

+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:45 am March 3, 2024

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



The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Come, in this season of Lent let us worship Christ,
 our Savior, who suffered death for all.

All We praise you, Lord.

Pastor Come, let us worship Christ, who ventured into the depths of life;
 who finds and heals us when we need it most.

All We praise you, Jesus, image of the compassionate Father.

Pastor Come, let us worship him who took upon himself our sins;
 by accepting death he lifted us out of the darkness.

All We praise you, Lord of the cross.

Pastor Come, let us pray to him who conquered evil and hatred,
 who lives forever at God's side.

All We draw closer to you, O Lord, throughout these 40 days of Lent!

Pastor Lord, you share life with us in our glory days, and you visit us in our darker hours;
 fill our hearts to overflowing by revealing to us the light of your countenance.

All United with Christ, we pray that our lives will bear much fruit. Amen.

GATHERING SONG
Please stand and sing.

More Love, More Power

Jude Del Hierro

More love, — more pow-er,

more of You — in my — life. —

More love, — more pow-er,

more of You — in my — life. And I will wor-ship

You with all of my heart. — And I will wor-ship

You with all of my mind. — And I will wor-ship

You with all of my strength, — for You are my Lord, —

You are my Lord. —

You are my Lord.

CONFESSION

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.

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 Holy God,
**All we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.
We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.
We speak in ways that silence others.
We are silent when we should speak up.
We keep score in our hearts.
We let hurts grow into hatred.
For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord.
Amen.**

Pastor Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ .
All Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.
Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act
courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the
wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
All Amen.



SONG OF PRAISE
Please stand and sing.

Hide Me in Your Holiness

WORDS and MUSIC: Steve Ragsdale

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

hide me in your ho - li - ness.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Reading: Exodus 20:1–17

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The ten commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader Word of God, word of life.

All Thanks be to God.

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

For the message about the cross is foolishness 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, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader Word of God, word of life.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Please stand and sing.

I Will Delight

Words and Music by
Walt Harrah and
John Andrew Schreiner

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 98$ G

I will de - light in the law of the Lord, I will med - i - tate day and night.

5
Then like a tree firm - ly plant - ed I'll be, ground - ed in Your Word.

Bless - ed is the one who fol - lows the way of the Lord, bless - ed is the

15
one.



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

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After 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.

Pastor The Gospel of our Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

God's Path of Relationship
Pastor Josh Wullenweber

Please stand and sing.

O God, Who Gives Us Life

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: NOEL, English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

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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.

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
Please give as you are able. We appreciate those who give in-person and those who give electronically.*

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

OFFERING MUSIC

"Lamb of God" by Twila Paris

SONG OF OFFERING
Please stand and sing.

Text and music: Dwight Liles
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We are an offering

Chords: G, C², Dm⁷, C²/E, C/E

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our

Chords: F, C/E, Dm⁷, Dm⁷/G, C

lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray.

All **Jesus, you are the bread of life**
and the host of this meal.
Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.
Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.
We pray this in your name.
Amen.

MEAL

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.**

Pastor Blessed are you, God of everlasting covenant, for your promises are steadfast and your provision is sure. Through the 40 years of your people's desert wanderings, you were constant in fire and cloud; with manna and mercy you sustained every step. You made Jesus' temptation of 40 days a theater of truth where your word stood strong. In every age you have shaped your people through times of wilderness and wondering, of temptation and trial, and brought them into the land of promise, and the life of covenant. And so with all who have walked the wilderness way in every time and place and all who walk this day with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we join their unending hymn.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord**
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
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, for all is now ready.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine are invited to come forward for a blessing. You are an important part of our faith community. For those taking Holy Communion: Pastor will give verbal instructions on how Holy Communion will be distributed.

COMMUNION SONG

All sing.

One Bread, One Body

Text: John Foley, sr, b. 1939
Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sr

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

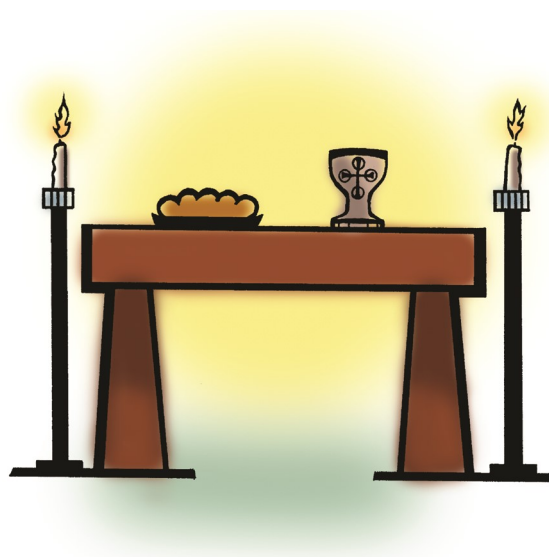


TABLE BLESSING

Please stand.

Pastor May the body and blood of Christ strengthen you and sustain you for your Lenten journey ahead.

All Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Asst. Min. Let us pray.
Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

All Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
May God the Father, Son +, and Holy Spirit
bless you and keep you,
Shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and give you peace.

All Amen.

SENDING SONG
All sing.

Luke 10:25-28

My Life Is in You, Lord

$\text{♩} = 160$

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord; my
 hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you. My
 life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord; my
 hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you. I will
 praise you with all of my life; I will
 praise you with all of my strength, with
 all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my
 hope is in you. you, in you.

D.C. al Coda **CODA**

WORDS and MUSIC: Daniel Gardner

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DISMISSAL

Asst. Min.

All

Go in peace. Christ is with you .

Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE****God's Zeal Makes Us Clean**

In this penitential season, we hear the words of God's law revealed on Mount Sinai (Exodus 20:1-17). The law was given to guide Israel, newly rescued from slavery in Egypt, to become a community reflecting God's love and holiness. However, this law, no matter how full of love it is, will always carry the sting of accusation for us because our hearts have strayed from God's gracious purpose. We aren't capable of fully following the law because we are still captive to the powers of sin and death, so the commandments will always reveal our trespasses. We should not be surprised that God's word convicts even those who have been called into the community of faith. After all, Jesus cleansed even the temple, reacting against sin within the very heart of religious life.

These scenes on Mount Sinai and in the temple don't just concern people of times long past. They draw us in as well. In the mysteries of holy baptism and holy communion, we become the house of the Lord. Joined to Christ by grace, we are, together, the body of Christ and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is zealous for the holiness of his body, desiring that those who have been united to him would walk in love and truth.

Our great assurance, though, is that the living Word of Jesus is greater even than the revelation on Sinai. Where the law can only convict, Jesus forgives. Where the law reveals our bondage to fear and pride, Jesus brings joyful freedom. In Christ, his body the church dies to sin and then, by grace, rises to new life, made clean and holy.

Let us not fear the one who calls us into holiness and cleanses the temple with zeal. The law reveals where sin has brought death to our souls. But Jesus has passed through death into a glorious resurrection to make us into a living temple, where God's mercy can be found in abundance for us and for the world.

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 for your use personal hearing amplification units available in the narthex. Please refer questions or comments to an usher.

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Next Sunday's Scripture:

Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21

Wednesdays in Lent, February 21-March 20

Holden Evening Prayer Service

Dinner 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, Service at 7:30 pm

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

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