

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

7:00 pm



***“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”***

Luke 4:18-19

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OUR MISSION

“The Our Redeemer church family exists to **welcome** people to faith;
help people **grow** in the faith that works in real life;
and **serve** our community and the world together in **Jesus’** name.”

GUESTS AND MEMBERS – WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

We’re happy that you’ve joined us in worship, especially if you are a visitor with us.
We pray that the Lord who led you here would lead you into a time of knowing Him better,
trusting in Him more, and growing deeper in His love as He places His Word
and cross before your eyes, ears, and hearts.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE

Please see an usher for assistance with these items.

COVID-19 Reminder

As ministry opportunities sponsored by Our Redeemer continue to resume onsite and elsewhere, the leadership of our congregation recognizes the new challenges that exist when gathering together. Below is a reminder to consider before participating in any worship service or activity:

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. We are doing everything we can to be compliant with all regulations and ensure your safety. We have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but we cannot guarantee that you or family members will not become infected with COVID-19.

LENTEN WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

“O Son of God, in Galilee”

LSB 841 v. 1-3

Sung to the tune of “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

- 1 **O Son of God, in Galilee,
You made the deaf to hear,
The mute to speak, the blind to see;
O blessed Lord, be near.**
- 2 **O listen to the silent prayer,
Of Your afflicted ones.
O bid them cast on You their care;
Your grace to them make known.**
- 3 **The speechless tongue, the lifeless ear,
You can restore, O Lord;
Your “Ephphatha,” O Savior dear,
Can instant help afford.**

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 51

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

C: Amen.

P: Christ Jesus was anointed as our Prophet who preached Good News and continues that preaching in the church; as Priest who became the sacrifice on the Cross; as King who rules in wisdom and grace. A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out,

C: He knows all about us and loves us anyway. In our brokenness He comes to heal and restore. Amen.

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

C: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

P: Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,

C: So that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

CONFESSION

P: In Psalm 51, we have nothing but a pure cry for mercy. It is from one who could truly say, “Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling; Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.” This is the cry of someone who is an example of the “spoiled specimens of humanity” that we talked about on Ash Wednesday. It is our cry as well. With those thoughts in mind, together we humbly make our confession. It is true, Father in heaven,

C: We are “spoiled specimens of humanity.” We have not lived our lives for You or others. We are so consumed with ourselves that our lives are selfish and self-centered. As we focus on ourselves, we are broken because we realize how shallow and foolish we really are.

P: In our brokenness we forget where to go for help, and when made whole, we break ourselves again in seeking our way, our path, our Kingdom, and our glory.

C: We turn ourselves into bruised reeds and smoldering wicks that are no good to anyone.

P: We have not always cried out to You for help,

C: But we often complain to and about everyone else; and sometimes our complaint is that You have not done enough to cure us.

P: Father in heaven, we have sinned against You and have acted foolishly.

C: Father in heaven, we have sinned against You and our neighbor. We stand before You in need of forgiveness. We bruise ourselves and are bruised by others. The devil bruises us with his lies. Remind us of the one who was also bruised by the old evil foe, but who crushed that wily serpent’s head.

P: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, the merciful anointed one.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination

ABSOLUTION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the

earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: “I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 12:9-21

He went on from there and entered their synagogue. And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—so that they might accuse him. He said to them, “Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other. But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all and ordered them not to make him known. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; and in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

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.

SERMON

“The Spirit Anointed Christ to
Free the Bruised”
Matthew 12:9-21

The Bruised

In Scripture

In Life

Jesus interacted with people in a _____ and _____ manner.

He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. *(Matthew 5:45b)*

Jesus treated those He encountered as people created in _____
_____.

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel. *(Matthew 23:23-24)*

“It is precisely this that Christ requires. Just as he himself did all things for us, not seeking his own good but ours only — and in this he was most obedient to God the Father — so he desires that we also should set the same example for our neighbors.” - Martin Luther

“We want a Christ who suffers that we may not have to, a Christ who lays himself down that our comfort may be undisturbed. The call to lose life that it may be found again, to take up the cross and follow, remains mysterious and offensive to us.” - John Bright

Healing the Bruised as Servants of Christ

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The Biblical understanding of health is ... a _____ for which one _____.

Health as wholeness can be noticed in people as they _____ _____.

PRAYERS

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING

P: May God the Father who spoke the Word, Jesus who is the Word, and the Holy Spirit who makes the Word alive in your heart bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

LSB 744 v. 1-3



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

Serving Us

Pastor - Rev. Peter Weeks

Organist - Trudy Rowold

Elder: John Ohlendorf (826-6335)

Holy Week Worship Services

“Palm Sunday” – March 28th

8:00 am Worship Service

10:30 am Worship Service

“Maundy Thursday” - April 1st

7:00 pm Worship Service with Communion

“Good Friday” - April 2nd

11:30 am Worship Service

7:00 pm Tenebrae Worship Service

“Easter” - April 4th

8:00 am Celebration Worship Service with Communion

10:30 am Celebration Worship Service with Communion

**There will not be any Education Hour
classes or activities on Easter Sunday.*

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