

# Redeemer Lutheran Church

## February 21, 2021 ~ First Sunday Of Lent

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## John 9:1-5; 16:17-22; &amp; 29-33

Before communing, we follow our Lord's directions and examine ourselves as it says in I Corinthians 11. We ask ourselves:

Do I admit I am a sinner in need of forgiveness?

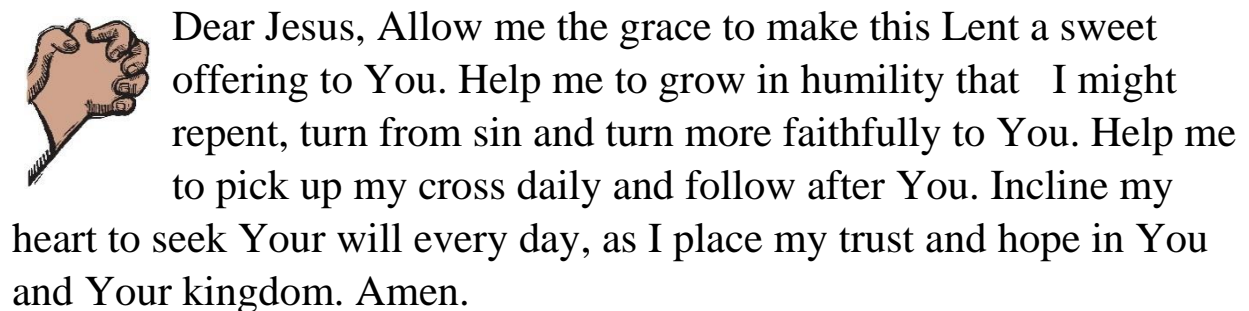
Have I forgiven everyone who has sinned against me?

Do I believe in His presence,

Do I believe His promise that if I confess my sins,

If you respond in a positive manner to these questions  
and feel led by the Holy Spirit to commune  
then receive the Holy Supper Jesus offers.

### Prayer before worship:



## **Our Worship Service:**

Officiant: Rev. Robert Spilman

Communion Assistant: Earl Pierce

Readers: Janet Zehr & Kathleen Beutel

Organist: Marlina Belstadt

## **Greetings and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn: #707 from our Lutheran Service Book**

**“Oh, That The Lord Would Guide My Ways”**

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
    To Keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
    To know and do His will!
  
2. Order my footsteps by Thy Word  
    And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
    But keep my conscience clear.
  
3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
    A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget Thy way,  
    Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.
  
4. Make me to walk in Thy commands –  
    'Tis a delightful road –  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
    Offend against my God.

## **Invocation ~**

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

## **Confession and Absolution ~**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

# **Service of the Word**

## **Introit ~**

P: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation. Because you have made the Lord your  
dwelling place – the Most High, who is my refuge – no evil shall  
be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. For He  
will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your  
ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your  
foot against a stone, You will tread on the lion and the adder, the  
young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

## **Gloria Patri ~**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy  
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
be, world without end. Amen.**

## **Kyrie ~**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **Salutation ~**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

### **Collect of the Day ~**

P: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **First Reading ~ Genesis 22:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied.

<sup>2</sup>Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love --- Isaac – and go up to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

<sup>3</sup>Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup>He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

<sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup>Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

<sup>8</sup>Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

<sup>9</sup>When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then he reached out his

hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied.

<sup>12</sup>“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

<sup>13</sup>Abraham looked up and there in the thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

<sup>15</sup>The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup>and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup>and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm ~ Psalm 25:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>In you, Lord my God,  
I put my trust.

<sup>2</sup>I trust in you;  
do not let me be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup>No one who hopes in you  
will ever be put to shame,  
but shame will come on those  
who are treacherous without cause.

<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, Lord,  
teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.  
<sup>6</sup>Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.  
<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth  
and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me,  
for you, Lord, are good.  
<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.  
<sup>9</sup>He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way.  
<sup>10</sup>All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful  
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

**Epistle Reading ~ James 1:12-18**

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

<sup>13</sup>When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup>but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. <sup>15</sup>Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

<sup>16</sup>Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup>Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup>He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## **The Holy Gospel ~**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark,  
the 1st chapter, verses 9-15

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love, with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup>and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

<sup>14</sup>After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup>"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **The Apostle's Creed ~**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn: #427 from our Lutheran Service Book**

**“In The Cross of Christ I Glory”**

1. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.

2. When the woes of life o’ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3. When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.

4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.

**Sermon ~ “The Journey Begins”**

**Offertory ~**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

*(Please place Offerings in the plate at the entrance upon leaving)*

### **Prayer of the Church ~**

when Pastor says “Lord in Your mercy”  
we reply “Hear our prayer”

### **The Service of the Sacrament**

#### **Preface ~**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And with thy spirit.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

**C:** It is meet and right so to do.

**P:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **Sanctus ~**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,  
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He,  
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## **Lord's Prayer ~**

**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.**

## **The Words of our Lord**

**Institution of the Sacrament**

## **Pax Domini ~**

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C: Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei ~**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

### **Distribution of Communion**

### **The Nunc Dimittis ~**

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy  
salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all  
people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy  
people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the  
Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
be, world without end. Amen**

### **Thanksgiving ~**

**P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.**

**C: and His mercy endureth forever.**

### **Post-Communion Collect ~**

**We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed  
us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your**

**mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith  
toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through  
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**Salutation ~**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And with thy spirit.**

**Benedicamus ~**

**P: Bless we the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction ~**

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you.**

**The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.**

**The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.**

**C: Amen, amen, amen.**

**Closing Hymn: #744 from our Lutheran Service Book  
“Amazing Grace”**

1. Amazing grace – how sweet the sound –  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see!

2. The lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.
4. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Then when we'd first begun. Amen.