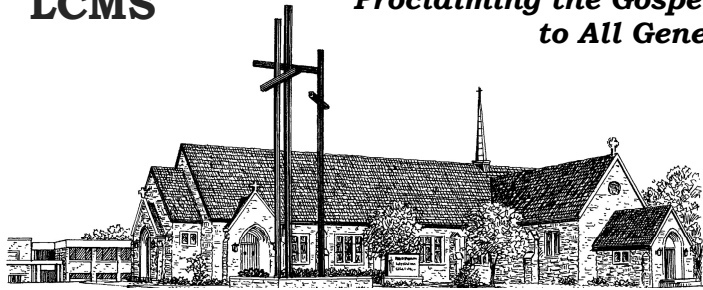


Redeemer Lutheran Church

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*“Proclaiming the Gospel
to All Generations”*



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THE 7TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Saturday, February 22, and
Sunday, February 23, 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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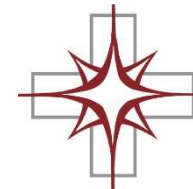
LISTENING DEVICES are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak to the Elder on duty (main narthex) if you need one.

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 PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: *You gave us instructions, O Lord, on how to treat one another. Help us, O Lord, to obey these teachings by being humble and helpful, loving and patient, forgiving and kind. May others see in our actions the wonderful ways in which You have treated us. In Your name we pray. Amen.*



ORDER OF WORSHIP *(LSB, pp. 151-166)*

THE PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION

THE HYMN: 834 – “O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth”



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing
2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el
3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to
△ 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -
will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -
breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark
it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news



less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.
ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty,
de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.
to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,



Thy Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled In splen - dor through
We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -
How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads
That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those



Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,
al scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,
us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran
whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy



Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.
Breached all its walls for our re - lease.
To bring the great good news to man!
To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

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(Please stand for the last stanza)

THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P (Pastor): In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (Congregation): Amen.

P: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.

P: The Lord of hosts who calls us is the holy, holy, holy One, and we are people of unclean lips.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Almighty God,

C: You dwell in light unapproachable. Unprotected, we perish in Your presence. For our hearts are darkened, our minds beclouded; we have loved darkness rather than the light.

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

C: For His sake we beg forgiveness.

P: For His sake God hears your prayer. Your guilt has departed and your sins are forgiven.

C: We have seen the Lord's glory; we have heard the Lord's voice.

P: Walk, then, as children of light, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE INTROIT *(Spoken)*

P: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;

C: fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

P: Fret not yourself because of evildoers;

C: be not envious of wrongdoers!

P: For they will soon fade like the grass
C: and wither like the green herb.

P: Trust in the Lord, and do good;
C: dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

P: Delight yourself in the Lord,
C: and he will give you the desires of your heart.

P: Commit your way to the Lord;
C: trust in him, and he will act.

**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.**

P: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
C: fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.
Psalm 37:1-5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b

THE KYRIE (*LSB, pp. 152-153*)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of
God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise
let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: “Gloria in Excelsis” (*LSB, p. 154*)

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**All: (Sung) Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We
worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord
Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You**

**take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at
the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are
the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

THE SALUTATION (*Spoken*)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

**All: O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully
grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 45:3-15

P: The Old Testament Reading for the 7th Sunday after the Epiphany is
from the 45th chapter of Genesis.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But
his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came
near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into
Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because
you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the
famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in
which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before
you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many
survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me
a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of
Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son
Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not
tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me,
you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your
herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are
yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all
that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the

eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL (*Spoken*)

P: Praise the Lord, all nations!

C: Extol him, all peoples!

P: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C: and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

C: bring an offering, and come into his courts! (ESV) Psalm 117:1–2a;
96:8

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

P: The Epistle is from the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians.

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” ³³Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life

unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

THE VERSE (*Sung; LSB, p. 156*)

All: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.

C: (*Sung*) Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

All: 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.

(Please be seated)


11:00AM - THE CHOIR ANTHEM: “Son of God, Eternal Savior”
(Kerr) - The Redeemer Handbells

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: 820 – “My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker”



1 My soul, now praise your Mak - er! Let all with - in me
2 He of - fers all His trea - sure Of jus - tice, truth, and
3 For as a ten - der fa - ther Has pit - y on his
4 His grace re - mains for - ev - er, And chil - dren’s chil - dren



bless His name Who makes you full par - tak - er Of
righ - teous - ness, His love be - yond all mea - sure, His
chil - dren here, God in His arms will gath - er All
yet shall prove That God for - sakes them nev - er Who



mer - cies more than you dare claim. For - get Him not whose
yearn - ing pit - y o’er dis - tress; Nor treats us as we
who are His in child - like fear. He knows how frail our
in true fear shall seek His love. In heav’n is fixed His



meek - ness Still bears with all your sin, Who heals your ev - ’ry
mer - it But sets His an - ger by. The poor and con - trite
pow - ers, Who but from dust are made. We flour - ish like the
dwell - ing, His rule is o - ver all; O hosts with might ex -



weak - ness, Re - news your life with - in; Whose grace and
spir - it Finds His com - pas - sion nigh; And high as
flow - ers, And e - ven so we fade; The wind but
cel - ling, With praise be - fore Him fall. Praise Him for -



care are end - less And saved you through the past; Who
heav’n a - bove us, As dawn from close of day, So
through them pass - es, And all their bloom is o’er. We
ev - er reign - ing, All you who hear His Word— Our



leaves no suf - f’rer friend - less But rights the wronged at last.
far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins a - way.
with - er like the grass - es; Our place knows us no more.
life and all sus - tain - ing. My soul, O praise the Lord!

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THE SERMON

Title: “I love it when a plan comes together.”

Text: Genesis 45:3-15

THE OFFERING

(Please stand)

THE OFFERTORY (Sung; LSB, pp. 159-160)

All: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the

Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: O God, Your love is evident in everything You do--

C: in Your gracious providence, in Your merciful salvation, in Your steadfast presence.

P: We offer up to You these gifts--kindly gathered, lovingly offered.

C: Use them, we pray, throughout this congregation, throughout this community, throughout the world. Spread, even with these small gifts, Your wondrous love.

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(At the conclusion of each petition, the Pastor will say, "Lord, in your mercy." The congregation should then respond, "Hear Our Prayer.")

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

(Please be seated)

THE CLOSING HYMN: 845 – "Where Charity and Love Prevail"



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
we our faults con - fess, And let us love each
all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5. Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.

6. For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

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(Please stand)

THE COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION (*LSB p. 166*)

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.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE THREE CHIMES

(Please be seated)

THE POSTLUDE

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SERVING US TODAY

Preacher & Liturgist: Pastor Joel A. C. Dietrich

Children’s Message: DCE Rod Lane

Organist: Joe Herl

Handbell Choir Director: Tami Kolar

Choir: The Redeemer Handbells

Acolytes: 6:00PM – Matthew Bradley

8:30AM – Sarah Kennedy & Harper Klem

11:00AM – Emma Gottberg & Sean Guess

Chancel Guild: Terry Walker

Elder on Duty: 6:00PM – Derek Trutna

8:30AM – Terry Magdanz

11:00AM – Peter Jorgensen

Greeters: **Main** **West**

6:00PM Rick & Anne Hargreaves

8:30AM Valerie Coleman Joseph & Hannah Connot

11:00AM Jim Otte Karen Nuttleman

Head Usher: 6:00PM – Ronna Hill

8:30AM – Bryce Bloch

11:00AM – Ellie Syslo

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< **NEWS & NOTES** >

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

As the Son of God Is Merciful and Forgives Your Sins, You Also Be Merciful and Forgive

Your inheritance as a child of Adam is sin and death, but in Christ you are made alive through His resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:21–22). As you have died with Him in Holy Baptism, so are you raised with Him to newness of life. Therefore, “do not go on sinning” (1 Cor. 15:34). Instead of serving your desires and harming your neighbors, live as “sons of the Most High,” and “be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:35–36). Deal with others as you would have others deal with you (Luke 6:31, 37–38). As Christ loved you when you were at enmity with Him, as He blessed and prayed for those who abused Him, and as He did good to those who hated Him and hurt Him, so also “love your enemies, do good” (Luke 6:27–29, 35). For God sent His Son to bear the cross and suffer death, not to condemn the guilty, but “to preserve life.” So does He provide a place for you within His Church, where He is near and deals kindly with “you and your children and your children’s children” (Gen. 45:5–10).

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND, March 1 & 2:

- Deuteronomy 34:1-12 • Hebrews 3:1-6 • Luke 9:28-36

Prepare to worship by reading and meditating on these sections of Scripture

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Joe and Beth Ludwig in celebration of their daughter Anna's 15th birthday on February 28th and their son Sam's 18th birthday on February 20th.



THE BULLETIN today is also given to the glory of God by Joe and Beth Ludwig in celebration of Beth's mom's birthday on February 24th and Joe's mom's birthday on February 26th and Joe's dad's birthday on February 23rd.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE REDEEMER LAST WEEKEND

Worship Attendance: 281 (42-137-102)
 Communion Attendance: 239 (34-115-90)
 Sunday School/Bible Class Attendance: 96 (22-74)
 Online Service Stream: 96

<u>Unified Budget Receipts</u>		<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Ahead (Behind)</u>
2/16/25	\$17,184.72	\$18,869.58	(\$1,684.86)
YTD	\$150,294.93	\$132,087.04	\$18,207.89

Mites for Missions Collection: \$64.87

OPEN DATES AND NUMBER OF BOUQUETS available to sponsor the chancel flowers for March 2-1, 9-2, 23-1, 30-2. The cost of each bouquet is \$30. To reserve a date, please contact the church office. **Please return the black liner pot to the church office within a week.**

OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE BULLETIN: March 23, 30; April 20, 27. The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$25. To reserve a date, please contact the church office.

HOSPITALIZED: Ruth Abbott (Bryan East)



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

We are taking orders for Easter Lilies to decorate the church for Easter. You can purchase 1 Easter Lily plant with foil wrap for a price of **\$13.00**.

PLEASE RETURN WHOLE COMPLETED FORM.



- 1) Fill out the order form.
- 2) Enclose your check (made payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church) with your order form.
- 3) Place your order and payment in the offering plate with your offering.

OR

Mail to Redeemer Lutheran Church
 510 South 33rd St (68510).



DEADLINE: Sunday, March 16

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Plants Ordering: _____ Enclosed is: ___Cash ___Check

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

THE RETURN OF THE HYMNAL BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY



On Ash Wednesday, March 5, we will stop printing hymns in the bulletin. This practice began during COVID-19, and it has been five years since we last used the hymnals. Now that we can manage COVID-19 effectively, there is no longer a compelling reason to continue including the hymns in the bulletin.

During the Board of Elders meeting on February 17th, it was unanimously agreed that it was time to reclaim the practice of singing from our hymn books.

There are many benefits to returning to the use of the hymnal.

Hymnals often connect Christians to specific traditions. For example, Lutherans maintain a liturgical connection to Martin Luther through hymns like “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.”

Many denominations, such as the LCMS, continue to print and distribute hymnals to help congregations shape their worship according to doctrinal and traditional differences. Some denominations have recently renewed efforts to strengthen their congregants' sense of musical connection.

The Lutheran Service Book is an excellent resource. In summary, using hymnals engages the entire congregation. They help educate both new and lifelong Christians, encourage family participation, and promote intergenerational worship. Additionally, hymnals make historical texts and melodies accessible to our children and youth.

On behalf of the Redeemer’s Board of Elders and called staff, we hope you enjoy reconnecting with our hymnal.

DCE Rod Lane

DCE ROD is attending the English District Board of Directors Meeting on February 20 - 22 and return to the office on Monday, February 23RD.



TO GIVE AN OFFERING ONLINE, go to redeemerlincoln.org and click on the “Giving” icon at the top of the page. You may also access it easily via the QR code provided.



Outreach Board Seeks Volunteers to Deliver Visitor Packets

We are seeking several volunteers to help deliver 36-hour visitor packets to first-time visitors. If you are willing to ring a doorbell and leave a package at the door, we would appreciate your assistance! We have not done this since Covid-19. It is time to restart this important intentional ministry. To volunteer please contact Maryann Woodward or DCE Rod Lane.

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING RESULTS

Action from the special Voters’ Meeting on February 9th resulted in extending a call to Reverend Samuel Bobby for the Senior Pastor position.

He is currently serving as a Professor at the Luther Academy, the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Riga, Latvia. Prior to his position in Latvia, Pastor Bobby served as Senior Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran, Aberdeen, South Dakota for seven years.

We appreciate all of your prayers and support during this time. Please continue to pray for Redeemer and specifically for the Holy Spirit to lead Pastor Bobby, his wife Erica, and their family for clarity with this decision concerning the call.

Thank you,
Jeremy Bloch, Chairman of the Senior Pastor Call Committee

The next issue of MY DEVOTIONS is available!



"My Devotions" is a daily devotional specifically crafted for preteens. It is designed to facilitate the development of a consistent Bible reading habit in an enjoyable and accessible manner. Each devotion features a daily Scripture passage, a journal prompt, and a prayer. Furthermore, each edition includes a selection of Bible-related games and activities, as well as designated pages for journaling. You will find *My Devotions* in the FEC entranceway.

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New Member Reception



Sunday, March 2, 9:45AM
Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to attend!

Hosted by Redeemer's Board for Christian Outreach.

Join us in welcoming our new members!



Lent Devotion Booklets

Lent devotion booklets from Lutheran Hour Ministries are now available in each narthex. The devotions run through Easter Monday. Start in at any time.

Shred Event Fundraiser



The Redeemer Belize Mission Team Invites everyone to its Shred Event on **Saturday, March 15th, from 11:00AM-1:00PM**. Free-will donations will be taken. Start collecting that paper clutter you have wanted to clear out! Invite your friends, too. Funds raised will help fund our mission projects. If you have questions, please contact DCE Rod Lane or Chris Bolte.

Climbing Event

Join us on **Sunday, March 16, from 3:00-5:00PM**. A signed waiver is required for participation. The cost is \$5 per person. Please note that children age 14 and below must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This event is open to all climbers in the congregation. We look forward to seeing you there! *Sponsored by Redeemer's Youth Board.*



Seeking Volunteers to Deliver Visitor Packets

Last month, the Outreach Board welcomed three volunteers to deliver a thirty-six-hour visitor packet. We are now actively seeking **three additional couples or individuals** to join our efforts in providing visitor packets. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Maryann Woodward, Redeemer's Outreach Board Chairperson, or DCE Rod Lane.

Sunday School Topic – February 23rd

ASK YOUR CHILD WHAT THEY LEARNED TODAY!

Standing Trial: *Jesus on Trial/Peter Denies Jesus*, Mark 14:53–72

The Bible lesson for this week is "Standing Trial." Jesus faces a farce of a trial before the high priest and the Council. Despite a parade of accusers, no two witnesses can manage to make their testimonies agree. Frustrated, the high priest asks, "Are you the Christ?" (Mark 14:61). Jesus' response, "I am" (v. 62), enrages the high priest, who tears his clothing. Meanwhile, Peter faces his challengers in the courtyard. When bystanders accuse Peter of being a follower of the Nazarene, he denies Jesus three times, just as was foretold.



Redeemer's Chili Cook-off and Cinnamon Roll Bake-off

Sunday, March 16, 12:30PM

Sign-up to be a contestant in the main narthex!
There is a \$5 entry fee.

We will have a free-will offering for those eating.

Sign up to Help with Lenten Meals!

Our coordinators for Lenten meals this year are Barb Bedke, Sandie Smith, and High School parents.

We are in need of volunteers to help out. You can sign up for early, late, clean-up shifts, or be a part of the fun from start to finish. **We are also in need of volunteers to bring desserts.**



Sign-up is in the main narthex. You may also sign up during the week by calling Valerie in the church office. Thank you for considering!

The Gathering Place

Friday, March 28, 4:30—6:30PM



Redeemer's Human Care Board would like to again offer the congregation the opportunity for 6 people to serve an evening meal at the Gathering Place, located at 1448 E Street. The Gathering Place feeds homeless or economically disadvantaged people in Lincoln each evening. Families with children 12 and older are welcome to participate. If you would like to be one of the 6 people to serve on behalf of Redeemer Lutheran Church, contact our Gathering Place Coordinator, Kelly Larsen, (ijklarsen617@gmail.com or 402-438-4038).



Casserole Ministry Volunteers

Redeemer recently started a casserole ministry to provide ready-to-bake meals for members of our congregation and community. Members of our congregation should feel free to take a casserole for their own family if needed, or to deliver to another person in need - whether they attend our church or not. It's an opportunity to love and support others, the way Jesus wants us to.

The Human Care Board is seeking volunteers in the congregation. Volunteers will have their names added to a list, and a member of our board will reach out to you if our freezer is needing replenished. If you choose to add your name as a volunteer, you would not be obligated to make a casserole every time you are contacted - only if you are available and able within that week. If you would be willing to have your name added to the volunteer list, or if you want more information about this opportunity to serve our congregation and community, please contact Mariah Niemeyer (402-890-3112, mariah.connor.niemeyer@gmail.com).

February 23-March 2

Sun 23	8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services 9:45AM – Sunday School/Bible Classes (FEC* & Fellowship Hall) 9:45AM – Young Adults Study (FEC 2 nd Floor*, Conference Room)
Mon 24	11:00AM-Staff Meeting (FEC Conference Room) 6:00PM-MNF (FEC Room 200)
Tue 25	10:30AM-Esther/Circle 4 (FEC Room 200) 7:00PM-Redeemer Bells (Balcony)
Wed 26	9:30AM – Mercy Quilts (Fellowship Hall) 9:30AM-Women’s Bible Study (FEC Conference Room) 3:30-6:30PM-Confirmation (FEC Room 200) 6:30PM – I.E. (TBD) 7:00PM-The Redeemer Choir (Sanctuary Choir Loft)
Thur 27	
Fri 28	Pastor Dietrich’s Day Off
Sat 1	DCE Rod Lane’s Day Off 9:30AM – Yarn Junkies (Tonya’s House) 6:00PM-Divine Service w/Holy Communion
Sun 2	8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services with Holy Communion 9:45AM – New Members Reception (Fellowship Hall) 9:45AM – Sunday School (FEC*) 9:45AM – Young Adults Study (FEC 2 nd Floor*, Conference Room)

*FEC = Family Education Center – Red Brick Building across from the Church

Collecting Old Eye Glasses: MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term) and the LCMS are collecting old eyeglasses. So far over 157,000 glasses have been collected for 52 countries. Place your old eyeglasses in the marked tub in the main narthex coat room.

