



The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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March 4, 2018

Third Sunday in Lent

11:00 am

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDES

If You But Trust in God to Guide You
Ah, Holy Jesus
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Paul Manz
David Cherwien
Joyce Jones

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen.**

P: During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

<We kneel.>

P: Merciful God,

C: **you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

<We stand.>

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: **Amen.**

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together...

C: 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. Amen.

<We sit.>

+ WORD +

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

Pew Bible page 58

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM

19

(Sung responsively, led by Cantor)

¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

²One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

³Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,

⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it again;
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joyce the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Pew Bible page 926

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

<We stand.>

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 2:13-22

Pew Bible page 863

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

<We sit.>

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Pursey

SERMON

Pastor Pursey

<We stand.>

APOSTLES' CREED

**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 OF INTERCESSION

<We kneel.>

*The response after each petition: P: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.***

*After the prayers have concluded we respond with **AMEN.***

<We stand.>

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

At this time, you may greet one another in the name of Christ.

<We sit.>

+ MEAL +

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

Come Ye Sinners

Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Senior Choir Men

<*We stand.*>

OFFERTORY HYMN

Blessed Be God, Who Forgives

ELW Hymn 221

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age... .. With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: ... Grace our table with your presence.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. ... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With all your holy ones of all times ... blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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<*We sit.*>

COMMUNION

Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world.

At The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, we receive communion by intinction, receiving the bread and then dipping it into the chalice of wine.

ANTHEM **O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy** **arr. Hal Hopson**
Duet: Karyn Ellis and Corey Shaver

THE TABLE BLESSING

<We stand.>

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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P: Let us pray..

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

SUNG BLESSING

In the name of the Father.

In the name of the Father.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

In the name of the Son.

In the name of the Son.

May God's face shine upon you.

May God's face shine upon you.

In the name of the Spirit.

In the name of the Spirit.

May God's blessings be with you.

May God's blessings be with you.

The Three-in-One.

The Three-in-One.

And give you peace.

And give you peace.

SENDING HYMN **Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me** **ELW Hymn 767**

DISMISSAL (*Please face the rear of the nave*)

P: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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Worship Leadership

- Presiding Minister:** The Reverend Christi Pursey
- Organist:** Huger Caughman, Jr.
- Choir Director:** Gayle Lindley
- Ushers:** Andy Senn, Reyburn Lominack, June Lominack, Benji Lindsay
- Communion Preparation:** Shannon Lindsay

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Lector & Communion Assistant	Mary Maercklein	Ben Bowers
Greeter		
Crucifer	Ben Lindsay	Ledare Livingston
Acolyte	Mafra Kemper	Griffin Long

Worship Assistants’ schedule for the entire year may be found in the Annual Directory.

This week at Redeemer

Today	Monday, 3/5	Tuesday, 3/6	Wednesday, 3/7	Thursday, 3/8
9:30 am - Jr. & Children’s Choirs		Easter Lily Deadline-FINAL!!	6:00 pm - Handbells	
6:00 pm - Property Committee			7:00 pm - Lenten Service	
			Senior Choir	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Redeemer! We are pleased to have you with us at worship this morning. If you have any questions or need any assistance, just ask! We also invite you to fill out our friendship register at the end of each pew.

Manna House needs hamburger helper, tuna helper, packages of dry milk, 2 lb. bags of flour, sugar, and grits, loaves of bread, or anything you would like to give. Monetary donations may be mailed to Sue Mitchell, 2210 Timber Lane, Newberry, SC 29108.

Lenten Services - Each Wednesday following in Lent we will gather for Holden Prayer Around the Cross at 7pm. Join with your fellow sisters and brothers as we take a short mid-week pause to center ourselves and re-turn towards God during this holy season. Lenten Wednesday Services began on 2/21 and end on 3/21.

Chemo Packages - During the season of Lent, we will spend time in the children's Sunday School class talking about ways that we can help others. Part of our lesson will include a season-long service project to collect items and put together "Chemo Care Packages" for Chemotherapy patients in our area.

- *bottled water *lemon drops (or other flavored hard candy) *gum
- *lip balm *reusable plastic dinnerware *journals *hand sanitizer
- *hand lotion *disposable tooth brushes *pocket tissues
- *Ensure (or other meal replacement drinks) *stocking hats

If you prefer to give a monetary donation, those funds will be used to purchase additional items needed to complete the kits. We will put the care packages together during Sunday School (10:00 - 10:45) on March 25th in the Youth Hall downstairs. For questions, please contact Amanda Richardson at 924-6799.

Basketball Tournament - On March 11 at 2pm there will be a basketball tournament at Redeemer! Churches from the area will come together to have fun, raise money, and collect food for the Manna House. This is an event being put together by Pr. James Henricks of Summer Memorial Lutheran Church with the help of PM and the pastors at Grace and St. Luke's. For more information on how you can help, please contact PM or Zeb Reid.

Community Baby Shower - Redeemer has been invited to help with a community baby shower from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at Piedmont Community College, Wilson Road. Lifebridge, which helps troubled families with pregnancies and new babies, needs Redeemer to sponsor at least one parent or parent-to-be with gifts and support. Please see Andy Sidden to help with this.

Service for White Oak Manor - Redeemer Lutheran leads brief worship at White Oak Manor, Kinard Street next to Newberry Co. Memorial Hospital, at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 4. Music makers, smiling faces, and compassionate ones are needed. This is a great opportunity for Redeemer folks to bring the worship message, too. Please see Andy Sidden to be involved.

Attendance for February 25, 2018

Sunday School	39
8:45 Service	50
11:00 Service	92
Total	142

Offering for this Week:

Needed Weekly - \$6,074.00
Received 2-25-18 - \$4,982.00