



The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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March 4, 2018

Third Sunday in Lent

8:45 am

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

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.**

GATHERING HYMN

Built on a Rock

ELW Hymn 652

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.

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!

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

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.

+ MEAL +

OFFERTORY HYMN

Blessed Be God, Who Forgives

ELW Hymn 221

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

ELW Page 208

<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.

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

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!

Worship Leadership

Presiding Minister: The Reverend Christi Pursey

Pianist: Huger Caughman, Jr.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Lector & Communion Assistant	Nancy Riggan	Kelly Bannister
Usher	Tommy Moose	Tommy Moose
Communion Prep	Peggy Richardson	Vickie Wiseman/Beth Hipp

This week at Redeemer

Today	Monday, 3/5	Tuesday, 3/6	Wednesday, 3/7	Thursday, 3/8
9:30 am- Jr. & Children's Choir		Easter Lily Deadline - FINAL!!	6:00 pm - Handbells	
6:00 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 sugar, flour, and grits, loaves of bread and anything you would like to give. Monetary donations may be made to Sue Mitchell, 2210 Timber Lane, Newberry, SC 29108.

The new flower chart is in the narthex. There are still many available dates if you would to provide flowers for the worship services.

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME – Don’t forget to set clocks ahead one hour as daylight begins on March 11.

LAST SUNDAY FOR EASTER LILIES –This is the last Sunday to order Easter lilies. Orders must be received in the church office no later than Tuesday, March 6.

WELCA will meet on Sunday, March 11 at 4:00 P.M. in the church Library. Please read Chapter 3 In Really Bad Girls of the Bible. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

Congratulations to the following women who were honored with a life membership in SCWELCA on BOLD Women’s Sunday – Kelly Bannister, Nikki Chapman, Jessica Draeger, Claire Grossheusch, Amanda Richardson, Erin Titus and Jeannie Webber.

Thank you to all of the women who participated in our BOLD Women’s services, and to Pastor Matt for his assistance in helping with the preparation of the two services.

Offering for this Week:
Needed Weekly - \$6,074.00
Received 2-25-18 - \$4,982.00

Attendance for February 25, 2018

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

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.

Annual Directories - Annual Directories are available in the narthex. Thank you for your patience. These directories contain updated contact information for the members at Redeemer, annual reports from our teams and leaders, and volunteer assignments for the entire year. Please pick up your copy.

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.