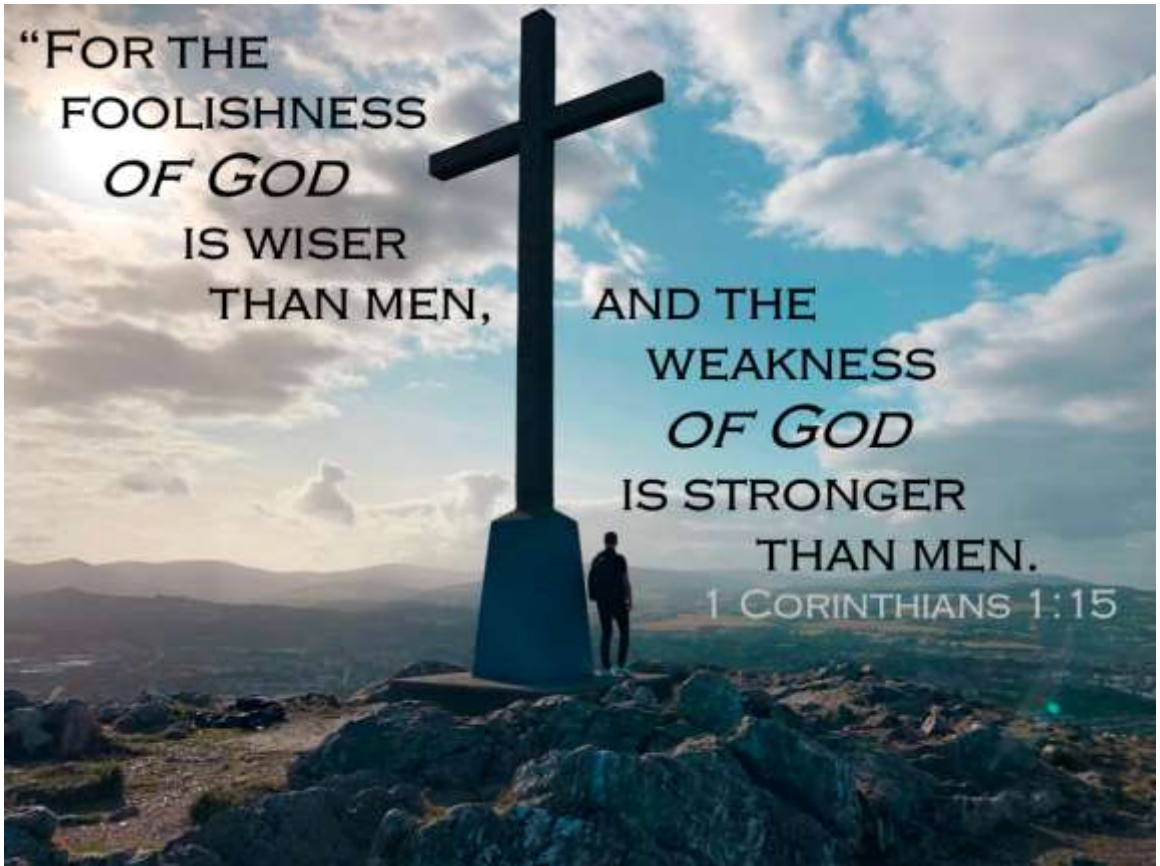


OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“O Word of God Incarnate”

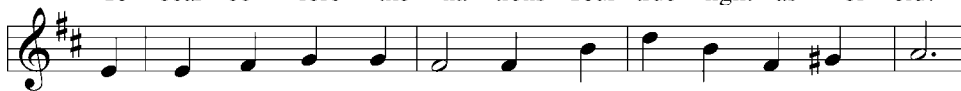
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1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

Based on Psalm 19

P: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

C: **The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;**

P: The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;

C: **The rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.**

P: Despite Your creation praising You, we fail to live Your ways.

C: **We confess we have sinned. We need not only Your creation, but Your re-creation. Forgive us.**

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

ABSOLUTION

SERVICE OF THE WORD

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

GOSPEL READING

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

“God’s Wisdom From Above”

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Sermon Notes and Additional References

Common Sense and Worldly Wisdom

Worldly Wisdom vs. Heavenly Wisdom

Corinth

Consumer Culture

Sunday

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.”

(Mark 10:35-37)

God’s Foolishness and Weakness

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.”

(Mark 10:38-40)

Heavenly Wisdom Encountering the World

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 19 and Numbers 6

P: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

C: **Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.**

P: There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

C: **Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

P: The blessing of God, the Creator of life, the Redeemer of life, and Sanctifier of life be with you now and always.

C: **Amen.**



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
5 Well He knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are
I shall doubt His wis - dom nev - er; As God wills, so



not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.
be it ev - er; I com - mit to Him my way.

Weekly Worship Meditations and Preparation Thoughts

For meditation from Sunday's worship: Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

-Pray about an area of life where you are tempted to focus on worldly wisdom.

-Put 1 Corinthians 1:25 where you can see it this week.

For preparation for next Sunday: Read Numbers 21:4-9

-What comes to mind when you think about snakes?

-What do you hear in the complaint of the people in verse 5?

Serving Us Today

Pastor - Rev. Peter Weeks

Director of Youth and Family Ministry - Arlyn Meyer

Organist - Trudy Rowold

Elders	8:00 am	John Ohlendorf	(826-6335)
	10:30 am	Jeff Kuenneth	(533-5844)
Ushers	8:00 am	Larry Rowold (Lead) and Mike Hathaway	
	10:30 am	Kevin Holmes (Lead) and Pam Fuller	
Altar Guild	8:00 am	Nancy Kiedaisch	
	10:30 am	Jeff and Connie Kuenneth	

Altar Flowers

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