

To Win and Keep Souls for Christ

# Redeemer Lutheran Church

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## Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship as we join a worldwide and timeless procession of the faithful! We invite you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 AM. Our Sunday Education & Bible Classes begin at 9:15 AM. Good Friday Worship ~ April 2 ~ 7 PM Easter Sunday Worship ~ April 4 ~ 10:30 AM

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Something To Ponder ~

When Jesus died, the great curtain in the temple, the one that hid the Most Holy Place from view, was torn in two, from top to bottom, as if to say, "God is not a secret any more. Now anyone can draw near to Him." Look at Jesus on the cross and you can see exactly how much God cares for you, how much God wants you as His own. The way is open; you can draw near!

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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.

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## **Our Worship Service:**

Officiant: Rev. Robert Spilman

## Hymn of Justification: #570 from our Lutheran Service Book "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

- 1. Just as I am, without one plea
  But that Thy blood was shed for me
  And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
  O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
  - **2.** Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot.

To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- **3.** Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind. Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;Because Thy promise I believe,O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
  - 6. Just as I am, Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

#### Confession and Absolution ~

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

C: Amen.

P: I will go to the altar of God,

C: to God my exceeding joy.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

#### Confessional Address ~

P: Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

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: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P; Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C: Yes.

P: Let it be done for you as you believe.

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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion.

Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest is us;

for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### Service of the Word ~

## **Old Testament Reading** ~ Exodus 24:3-11

<sup>3</sup>When Moses went and told the people all the Lord's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the Lord has said we will do." <sup>4</sup>Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the Lord. <sup>6</sup>Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey."

<sup>8</sup>Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

<sup>9</sup>Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup>and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. <sup>11</sup>But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **Reading of the Psalm** ~ Psalm 116:12-19

- <sup>12</sup>What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?
- <sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
- <sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
- <sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.
- <sup>16</sup>Truly I am your servant, Lord; I serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains.
- <sup>17</sup>I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord.
- <sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
- in your midst, Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord.

## **Epistle Reading** ~ <u>I Corinthians 10:16-17</u>

<sup>16</sup> Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

### The Holy Gospel ~

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark,

the 14th chapter, verses 12-26

C: (sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

<sup>13</sup>So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. <sup>14</sup>Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>15</sup>He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

<sup>16</sup>The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup>When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. <sup>18</sup>While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me – one who is eating with me,"

<sup>19</sup>They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely you don't mean me?"

<sup>20</sup>"It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. <sup>21</sup>The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

<sup>22</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

<sup>23</sup>Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

<sup>24</sup>"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. <sup>25</sup>"Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

<sup>26</sup>When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<u>Pastor</u>: This is the Gospel of the Lord.C: (sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Holy (Maundy) Thursday Homily

The Prayer of the Church

#### The Service of the Sacrament

Preface ~

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (sing) And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sing) We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

C: (sing) 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, Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**The Sanctus** (sing) ~

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

### Agnus Dei (sing) ~

- 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**

### P: Let us pray:

**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. (sing Amen)

**Stripping of the Altar** 

**Reading of Psalm 22** as the altar and chancel are cleared in preparation for the solemn service of Good Friday

We leave the church in silence