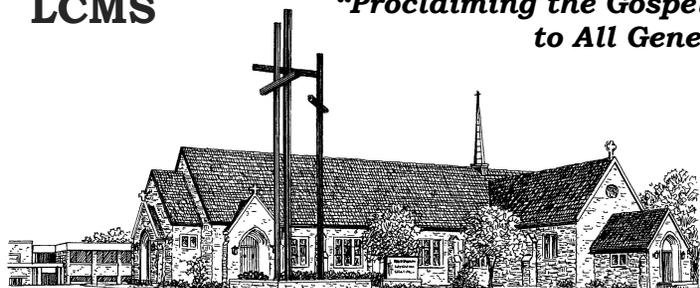


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MIDWEEK ADVENT VESPERS #4

“FOR US: FOR US HE SEEKS”

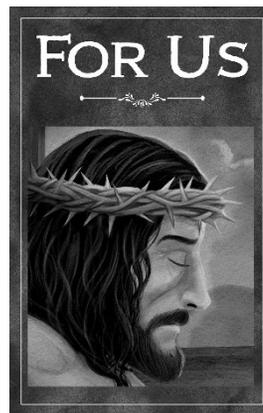
Wednesday, March 11, 2026

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.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNALS: Large print bulletins with hymns included are available at all services. Also, large print *LSB* hymnals are available. Ask an usher if you would like a bulletin or to use one of the hymnals.

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.

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“FOR US: FOR US HE SEEKS”

Jesus talks all about seeking us in our texts this week. He does not wait passively until we get up the gumption to ask Him for help. Nor does He act out of selfish gain, like our health-care system seems to do so often today. Praying, teaching, working. In all these things, Jesus seeks us out and looks for ways to help us. This work is often overlooked because it is so ordinary. Water, bread and wine, the folly of preaching. In all these ordinary works, Jesus continues His ministry among us. This ministry of forgiveness means that Jesus continues to strengthen and help us.

6:30PM-THE PRELUDE: “Untitled” – (J. Guilford)
Joshua Guilford, piano

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER OF VESPERS

(LSB, pp. 229 – 234)

THE HYMN: 609 – “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

(Please stand)

THE OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 51:15, 70:1*

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

- C** 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.

- C** Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

THE PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7

P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!

C You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

P Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your might and come to save us!

C Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

P O LORD God of hosts,

C how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?

P You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

C You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

P Restore us, O God of hosts;

C let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

C 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 FIRST READING: Romans 10:8-17

P A reading from Romans, the tenth chapter.

⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For

Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (ESV)

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Mark 1:35-39

P: A reading from Mark, the first chapter.

³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him, ³⁷and they found Him and said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." ³⁸And He said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹And He went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. (ESV)

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

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 HYMN: 544 – "O Love, How Deep" vv. 1-4

THE SERMON

THE OFFERING

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "Chorale - Fugue : All Glory Be to God on High" (Bach/Marcelli) – Redeemer Instrumental Ensemble

(Please stand)

THE ANTIPHON

- P** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
- C** and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

THE HYMN: 933 – “My Soul Rejoices”

THE KYRIE *(Sung)*

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

THE 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.

THE COLLECTS

- P** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** And let my cry come to You.

P Heavenly Father, You did not remain apart from Your creation. You sought us when we were not seeking You and did for us what we could not do for ourselves. For all this we give You thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

THE 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** Amen.

THE HYMN: 878 – “Abide with Me” vv. 1, 6

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE THREE CHIMES

(Please be seated)

THE POSTLUDE

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SERVING US TODAY

- Liturgist:** Pastor Samuel Bobby
- Preacher:** Pastor James E. Fandrey
- Organist:** Joe Herl
- 6:30PM-Instrumental Ensembles Director:** Holly Guilford
- 6:30PM-Instrumental Ensemble:** Bailey Bessert, violin; Peter Jorgensen, violin; Cordelia Gray, cello; Kim Jorgensen, flute; Joyce Wolff, clarinet; Holly Guilford, trumpet; Joshua Guilford, trumpet; Tami Kolar, horn
- Acolytes:** 4:30PM – Joaquim Tapimo
6:30PM – Sarah Kennedy
- Elder on Duty:** 4:30PM – Terry Magdanz
6:30PM – Jeremy Bloch
- Greeters:**

Main		West
4:30PM	Kevin & Julie Bachman	Rick & Kathy & Nobbe
6:30PM	Tim & Diann Davis	Rick & Anne Hargreaves
- Head Usher:** 4:30PM – Kurt Stradley
6:30PM – Mike Greenwald



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609 – “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5. Oh, how blest it is to know:

Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;
 For these words I now believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

6. Now my conscience is at peace;

From the Law I stand acquitted.
 Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

7. Jesus sinners doth receive;

Also I have been forgiven;
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.

Dying, still to Him I cleave:

Jesus sinners doth receive.

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544 – “O Love, How Deep”



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
 Of high - er or of low - er place,
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
 For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



That God, the Son of God, should take
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
 For us tempt - ta - tion sharp He knew;
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 And to this world Him - self He came.
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

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933 – “My Soul Rejoices”



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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878 – “Abide with Me”



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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