

# Redeemer Lutheran Church

## Fourth Sunday in Lent



Sunday, March 22, 2020 – 8:00 am

**Grow In Christ ♦ SHARE HIS LOVE ♦ Encourage**

**Our Mission Statement:** *“As Christians based on the solid foundation of God’s Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit we strive to live out, lift up, and share our faith in Jesus Christ – welcoming all into our Family of Believers.”*

**Values:**

Truth, Prayer, Family of Believers, Teaching, Community Engagement, Healing/Caring, Joy

**WELCOME VISITORS** We have printed out our worship service to make it easier for all of us to follow. Hymns are found in the hymn section of the Lutheran Service Book or in Worship & Praise, the purple supplement. The service is also projected on the screen. Please visit our “Welcome Center” in the Narthex for additional information about Redeemer.

**OUR THEME FOR TODAY:** The man was born blind, but he could really see. Others could see, but they were really blind. Jesus healed the blind man’s sight, but he also heals he blindness of our hearts. Today we focus on this theme, that seeing isn’t always believing, but believing is always seeing.

**+ We Come Into God’s Presence +**

(\* *Those who are able are asked to stand during these parts of the service.*)

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(\* **OPENING PRAYER**)

**OPENING HYMN** “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” ..... LSB 425

1      **When I survey the wondrous cross  
          On which the Prince of Glory died,  
          My richest gain I count but loss  
          And pour contempt on all my pride.**

2      **Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
          Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
          All the vain things that charm me most,  
          I sacrifice them to His blood.**

3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

(\* OPENING RESPONSES *(Please stand.)*)

P: O Lord, open my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



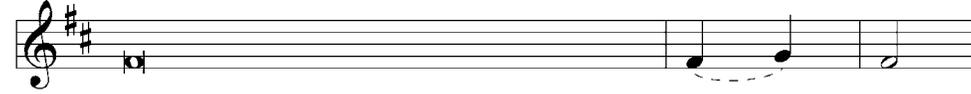
*Lent:* Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

P: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

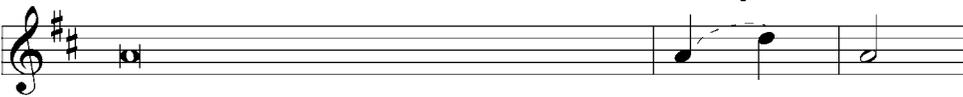
(\* INVITATION TO WORSHIP)



<b>C</b> 1 O come, let us sing . . . . .	to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a . . . . .	great God
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . .	made it,
5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . .	to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
 4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

P: Blessed be God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him. (Please be seated.)

**+ God Speaks to Us +**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

L: The Old Testament reading for Fourth Sunday In Lent is from the forty-second chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>14</sup> "For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant.

<sup>15</sup> I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools.

<sup>16</sup> I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.

<sup>17</sup> But those who trust in idols, who say to

images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back in utter shame.

<sup>18</sup> "Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see! <sup>19</sup> Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send?

Who is blind like the one in covenant with me, blind like the servant of the Lord?

<sup>20</sup> You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen."

<sup>21</sup> It pleased the Lord for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious.

*Isaiah 42:14-21 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Epistle reading is from the fifth chapter of Ephesians.

<sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> It is

shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. <sup>14</sup> This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." *Ephesians 5:8-14 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.** (*Please stand.*)

**(\*) RESPONSE**



1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.  
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.  
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

**(\*) HOLY GOSPEL**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

<sup>3</sup> "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

<sup>6</sup> After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup> "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of

Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. <sup>15</sup> Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided. <sup>17</sup> Then they

turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet."

<sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. <sup>32</sup> Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

<sup>34</sup> To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

<sup>36</sup> "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup> Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." <sup>38</sup> Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

<sup>40</sup> Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" <sup>41</sup> Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains. *John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 NIV*

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** *(Please be seated.)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Amazing Grace" ..... LSB 744

**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  
Than when we'd first begun.

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**SERMON** "Eyes On Jesus: Healing Sight"

**+ We Respond To God's Word +**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Open Up Our Eyes"

Greater is the One who's in us  
Greater is the One who calls our name.  
He will never fail.  
Stronger is the One within us.  
Stronger is the One who fights for us.  
He will never fail.  
You will never fail.

*Chorus:* For Your love endures forever,  
Oh, Your love endures forever.  
Open up our eyes, surround us with Your light.  
Your love endures forever.

Mighty is the One who's for us.  
Mighty is the One who's strong to save.  
He will make a way. You will make a way. *Chorus*

*(Please stand.)*

**(\*) OFFERTORY**

*(LSB 411, st. 3)*

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus.  
In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

Our God is fighting for us always.  
Our God is fighting for us all.  
Our God is fighting for us always.  
We are not alone, we are not alone. *Repeat*

We are not alone, we are not alone.

*Chorus*

Our God is fighting for us always.  
Our God is fighting for us all.  
Our God is fighting for us always.  
We are not alone, we are not alone.  
We are not alone, we are not alone.  
We are not alone, we are not alone.

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**+ God Sends Us Forth to Serve and Proclaim +**

**(\*) PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Jesus, you see us, hear us, and you will answer.  
**C:** **Jesus, we have our eyes on you.**

**(\*) LORD'S PRAYER**

**C:** **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.**

**(\*) BENEDICAMUS**

P: Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**(\*) BENEDICTION**

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



**C** A - men.

**(\*) HYMN** "Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness" ..... LSB 849

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands  
With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children  
With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water,  
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,  
Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious  
That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer,  
Praise the One who makes us one.

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## Weekly Announcements and Highlights

### Special Prayer Opportunities:

#### Health Concerns:

✠ Eldora Krueger, Mike Hanley, Lester Clapp, Alan Strelow, Jackson Bruns, Elaine Gittus, Ann Boyd, Betty Mueller, Jennifer Pralle, Mike Sonnabend, Janae Clausen, Olivia Reddick

#### Receiving Hospice care:

✠ Goldie Golberg

#### Grieving:

✠ The family and friends of Polly Cunningham who passed away on March 11.  
✠ The family and friends of Cy Griebenow who passed away on March 14.

#### Faith:

✠ for missionaries of the Gospel both near and far

**PRAYER CHAINS** – If you have a prayer request, call Gail Sim (289-2087), the church office (289-5147), or send an email to Lori Hameister at [littlebitmoo@gmail.com](mailto:littlebitmoo@gmail.com).

**PRAYER CARDS** - Take a look in your pew rack and you'll see our prayer request cards! These cards will be collected by one of the pastors during the offering time.

### BAPTIZED

On Wednesday, March 18, was Ruth Elaine Brady, daughter of Steven and Laura (Louks) Brady, born February 15, 2020. Her sponsors are Erick Brady and Brooke Hilger.

### FLOWER IN THE CHANCEL

♥ In honor of Roger Brand's 87th birthday on March 27.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Statement (as of February 29)

YTD Income: \$186,196.94

YTD Expenses: \$190,139.78

Net Income (Loss): (\$3,942.84)

### CANCELLATIONS:

- Rebecca Circle Craft and Bake Sale, March 28/29
- Pizza Ranch, March 31
- Easter Egg Hunt, April 4
- Elderberries gathering

### PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILY OF BELIEVERS:

✠ Maurice Bennett  
✠ Martin Hedstrom  
✠ Mary Hepinstall, Jessica and Zachary  
✠ Caleb and Elizabeth Ketchum, and Josiah  
✠ Dan and Terri Zemke, Krista and Josh  
✠ And, for those who will hear the Good News of Great Joy from us this week.

### MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### Mid-Week: March 25

**Worship Times:** **Live Stream:** 4:15 **Canceled:** and 7:00 pm

**Theme:** "Eyes On Jesus: Murderous Eyes"

**Scripture:** Mark 14:1-2, 53-65

**Canceled:** Supper (5-6:30): Hot Dogs/Mac & Cheese

#### Mid-Week: April 1

**Worship Times:** **Live Stream:** 4:15 **Canceled:** and 7:00 pm

**Theme:** "Eyes On Jesus: Worldly Eyes"

**Scripture:** Mark 15:1-20

**Canceled:** Supper (5-6:30): Sandwiches

### THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Deadline March 31, 2020

A reminder that now is the time to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars! This can be done online at [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or by calling 1-800-847-4836. A heartfelt thanks to all of you who directed Choice Dollars to Redeemer in 2019.

#### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD LAST WEEK:

#### WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

275 (59+114+102)

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASSES:

84 (52+32)

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:1-11;

John 11:17-27,38-53

**THEME:** "Family of Believers: Alive In Him"