites you to the banquet table of His Word and Supper.

Thank You, Jesus. Open my heart and mind to receive Your gifts. Amen.

Song of Praise

“Mighty to Save”

Morgan/Fielding

Ev’ryone needs compassion, love that’s never failing. Let mercy fall on me.

Ev’ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior. The Hope of nations.

Chorus: **Savior, He can move the mountains.**

My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of Salvation.

He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures. Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow, ev’rything I believe in. Now I surrender. (*chorus*)

Bridge: **Shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus. Shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.**

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Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus, thank You for coming continually to heal the sin-sick soul. Thank You for Your free mercy and grace. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 57:14-19 ESV

There is healing for the repentant.

And it shall be said, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way." ¹⁵ For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. ¹⁶ For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for the spirit would grow faint before me, and the breath of life that I made. ¹⁷ Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry, I struck him; I hid my face and was angry, but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart. ¹⁸ I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners, ¹⁹ creating the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near," says the LORD, "and I will heal him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

"Praise"

Austin – Bells of Praise

The New Testament Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17 ESV

Paul recounts how he was saved entirely by God's mercy and grace.

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading

Mark 2:13-17 ESV

Jesus, the Great Physician, makes a house call at Matthew's.

He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. ¹⁴ And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. ¹⁵ And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Message

Sermon Song

(Prayer Request cards are gathered along the center aisle by the ushers as we sing.)

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

Townend

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything: No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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Message

"You Need to See the Doctor"

Mark 2:17

(Please stand.)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the

dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

(Please be seated at the conclusion of the prayers.)

Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings

(Please stand when the pastor stands and approaches the altar.)

“I Know the Lord Laid His Hand on Me”

Hurlbutt – Bells of Praise

The Offering Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Distribution Songs

(Holy Communion is a special meal for the baptized followers of Jesus. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine. He says, “This is My body...This is My blood.” If you share this belief in His real presence, are repentant of your sins, and are baptized in the Triune God, you are welcome. Children who have not received instruction in the meaning of Holy Communion are invited forward for a blessing; please fold your arms in front of you. Wine is offered via the common cup and individual glass. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Hand your communion card to the usher as you go up for communion. Guests, please read and fill in the gold card.) (Please join in singing:)

“Lamb of God”

Marty Haugen

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You are the way of mercy and love:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You call us to the way of Your cross:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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“Wonderful Merciful Savior”

Rodgers/Wyse

Wonderful merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;

Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?

Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus **You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.**

**Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. (*chorus*)**

**Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (*chorus*)**

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The Communion Blessing

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Forgiven and fed, you are now entering the mission field.

Here am I, Lord, send me!

Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Closing Song of Praise

“I Will Follow”

Tomlin/Ingram/Morgan

**Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow.**

**All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure; I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight, high above my life; I will trust in You alone.**

(Chorus) **Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;**

When You move, I'll move; I will follow You.

Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve.

If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.

I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world, Light into my life – I will live for You alone.

You're the One I seek, knowing I will find all I need in You alone. (*Chorus*)

In You there's life everlasting. In You there's freedom for my soul.

In You there's joy, unending joy, and I will follow. (*Chorus*)

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