

# 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

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“Spiritual Contemplation of Christ’s Suffering”

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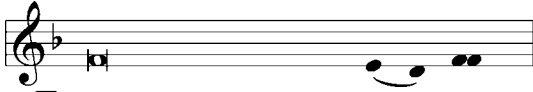
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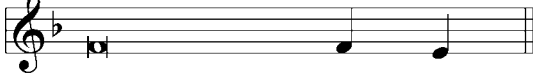
# LENTEN WORSHIP

## SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER

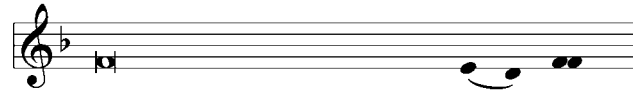
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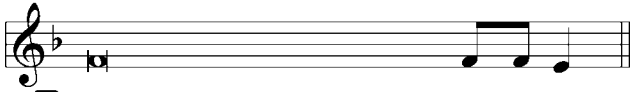
**L** Now is the time of God's fa - vor;



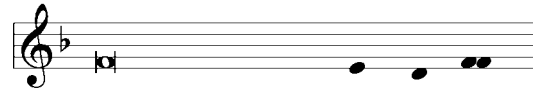
**C** now is the day of sal - va - tion.



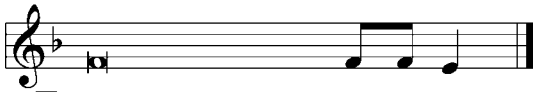
**L** Turn us again, O God of our sal - va - tion,



**C** that the light of Your face may shine on us.



**L** May Your justice shine like the sun;



**C** and may the poor be lift - ed up.

# HYMN OF LIGHT

LSB 244

**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:  
**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,  
 bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the  
 set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.  
 We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:  
 You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -  
 ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:  
 the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

# THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

LSB 245

**P:** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** A - men.

PSALM PRAYER

LSB 247

P: Let us pray. Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

**C: Amen.**

PSALM

*Psalm 22:1-8*

P: I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

P: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

**C: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.**

P: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**C: In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

P: To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

**C: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

P: All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

**C: "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"**

**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.**

P: I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
 life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

## FIRST LESSON

*Zechariah 13:1-9 (Pew Bible pg. 799)*

“On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.

“And on that day, declares the LORD of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, so that they shall be remembered no more. And also I will remove from the land the prophets and the spirit of uncleanness. And if anyone again prophesies, his father and mother who bore him will say to him, ‘You shall not live, for you speak lies in the name of the LORD.’ And his father and mother who bore him shall pierce him through when he prophesies.

“On that day every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies. He will not put on a hairy cloak in order to deceive, but he will say, ‘I am no prophet, I am a worker of the soil, for a man sold me in my youth.’ And if one asks him, ‘What are these wounds on your back?’ he will say, ‘The wounds I received in the house of my friends.’

“Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me,” declares the LORD of hosts. “Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones. In the whole land, declares the LORD, two thirds shall be cut off and perish, and one third shall be left alive. And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call upon my name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘They are my people’; and they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON

*Acts 4:23-31 (Pew Bible pg. 912)*

When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, “‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL LESSON

*Mark 14:26-50 (Pew Bible pg. 851)*

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” But he said emphatically, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And they all said the same.

And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.” And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him. And they laid hands on him and seized him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.” And they all left him and fled.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C: But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

SERMON

“God Himself Punished Christ”





1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it  
 2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -  
 3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters  
 4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y



leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -  
 maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like  
 those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -  
 leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -



gard, And I am blest for time to come.  
 light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.  
 tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.  
 el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

## LITANY

*Response to each petition*

P: ...let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*(Silence for individual prayer.)*

P: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

**C: To You, O Lord.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR LENT

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*LSB 251*

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

BENEDICTION

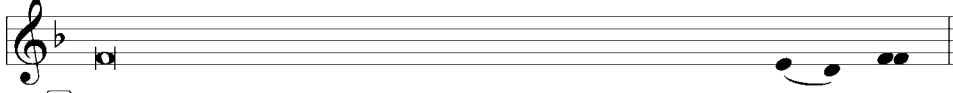
LSB 252



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.



**P** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the  $\dagger$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



**C** A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” *LSB 439* (v. 5-8)



5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;  
6 There was no spot in me by sin un - taint - ed;  
7 O won - drous love, whose depth no heart hath sound - ed,  
8 O might - y King, no time can dim Thy glo - ry!



The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;  
Sick with sin's poi - son, all my heart had faint - ed;  
That broughtThee here, by foes and thieves sur - round - ed!  
How shall I spread a - broad Thy won-drous sto - ry?



Man for - feit - ed his life and is ac -  
My heav - y guilt to hell had well - nigh  
All world - ly plea - sures, heed - less, I was  
How shall I find some wor - thy gifts to



quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.  
brought me, Such woe it wrought me.  
try - ing While Thou wert dy - ing.  
prof - fer? What dare I of - fer?

*Serving Us Today*

**Guest Pastor** - Rev. Timothy Fitzner

**Pianist** - Tracy Holloway

**Elder** Jeff Kuenneth (309-533-5844)

*Lenten Worship Services continue on Wednesday nights  
at 5:00 pm with the following themes:*

*“Spiritual Contemplation of Christ’s Suffering”*

March 13th: “Christ’s suffering as proof of God’s love for us”

March 20th: “As Christ suffered, so shall we”

*Holy Week Worship*

Palm Sunday

March 24th at 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday

March 28th at 5:00 pm

Worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday

March 29th at 5:00 pm

Tenebrae Worship

*Easter Sunday*

March 31st at 9:00 am

Worship with Holy Communion