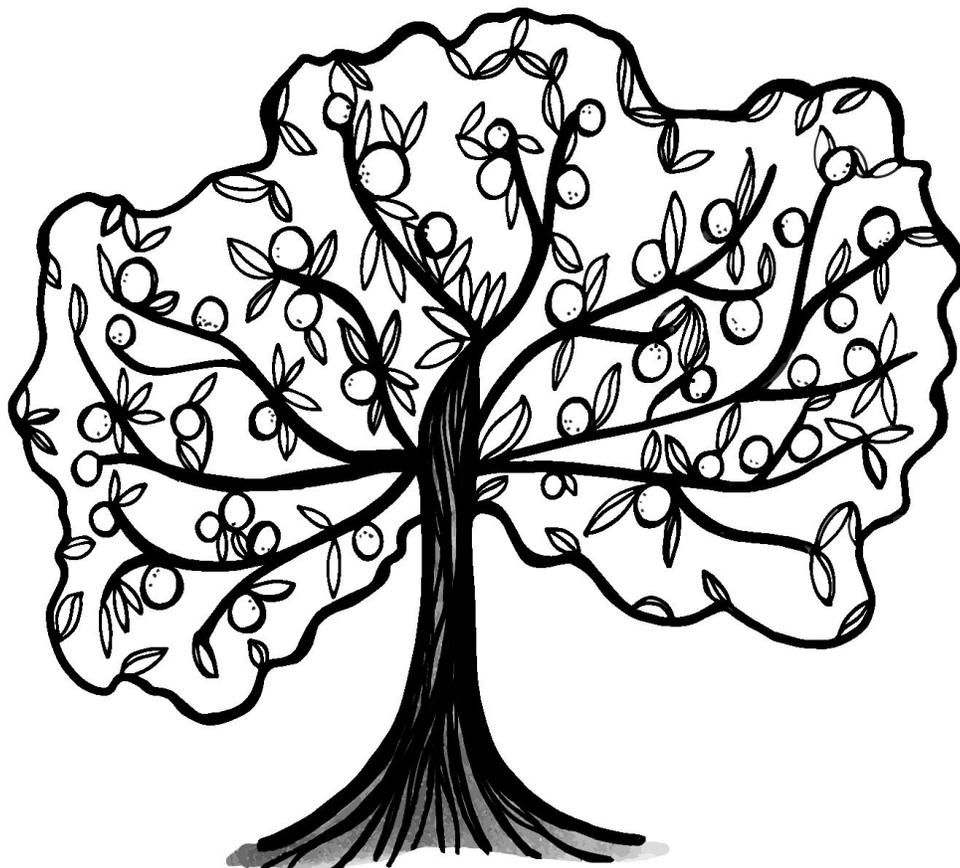


+ Contemporary Worship +  
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

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9:45 am February 22, 2026

**Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.**



*Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.*



## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Based on Psalm 32*

Pastor        Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
All            **and whose sin is put away!**

Pastor        Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
All            **when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

Pastor        Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
All            **but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

Pastor        Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;  
All            **Shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

**SONG OF GATHERING**  
*Please stand and sing.*

**Lord, My Strength**

1 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;  
 2 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you a - lone:

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.  
 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.

Be my eyes, be my ears, be the on -  
 Ev-'ry step that I make, be the road

- ly voice I hear; guide my soul, give me sight,  
 I will take; be the thoughts that I keep

help me walk with - in your light.  
 and in ev - 'ry word I speak.

3 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;  
 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you a - lone:  
 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.

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**CONFESSION**

Pastor Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

All **Amen.**

Pastor Held in God's mercy,  
let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence and reflection*

Pastor Compassionate God,  
All **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives and guide us again  
in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Pastor Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always open and stretched wide to welcome everyone home.  
You have a place in God's house forever.

All **Amen.**



# Rock Of My Salvation

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Teresa Muller

Fm<sup>9</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> Cm B<sup>b</sup>/C  
 You are the Rock — of my — sal - va - tion,  
 A<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Cm B<sup>b</sup>/C  
 You are the strength — of my life.  
 Fm<sup>9</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> Cm B<sup>b</sup>/C  
 You are my hope — and my in - spir - a - tion,  
 A<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Cm A<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>  
 Lord, un - to You — will I cry. I be - lieve in You, — be -  
 Gm<sup>7</sup> Cm<sup>7</sup> A<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Cm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/C Cm<sup>7</sup>  
 lieve in You, — for Your faith - ful love to me. — You have  
 A<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> Cm<sup>7</sup>  
 been my help — in time of need; —  
 Fm Fm/A<sup>b</sup> Gsus G  
 Lord, un - to You will I cleave. —  
 Fm<sup>9</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> Cm B<sup>b</sup>/C  
 You are the Rock — of my — sal - va - tion,  
 A<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Cm  
 You are the strength — of my life.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor        The Lord be with you.  
All             **And also with you.**

Pastor        Let us pray.  
                  Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All             **Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**



#### **READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader        Word of God, word of life.  
Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

**READING: Romans 5:12-19**

*Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

<sup>12</sup> Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader                      Word of God, word of life.  
Congregation        **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and sing.*

## Hide Me in Your Holiness

WORDS and MUSIC: Steve Ragdale

Hide me, Lord, in your ho - li - ness; ev - 'ry  
sin I now con - fess. Praise to you, for -  
giv - ing Lord, hide me in your ho - li - ness,  
hide me in your ho - li - ness.

Pastor            The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.  
All                **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11**

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

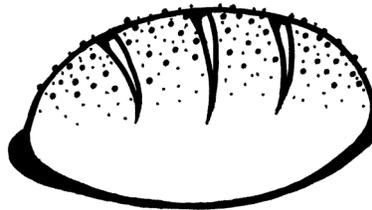
‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Pastor            The Gospel of the Lord.  
Congregation   **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Listening for God*  
*Pastor Sharon Core*



*Please stand and sing.*

## Out in the Wilderness



1 Driv - en by the Spir - it out in the wil - der - ness;  
2 Tempt - ed by the dev - il out in the wil - der - ness;  
3 An - gels all a - round you out in the wil - der - ness;  
4 "You are my be - lov - ed" out in the wil - der - ness.



driv - en by the Spir - it out in the wil - der - ness;  
tempt - ed by the dev - il out in the wil - der - ness;  
an - gels all a - round you out in the wil - der - ness;  
"You are my be - lov - ed" out in the wil - der - ness.



when the Spir - it says, "Go," you can't say, "No."  
though you try to be strong, it's been so long.  
you are far . . . from home where wild things roam.  
When you were . . . bap - tized, you re - a - lized



You lis - ten for the voice when you're bend - ed low;  
He whis - pers in your ear and you know he's wrong;  
There's dan - ger ev - 'ry - where but you're not a - lone;  
you'd heard the voice of God from the o - p'ning skies:



driv - en by the Spir - it out in the wil - der - ness.  
tempt - ed by the dev - il out in the wil - der - ness.  
an - gels all a - round you out in the wil - der - ness.  
"You are my be - lov - ed" out in the wil - der - ness.

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Music: OUT IN THE WILDERNESS, Jay Beech

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Asst. Min.

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

**All**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS**

*Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. After each portion of the prayers:*

Asst. Min.

Hear us, O God.

**All**

**Your mercy is great.**

*At the end of the prayer:*

Pastor

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All**

**Amen.**

## **SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE**

Pastor

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All**

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with words such as "God's peace be with you."  
Please sit.*

## **+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +**

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Our offerings to God are first of all just that – offerings of thanksgiving to God. As you are able please continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts.*

*Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.*

## **OFFERING MUSIC**

*"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) by Matt Crocker, Joel Houston, and Salomon Ligthelm  
Youth Choir*

## SONG OF OFFERING

*Please stand and sing.*

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We are an offering

Musical notation for the song "We are an offering". The first line of music is on a treble clef staff with a 7/8 time signature. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Chords above are G, C2, Dm7, C2/E, C/E. The lyrics are "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our". The second line of music is on a treble clef staff with a 7/8 time signature. The notes are F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Chords above are F, C/E, Dm7, Dm7/G, C. The lyrics are "lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering."

## OFFERING PRAYER

Asst. Min. With the breaking of bread and sharing the cup, Jesus offered the disciples peace and friendship, trust and forgiveness, the love and embrace of God. Jesus offers the same to all people.

**All** **Jesus, we are sinners hungry for grace.**  
**We come - eager to receive your gift of love.**  
**Receive our gifts of love**  
**and use them to further your care for the world.**  
**Amen.**

## + COME TO THE TABLE +

Pastor The Lord be with you.  
**All And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
**All 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.**

Pastor Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## COMMUNION

### **All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.**

*Communion will be offered by intinction. For those not comfortable receiving from those who are distributing the elements, a separate tray is available.*

*Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine is invited to come forward for a blessing. To receive a blessing, please cross your arms.*

*You are an important part of our faith community.*

*In Holy Communion we receive the true body and blood of Christ.*

## COMMUNION SONG

### What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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### **Please stand.**

**Pastor**

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood,  
strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

**All**

**Amen.**

**PRAYER**

Asst. Min.

Let us pray. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

**Amen.**

**+ THE SENDING +**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

All

**Amen.**

Pastor

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in love by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All

**Amen.**

Pastor

The God of all grace bless you now and forever in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

All sing.

**The King of Glory**

*Refrain*

The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

1 W' the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?  
 2 In au of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,  
 3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;  
 4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;  
 5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

*Refrain*

He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of ag - es.  
 he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.  
 in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.  
 he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.  
 and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

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Music: THE KING OF GLORY, Israeli traditional

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**DISMISSAL**

Asst. Min.

All

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE****The Devil Doesn't Wear Tights**

No one believes in the existence of the devil these days, do they? Do you? Perhaps we can thank Hollywood and Halloween's marketing blitz for our casual if not incredulous approach to the devil's existence. Pointy horns, pitch forks, red costumes, and box office ticket sales continue to shape our culture's collective consciousness of the devil. Though red tights and long tails may be a frightening thought as you consider a costume for a Halloween party, they do nothing to communicate the true terror of an honest-to-God encounter with the devil's power.

This Lent we are called to expunge the fantastical images of the devil from our minds and think seriously about the real presence of evil in our world. We know firsthand about the sin that caused, causes, and will cause suffering to us, our loved ones, our neighbors, our global communities, and creation itself. Sin is real; suffering is real; evil is real; indeed, the devil is real. This oppressive, tangible reality is as real as the air we breathe—felt but not always seen. Greed, envy, rage, hatred, war, discrimination, and apathy are just some of the ways the devil's forces wreak havoc upon us. These forces have one goal and one goal only: to turn us away from the will of God.

Matthew's gospel reorients us to the truth of the devil's power, and calls us to name Satan's presence in the world. In the wilderness Jesus encounters an evil as real as its opposite, resurrection. The great tempter seeks to undermine Jesus' mission before he even begins; testimony that evil has much to fear of our Jesus! Nonetheless, Jesus will not be dissuaded. "Away with you, Satan!" proclaims the redeemer of the cosmos. Thus, the Lenten journey begins—a journey that takes us to the cross, where the devil is named and crushed underfoot.

## Redeemer's Lenten and Easter Services

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>February 25- March 25 Wednesdays 6:15 pm - Dinners 7:00 pm - Services</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday Lenten Service and Dinner</b> Pray with Redeemer for Holden Evening Prayer held every Wednesday at 7:00 pm until Holy Week. A light supper will be offered at 6:15.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 2 Thursday 7:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Maundy Thursday</b> Remember Christ and his command to love one another.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 3 Friday Noon</b></p>	<p><b>Good Friday Worship</b> On this sacred day, worship at noontime.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 3 Friday 7:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Tenebrae Service</b> Experience the solemn majesty of this special service as we remember Christ's death.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 5 Sunday 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00</b></p>	<p><b>Easter Morning Services</b> Celebrate our Risen Lord this great day. The brass musicians will accompany our talented choir, making this a festival celebration to honor our Lord.</p>

## Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

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### *Sunday Services*

*8:30 and 11:00 am for the traditional service and 9:45 am for the contemporary service*

### *Next Sunday's Scripture:*

*Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17*

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*The flowers are given to the glory of God.*

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