

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 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

“Chatter with the Angels”

Tucker – Adult Handbells

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

“A Thousand Tongues”

Glaser/Merkel/Wesley

**O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.**

**Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life and health and peace.**

Chorus: **Jesus, You’re the Name above all names, Jesus, Lamb of God;
Jesus, You’re the King of salvation; Who was and is to come.**

**He breaks the pow’r of cancelled sin, He sets the pris’ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Your Name. (chorus)**

Who was and is to come, Who was and is to come.

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The Passion Reading

Mark 15:33-47 ESV

³³ And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ³⁵ And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” ³⁶ And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” ³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son ^[i] of God!” ⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹ When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem. ⁴² And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. ⁴⁵ And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶ And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the

rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

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

“Jesus Paid It All”

Hall/Nifong

And I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small.

Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.”

(Chorus) **‘Cause Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe.**

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow’r and Thine alone,

Can change the leper’s spots, and melt the heart of stone. *(Chorus)*

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,

Jesus died my soul to save my lips shall repeat. *(Chorus)*

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

He washed it white as snow.

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Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus, You paid the price of my sin in full. Help me live thankfully and joyfully. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9 ESV

The Lord offers His gifts free of charge.

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your

money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ “Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

Edwards – Adult Handbells

The New Testament Reading

1 Peter 1:13-25 ESV

Jesus paid the ransom to free you to serve God.

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 27:1-10 ESV

Judas tries to return the blood money.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ² And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to

Pilate the governor. ³Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus^[a] was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” ⁵And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.” ⁷So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. ⁸Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me.”

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.)

“Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer”

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Jesus, draw me ever nearer as I labor through the storm.

You have called me to this passage and I'll follow though I'm worn.

May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;

And at the end of my heart's testing, with Your likeness let me wake.

Jesus guide me through the tempest, keep my spirit staid and sure.

When the midnight meets the morning, let me love You even more.

May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;

And at the end of my heart's testing, with Your likeness let me wake.

Let the treasures of the trial form within me as I go.

And at the end of this long passage, let me leave them at Your throne.

May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;

And at the end of my heart's testing, with Your likeness let me wake.

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Message

(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.)

“Here I Am Lord”

Ingram – Adult Handbells

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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“The Lamb”

Gerald Coleman

**The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!**

Chorus: **Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb, one perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heaven His praise to sing. (chorus)**

**The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill. (chorus)**

**He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. (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

“Soul on Fire”

Powell

(Chorus) **God, I’m running for Your heart, I’m running for Your heart
‘til I am a soul on fire.**

Lord, I’m longing for Your ways.

I’m waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire, ‘til I am a soul on fire.

(Repeat chorus)

Lord, restore the joy I had. I have wandered, bring me back.

In this darkness, lead me through until all I see is You, yeah! (Chorus once)

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