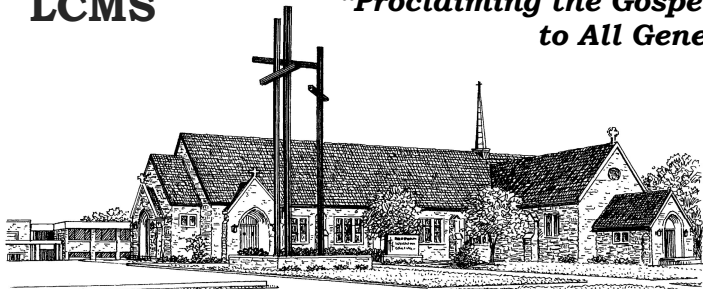


Redeemer Lutheran Church

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LENTEN VESPERS #4

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

WELCOME! We ask that all worshipers sign an attendance card. Members may hand their cards to an usher. Guests, please hand your card to the Pastor as he greets you by the door. If you are interested in membership at Redeemer, please speak to one of the Pastors.

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS: Here at Redeemer, we strive to help parents as they accompany their children’s walk with Christ. We encourage families of all ages to worship with us. We understand that there are times when children’s attention spans falter. To assist parents, we have activity bags located in each narthex. We have a nursery with an audio-video feed located in the southeast corner of the lower level of the church. A diaper changing station is in the nursery as well as in the main narthex bathroom and the women’s bathroom on the lower level. If you have any questions, please ask an usher to assist you. At 9:45AM on Sunday, we also provide Sunday School in the Family Education Center for children from preschool through high school.

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LISTENING DEVICES are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak to the Elder on duty (main narthex) if you need one.

PLEASE RESPECT the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask you to turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you!

DID YOU FORGET your offering envelope? Extra envelopes are located in the pew pockets and in the tract rack of each narthex.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office (402-477-1710 or valerie.coleman@redeemerlincoln.org) or write it on your attendance card.

THE LENTEN PRAYER: *Faithful God, through the ancient prophets You call us to return to You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Let these Lenten days be a time when, remembering how You relentlessly return to us in mercy, we return also to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



THE PRELUDE: “What Wondrous Love is This” (arr. by McIntire)
Redeemer Instrumental Ensemble

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ORDER OF VESPERS

(LSB, pp. 229-234)

THE HYMN: 424 – “O Christ, You Walked the Road”

(Please stand for the last stanza)

THE VERSICLES, RESPONSES, AND ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

(LSB, p. 229; Spoken responsively)

P(Pastor): O Lord, open my lips,

C(Congregation): and my mouth will declare Your praise.

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

C: make haste to help me, O Lord.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

All: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

THE PSALM: *(Psalm 51; Spoken responsively)*

P: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

**C: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!**

P: For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

**C: Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.**

P: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**C: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

P: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**C: Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

P: Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

P: Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**C: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

P: Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

**C: Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.**

P: O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

**C: For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.**

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**C: Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;**

P: then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

THE READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY – PART 4

The Second Meeting of the Jewish Court

As soon as it was morning, all the ruling priests and the elders of the people, including the Bible scholars, that is, the whole Jewish court, had a meeting. They brought Jesus before their court and said, “If You are the promised Savior, tell us.”

“If I tell you, you will not believe Me,” He said to them. “And if I ask you a question, you will not answer. But from now on *the Son of Man* will be *sitting at the right hand*¹⁷⁴ of the power of God.”

“Are You, then, the Son of God?” all of them asked.

He answered them, “As you say: I am He.”

“Why do we need any more testimony?” they asked. “We have heard it ourselves from His own lips.”

Then the whole crowd of them decided to kill Jesus. They got up, bound Jesus, took Him from Caiaphas to the governor’s palace, and handed Him over to Pilate, the governor. It was early in the morning.

The End of Judas

When Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he felt sorry, and he brought the thirty shekels of silver back to the high priests and elders. “I have sinned,” he said, “I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What do we care about that?” they asked. “See to that yourself.”

Then he threw the money into the temple and left – he went away and hanged himself. As he fell forward, he burst in the middle, and all his bowels poured out.

The high priests took the money. “It isn’t right to put this into the temple treasury,” they said, “because it is blood money.” So they decided to buy the potter’s field with it for

the burial of strangers. That is why that field has ever since been called the Field of Blood.

Then what the prophet Jeremiah had said came true: *I took the thirty shekels of silver, the price of Him on whom some men of Israel set a price, and I gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me.*¹⁷⁵

Before Pilate

The Jews themselves didn’t go into the governor’s palace, to keep from getting unclean, because they wanted to celebrate the Passover. So Pilate came out to them. “What accusation do you bring against this Man?” he asked.

“If He were no criminal,” they answered him, “we would not have handed Him over to you.”

“You take Him yourselves,” Pilate told them, “and judge Him according to your law.”

“We are not permitted to kill anyone,” the Jews answered him. And so what Jesus had said was to come true. He had predicted how He was going to die.

Then they started to accuse Him: “We found that He leads our people astray, keeps them from paying taxes to Caesar, and says He is Christ, a king.”

Pilate went back into the palace and called for Jesus. When Jesus stood before the governor, Pilate asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

“Did you think of that yourself,” Jesus asked, “or did others tell you about Me?”

“Am I a Jew?” Pilate asked. “Your own people and the ruling priests handed You over to me. What did You do?”

“My kingdom is not of this world,” Jesus answered. “If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight to keep Me from being handed over to the Jews. But now My kingdom is not of this world.”

“Then You are a king?” Pilate asked Him.

“Yes, I am a king!” Jesus answered. “I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. Everyone who lives in the truth listens to Me.”

Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” After saying that, he went out to the Jews again, and he told the ruling priests and the crowd, “I don’t find this Man guilty of anything.”

While the ruling priests and elders continued to accuse Jesus of many things, He said nothing.

“Don’t You have anything to say to this?” Pilate asked Him again. “Don’t You hear all these accusations they bring against You?”

But Jesus didn’t answer him any more in regard to anything that was said, so that Pilate was very much surprised.

Before Herod

The priests and the crowd kept urging him: “He stirs up the people by teaching all over the country of the Jews, beginning in Galilee and coming here.”

When Pilate heard that, he asked, “Is the Man from Galilee?” And when he found out that Jesus came from the country ruled by Herod, he sent Him to Herod, who at that time also was in Jerusalem.

Herod was very glad to see Jesus. For a long time he had wanted to see Him, because he had heard about Him, and he was hoping to see Jesus do some miracle. He asked Him a lot of questions, but Jesus didn’t answer him. The ruling priests and the Bible scholars were standing there and accusing Him vehemently.

So Herod and his soldiers treated Him with contempt and made fun of Him. They put a bright garment on Him, and then sent Him back to Pilate. On that day Herod and Pilate became friends. Before this they had been enemies.

Then Pilate called the ruling priests, the other leaders, and the people together. “You brought me this Man as one who

turns the people against their government,” he told them. “And now look, I have examined Him before you, but I haven’t found this Man guilty of any of the things of which you accuse Him. Nor did Herod, because he sent Him back to us. You see, He has done nothing to deserve death. So I’m going to teach Him a lesson and let Him go.”

THE RESPONSORY FOR LENT (*LSB*, p. 231; *Spoken responsively*)

P: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

THE CHOIR ANTHEM: “God Loved the World So that He Gave”

(setting by E.Grimpo/ arr. by J.Guilford)

Joyce Wolff, Clarinet and Joshua Guilford, Piano

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE OFFICE HYMN: 423 – “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

THE SERMON

Title: “The Fourth Word”

Text: Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34

(Please stand)

THE VERSICLE AND RESPONSE (*Spoken*)

P: Let my prayers rise before You as incense,

C: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

THE CANTICLE: 956 – “Create in Me”

**All: 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 be seated)

THE OFFERING

THE HYMN DURING THE OFFERING: 543 – “What Wondrous
Love Is This”

(Please stand)

THE KYRIE *(Spoken)*

All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

**All: 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 COLLECTS:

P: O Lord, hear my prayer.

C: And let my cry come to You.

P: Let us pray.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the light of the world, and no amount of
darkness in our world can overcome Your presence shining in our lives.
Renew our hearts and minds during this Lenten season as we receive the
promised treasures of Your Word.

C: Amen.

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just
works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give,
that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we,

being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and
quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS *(LSB, p. 234; Spoken)*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING *(LSB, p. 234; Spoken)*

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: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: 878 – “Abide with Me” – Stanzas 1, 6
(Accompanied by the Redeemer Instrumental Ensemble)

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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THE SILENT PRAYER

THE THREE CHIMES

(Please be seated)

THE POSTLUDE

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SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist & Preacher: Chaplain James Hoke

Organist: Joe Herl

Redeemer Instrumental Ensembles Director: Holly Guilford

Redeemer Instrumental Ensemble:

Peter Jorgensen, violin

Baily Bessert, violin

Kim Jorgensen, Flute

Joyce Wolff, clarinet

Tami Kolar, horn

Tanner Clark, trombone

Joshua Guilford, piano

The Children's Message: Pastor Joel A. C. Dietrich

Acolytes: Lily Wohlgemuth & Kaelyn Schmidt

Elder on Duty: Doug Garrison

Greeters: Mike & Sandie Smith (Main) / Susie Hilderbrand (West)

Head Usher: Cliff Kreizel

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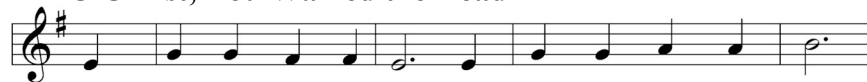
Wednesdays during Lent, 5:00-6:00PM

April 2: Stauffer's Lasagna • Lettuce Salad • Green Beans
• Garlic Cheese Bread • Hot Dogs • Desserts



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## 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.  
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.  
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.  
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,  
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.  
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.  
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.  
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.  
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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## 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



1 Je-sus, ref-uge of the wea-ry, Blest Re-deem-er,  
2 Do we pass that cross un-heed-ing, Breath-ing no re-  
3 Je-sus, may our hearts be burn-ing With more fer-vent



whom we love, Foun-tain in life's des-ert drea-ry, Sav-ior  
pen-tant vow, Though we see You wound-ed, bleed-ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev-er turn-ing To be-



from the world a-bove: Of-ten have Your eyes, of-fend-ed,  
thorn-en-cir-cled brow? Yet Your sin-less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a-new Till in glo-ry, part-ed nev-er



Gazed up-on the sin-ner's fall; Yet up-on the  
Life e-ter-nal, peace, and rest; On-ly what Your  
From the bless-ed Sav-ior's side, Grav-en in our



cross ex-tend-ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
grace has taught us Calms the sin-ner's deep dis-tress.  
hearts for-ev-er, Dwell the cross, the Cru-ci-fied.

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### 543 What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
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