## OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

We like to know you worshiped with us today. Please sign the Friendship Pad located on the aisle side of the pew and pass it along to others in the pew.

#### LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, HYMNALS & LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE

Please see an usher for assistance with these items.

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT DIVINE SERVICE SETTING IV

#### WELCOME

OPENING HYMN "God Loved the World So That He Gave" LSB 571

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

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

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

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

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

PSALM Psalm 107:1-9

- P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
- C: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.
- P: And gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- C: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;
- P: Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
- C: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
- P: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.
- C: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men!
- P: For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

#### SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

LSB 205

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Numbers 21:4-9 (Pew Bible pg. 129)* 

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **EPISTLE**

Philippians 2:5-11 (Pew Bible pg. 980)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21 (Pew Bible pg. 888)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED LSB 207

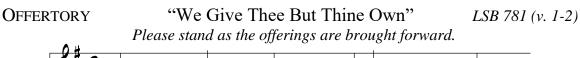
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the 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 HYMN "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace" LSB 580 (v. 1-4)

SERMON "Exaltation Through Humiliation" Philippians 2:5-11

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Tithes and offerings are collected in the offering box in the Narthex and brought forward during Offertory. If you have a tithe or offering to share, you may still place it in the offering box following worship.





#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER LSB 209

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.

#### **BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

LSB 918

## Serving Us Today

**Guest Pastor** - Rev. David Ehlers **Pianist** - Tracy Holloway

**Elder** Chris Byers (309-275-5040)

**Reader** John Walthers

**Ushers** Kevin Holmes (Lead) and John Walther

## Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Doris Davenport in celebration of her daughter, Andrea Rouleau's birthday.

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