

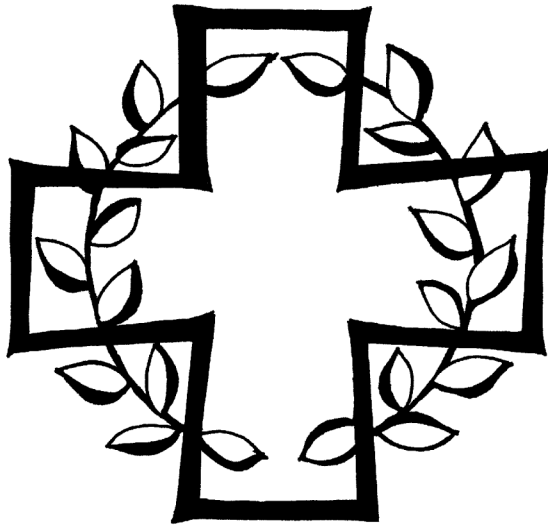
+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:45 am March 22, 2026

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



In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life.



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Based on Psalm 130*

Pastor Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
All **O Lord, hear my voice!**

Pastor I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;
All **in your word is my hope.**

Pastor My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning;
All **more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

Pastor O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love;
All **with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.**

GATHERING SONG
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.

Text: Dean Krippaehne
Music: LORD, MY STRENGTH, Dean Krippaehne

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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

Fm⁹ Gm⁷ Cm B^b/C
 You are the Rock — of my — sal - va - tion,
 A^bmaj⁷ B^b Cm B^b/C
 You are the strength — of my life.
 Fm⁹ Gm⁷ Cm B^b/C
 You are my hope — and my in - spir - a - tion,
 A^bmaj⁷ B^b Cm A^bmaj⁷ B^b
 Lord, un - to You — will I cry. I be - lieve in You, — be -
 Gm⁷ Cm⁷ A^bmaj⁷ B^b Cm⁷ B^b/C Cm⁷
 lieve in You, — for Your faith - ful love to me. — You have
 A^bmaj⁷ B^b Gm⁷ Cm⁷
 been my help — in time of need; —
 Fm Fm/A^b Gsus G
 Lord, un - to You will I cleave. —
 Fm⁹ Gm⁷ Cm B^b/C
 You are the Rock — of my — sal - va - tion,
 A^bmaj⁷ B^b Cm
 You are the strength — of my life.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Pastor Let us pray.
 Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."

¹ The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

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

Reading: Romans 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 Ragsdale

$\text{♩} = 108$ E^b E^b/G A^b/C B^b7sus B^b7 A^b/C
CAPO I (D) (D/F#) (G/B) (A7sus) (A7) (G/B)

Hide me, Lord, in your ho - li - ness; ev - 'ry

B^b2/D E^b2sus E^b A^b B^b/A^b
(A2/C#) (D2sus) (D) (G) (A/G)

sin I now con - fess. Praise to you, for -

E^b2/G A^b2 $Fm7$ B^b G Cm $Cm7/B^b$
(D2/F#) (G2) (Em7) (A) (F#) (Bm) (Bm7/A)

giv - ing Lord, hide me in your ho - li - ness,

A^bMaj7 $Fm7$ Fm/B^b B^b7sus E^b
(GMaj7) (Em7) (Em/A) (A7sus) (D)

hide me in your ho - li - ness.

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

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

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

SERMON

A Whiff of the Resurrection
Pastor Sharon Core

Please stand and sing.

Create in Me a Clean Heart

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the lyrics.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O
Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
Music: CREATE IN ME, anonymous

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

"Beautiful Savior" - Stuart Townend

SONG OF OFFERING
Please stand and sing.

Text and music: Dwight Liles
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We are an offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our
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. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

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

Here Is Bread

♩=72

1. Here is bread, here is wine. Christ is with us;
2. Here is grace, here is peace. Christ is with us;
3. Here we are, joined in one. Christ is with us;

he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine;
he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace;
he is with us. We'll pro-claim till he comes

Christ is with us here. here.
feast on Je - sus here.
Je - sus cru - ci - - fied.

CHORUS

In this bread there is heal - ing; in this cup is

life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,

Christ is with us here.

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.

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

My Life Is in You, Lord

C7sus F C F Dm C/D Dm
 My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord; my
 B♭ C B♭ F C7sus C7 C7sus
 hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you. My
 F C F Dm C/D Dm
 life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord; my
 B♭ C/B♭ B♭ F 2nd time to Coda Csus
 hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you. I will
 B♭ C F/A F
 praise you with all of my life; I will
 B♭ C F F F/A
 praise you with all of my strength, with
 C F D Gm E♭
 all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my
 B♭/D Csus D.C. al Coda CODA Csus C7sus F
 hope is in you. you, in you.

DISMISSAL
Asst. Min.
All

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Redeemer's Lenten and Easter Services

February 25- March 25 Wednesdays 6:15 pm - Din- ners 7:00 pm - Ser- vices	Wednesday Lenten Service and Dinner 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.
April 2 Thursday 7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Remember Christ and his command to love one another.
April 3 Friday Noon	Good Friday Worship On this sacred day, worship at noontime.
April 3 Friday 7:00 pm	Tenebrae Service Experience the solemn majesty of this special service as we re- member Christ's death.
April 5 Sunday 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00	Easter Morning Services Celebrate our Risen Lord this great day. The brass musicians will accompany our talented choir, making this a festival celebration to honor our Lord.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship. There is a children's worship bulletin for them. If you prefer, a nursery and/or childcare is available for children up to age 3 during all worship services.

Hearing help available: We have personal hearing amplification units available for your use. Please speak with the person at the sound board.

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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:

Matthew 21:1-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Hope of New Life

Hope overcomes despair for God's people: this is the message of the readings for today. The hope of new life is evident in the story of "dry bones" from Ezekiel. The children of Israel declare their hope is lost. The prophet's experience in the valley of dry bones inspires him to preach renewed hope to the people. Psalm 130 sings of hope in God and God's word. The work of God's Spirit gives hope of new life in Paul's letter to the church at Rome. The Gospel of John tells the hope-filled story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. The gospel gives us encouraging words to sustain us through the approaching despair of Christ's passion and brings us to the fulfillment of hope on Easter. Martha's wistful words to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here. . . . But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him" (John 11:21-22), reflect the hope of God's people in the face of despair, even in the face of death.

Each text encourages hearers to hope in God and God's word. How do Christians experience unfulfilled hope? This is the challenge for those who interpret today's texts for hearers. Israel's woes are not at an end; other psalms tell of struggle and pain; the Christ-believers at Rome are persecuted; Jesus who raises Lazarus from the dead soon dies. And yet hope is fulfilled as Paul proclaims "all Israel will be saved" (Rom. 11:26). Psalm 46 sings of God's presence in time of trouble. A preview of the hope of the resurrection will sustain believers in these final days of Lent (John 20:17). The Christian's confidence in the resurrection of the dead epitomizes their hope in Christ.

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