To Win and Keep Souls for Christ

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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February 28, 2021 ~ Second Sunday Of Lent

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Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church

Welcome to Worship, Fellowship and Christian Education! We invite you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 AM. Our Sunday Education & Bible Classes begin at 9:15 AM. Lenten Worship Services ~ Wednesday evenings at 7 PM.

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Some Things To Ponder ~

Read John 19:41:

On Sundays in Lent we look ahead, to see where the season ends.

Can you look far enough ahead

to see a garden outside of Jerusalem?

It's almost like a park.

Almost like the Garden of Eden.

The Garden of Eden was a place of new beginnings for the human race.

This garden will be a place of new beginnings too.

Do you know why?

Something to Read this Week About Loving Others ~

Matthew 5:21-24; 38-40; 43-48 Mark 12:28-34 Luke 15:11-20 John 13:33-35; 15:9-15

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

Am I baptized and do I believe in Jesus as my Savior?

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

Am I ready and willing to repent of my sin, to turn away from it, and with God's help intentionally try to live in a way which pleases Him?

Have I forgiven everyone who has sinned against me?

Am I free of all grudges?

Do I believe in His presence,

that I am receiving Jesus' Body and Blood as He says?

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

He will forgive me completely?

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:

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept us this night from all harm and danger; and we pray You would keep us this day also from sin and every evil, that all our doings and life may please You. For into Your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls and all things. Let Your holy angels be with us that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.

Our Worship Service:

Officiant: Rev. Robert Spilman Communion Assistant: Earl Pierce Readers: Marilyn Winter & Kathy Jaenecke Organist: Kathy Beutel

Greetings and Announcements

Opening Hymn: #649 from our Lutheran Service Book "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

- 1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
 The fellowship of kindred minds
 Is like to that above.
- 2. Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.
 - 3. We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows

 The sympathizing tear.
 - 4. When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain; Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.
 - 5. From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

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: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield. The Lord has remembered us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron; He will bless those who fear the Lord, both the small and the great. We will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

Kyrie ~

Kyrie! God, Father in heaven above, You abound in gracious love, Of all things the maker and preserver. Eleison! Eleison!

Kyrie! O Christ, our king, Salvation for all You came to bring. O Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Our mediator at the heavenly throne: Hear our cry and grant our supplication. Eleison! Eleison!

Kyrie! God the Holy Ghost, Guard our faith, the gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this sinful world with gladness. Eleison! Eleison!

Salutation ~

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Collect of the Day ~

P: Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1-7 & 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. ²Then I will make my covenant between me and you and you will greatly increase your numbers."

³Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you."

¹⁵God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. ¹⁶I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of people will come from her."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:23-31

²³You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!
²⁴For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

²⁵From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

²⁶The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him -may your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down to him,
²⁸for dominion belongs to the Lord
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him -- those who cannot keep themselves alive.

³⁰Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the Lord.

³¹They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

P: **The Holy Gospel** according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter, verses 27-38

C: Glory to You, O Lord

²⁷Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

³⁰Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³²He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

³⁴Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, 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 #433 from our Lutheran Service Book "Glory Be To Jesus"

- 1. Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!
 - 2. Grace and life eternal In that blood I find; Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!
- 3. Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!
- 4. Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies; But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.
 - 5. Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high, Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.
- 6. Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood; Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

Sermon ~ "Who Do You Say I Am?"

Prayer of the Church ~

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

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

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface ~

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 Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness.

By your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell.

Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us.

To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

Sanctus ~

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed, blessed, blessed is He
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

Benedicamus ~

C: Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Benediction ~

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

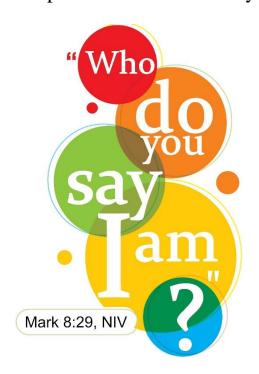
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen, amen, amen.

Opening Hymn: #571 from our Lutheran Service Book "God Loved The World So That He Gave"

 God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save, That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.

- 2. Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death; All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3. God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh; His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done; And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.
 - 5. If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubles heart can cheer; Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
 - 6. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!





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