

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023
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.

Order of Worship

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

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song of Praise

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Rend Collective

Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts again. Increase in us, we pray.

Unveil why we’re made. Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,

Like wildfire in our very souls; Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.

We are Your church; We need Your pow’r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first We hunger and we thirst;

Refuse to waste our lives for You’re our joy and prize.

To see the captives’ hearts released; The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.

We lay down our lives for heaven’s cause.

We are Your church; We pray, revive this earth.

(Chorus) **Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.**

Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.

Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back. Change the atmosphere.

Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Unleash Your kingdom’s pow’r, reaching the near and far.

No force of hell can stop Your beauty, changing hearts.

You made us for much more than this; Awake the kingdom seed in us.

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

We are Your church; You are the hope on earth. *(Chorus)*

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Invocation

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

Amen.

The Passion Reading

Matthew 27:1-26 ESV

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. ³ Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴ saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” ⁵ And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶ But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.” ⁷ So they took counsel and bought with them the potter’s field as a burial place for strangers. ⁸ Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then 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, ¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me.” ¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²² Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³ And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!” ²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵ And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Confession and Forgiveness

Psalm 51

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

The Lord has heard your plea. Be assured your sin is forgiven through the perfect sacrifice of Jesus. Be filled with the joy of salvation.

Amen.

Song of Response

“Praise the Father, Praise the Son”

Cash/Tomlin

**O sov'reign God, O matchless King – the saints adore, the angels sing,
And fall before the throne of grace – to You belongs the highest praise.**

Chorus: **Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One.
Clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.**

These sufferings, this passing tide under Your wings I will abide,

And ev'ry enemy shall flee, You are my hope and victory. (chorus)

To the valley for my soul, Thy great descent has made me whole!

Your word my heart has welcomed home, now peace like water ever flows. (chorus)

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Prayer of the Day

Lord, You can do all things. In our weaknesses You shine forth Your strength. Use us to be Your hands and feet to a world which despises weakness and revels in human power. Give us Your Spirit that our words would be a bold statement of faith in You. Bring those around us to a stronger faith in You. In Jesus name. Amen.

The Gospel Reading

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 ESV

Jesus heals a blind man.

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

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.)

"Merciful"

Kendrick

At the cross where Jesus suffered, I lay down my bitter blame;

**Where He prayed “Father forgive them”, Lord I know that I must do the same.
Laying down my pain, my anger, vengeful thoughts nailed to the cross;
Take the sting of wrongs remembered, no more measuring my loss.**

(Chorus) **For my Father in heaven showed mercy to me.**

**How can I not be merciful when God’s been merciful to me,
God’s been merciful to me.**

**I’ll not use my words as weapons or the past to gain control;
On my tongue, no trace of venom, only grace to comfort and make whole.
I am weak but God is with me, past and future in His hand;
Turns to good the ills we suffer, works all things into Love’s plan. *(Chorus)***

**Holy Dove, return and rest here as I think and speak the best;
Though it takes ten thousand choices, I’ll press on to honor and to bless,
For the love of Christ my Savior, by the strength He daily gives;
This will be the thanks I offer: I will totally forgive. *(Chorus)***

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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)

“Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)”

Kauflin

**Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down;
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you; rest in Him.
He is gentle, He is lowly, He delights to bring us peace;
Tender Shepherd, mighty Savior: rest in Him.**

(Chorus) **How sure his compassion for us! Oh how deep is his love;**

So come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.

Are you hopeless, are you guilty? Caught in shame for all your sin?

He pursues you to forgive you; rest in Him.

He has paid for ev'ry failure, Mercy flows in endless streams;

Come and follow, freedom call you: rest in Him. (Chorus)

Are you waiting in your sorrows For this broken world to heal?

He is coming, soon returning; rest in Him.

We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace revealed;

From His kindness ev'ry promise then fulfilled;

Trust in Jesus, He will keep us to the end. (Chorus)

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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 Hymns

(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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"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Habershon

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;

For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

(Chorus) **He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

**Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *(Chorus)***

**For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *(Chorus twice)***

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“Hope and Glory”

Hughes/Smith/Herbert

**Hear our cry, O King of heaven, Jesus, hope to ev'ry heart.
We are lost without Your glory, we are lost without You, God.**

**Be the fire that burns within us, flames of love that purify.
Send Your pow'r and Your salvation, let us see Your kingdom come.**

(Chorus) **Only You can move the mountains, only You can heal our land.
Christ alone, our hope and glory, Christ alone in You we stand.**

**Turn Your eyes and show us mercy; how we need Your Father's love.
Lead us home, and out of darkness, with Your gospel burning bright. *(Chorus twice)***

**We believe our God is mighty, we believe our God is here.
We believe our king is coming, Christ alone in You we stand.
Praise the Lord, our God is mighty. Praise the Lord, our God is here.
Praise the Lord, our King is coming. Christ alone in You we stand.**

'Cause *(Chorus)* Christ alone in You we stand.

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The Communion Blessing

The 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

“Sing and Shout”

Redman

Your cross, Your cross, it draws me to Your heart,

It makes my spirit sing, it makes my spirit sing.

Your grace, Your grace, oh, I hear it call my name.

I'm waking up to sing, I'm waking up to sing. Oh, oh, oh, oh. *(Repeat)*

***(Chorus)* We will sing and shout, yeah, sing and shout,**

Open up our hearts and pour Your praises out.

We will sing and shout, yeah, sing and shout,

Open up our hearts and pour Your praises out.

Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh.

Because, because, because Your love came down,

It makes me want to sing, it makes me want to sing.

Because, because, because You call my name,

I'm waking up to sing, I'm waking up to sing! *(Chorus)*

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