

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 21, 2021



*“For even the Son of Man
came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

Mark 10:45

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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing” *LSB 847 v. 1, 3*
Sung to the tune of “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

- 1 **Christ, our human likeness sharing,
Heaven’s love on earth portrayed;
Christ the Shepherd, tending, caring,
In His death our ransom paid:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,
Be Your life in us displayed.**

- 3 **Christ, in ev’ry congregation,
Build Your temple, stone by stone,
With Your word as firm foundation,
For a faith matured and grown:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,
Make in us Your Gospel known.**

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

Based on Psalm 119

P: How can a young man keep his way pure?

C: By guarding it according to Your word.

P: I have stored up Your word in my heart,

C: That I might not sin against You.

P: Although God’s Word does protect our ways, we hold onto other things for protection.

C: We have sinned. Our ways have wandered. Forgive us so we might follow You.

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

ABSOLUTION

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:32-45

And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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 “Holding On and Letting Go with God”

Mark 10:32-45

Sermon Notes and Additional References

Holding On and Letting Go ... of the Wrong Things

James and John

Holding On vs. Our Family ... God's Family

People around us see only ____, and we even _____ their view of Jesus.

It's not just mixing up _____ and _____ which can ruin our relationship with God.

The works of the righteous would be _____ if they would not be feared as _____ by the righteous themselves out of pious fear of God.
-Martin Luther, *Heidelberg Disputation* Thesis 7

Holding On and Letting Go with God

Jesus _____ us in a way we could _____.

And 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. ...

But Jesus said, “She has done a beautiful thing to me. ... 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.”
(*Mark 14:3, 6b, 9*)

...*Thy* will be done...

As we _____, God _____.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

HOLY COMMUNION ... Because we believe Jesus' word that in communion He gives us His body and blood, forgives our sins, and strengthens our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we welcome to communion those

- * who are part of God's family through baptism;
- * who are growing by the power of the Holy Spirit in true faith in Jesus as their savior;
- * who are truly repentant and sorrowful for their sins; and
- * who intend by the power of the Holy Spirit to amend their lives.

If you feel your relationship with God is not of this nature, you may still receive a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms), rather than communing to your spiritual harm. For those communing, both wine and grape juice are available.

(Pastor and an Elder will bring communion to the pews beginning on the east outside aisle followed by the center and then west outside aisle. Please remain seated.)

CLOSING BLESSING

Based on Psalm 119 and Numbers 6

P: With my lips I declare all the rules of Your mouth.

C: In the way of Your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

P: I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways.

C: I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way” *LSB 857 v. 1-3*



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
place with - in the hands Of those who seek to



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.

Weekly Worship Meditations and Preparation Thoughts

For meditation from Sunday's worship: Read Mark 10:32-45

- Reflect on what you are letting go of and what you are holding on to.
- Put Mark 10:45 where you can see it this week.

For preparation for next Sunday: Read John 12:12-19

- What do you hear in the response of the disciples in verse 16?
- What do you hear in the response of the Pharisees?

Serving Us Today

Pastor - Rev. Peter Weeks

Director of Youth and Family Ministry - Arlyn Meyer

Organist - Trudy Rowold

Elders	8:00 am	Danny Kiedaisch (212-0504)
	10:30 am	John Ohlendorf (826-6335)
Ushers	8:00 am	Les Holloway (Lead) and Doris Davenport
	10:30 am	David Liebers (Lead) and Pam Fuller
Altar Guild	8:00 am	Kris Boerger
	10:30 am	John and Tami Ohlendorf

Altar Flowers

*The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Doris Davenport
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