



# OUR REDEEMER

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A congregation of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, established in 1924*



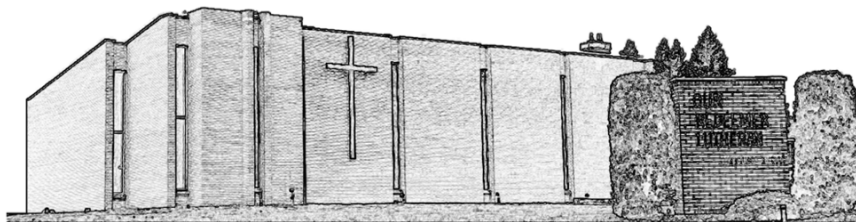
### SEPTUAGESIMA

Sunday, 28 January A+D 2024 • 9:00 A.M.  
Wednesday, 31 January A+D 2024 • 7:00 P.M.

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## WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

**WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION.** If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

**A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION:** In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.



**PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR:** Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See *LSB*, page 326, "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?")
5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, "What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?")

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To learn more about The LCMS, visit [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org).**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BIG GAME SUBS** - The Youth Group will be selling subs for the Super Bowl on Sunday, 2/11. We will be offering sub samples and taking orders Sunday 1/28 and 2/4. The cost is \$20 per sub, large enough to feed 4 people. Attention Youth! We be making the subs Saturday 2/10 at church at 10:00 A.M. Thank you for your support in Youth Ministry!

**OUR QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING** is today at 10:30 A.M. All voting members (communicant members at least 16 years old) are urged to attend. Thank you to Debbie Sleik for organizing a brunch for everyone attending to enjoy during the meeting!

**A REMINDER TO ALL ENTERING/EXITING THE CHURCH DURING OFF-HOURS:** Please make sure that all doors are locked and closed securely behind you. Your attention helps keep our building safe and secure!

**LENT IS AROUND THE CORNER!** Make plans now to join us on Wednesday evenings beginning February 14<sup>th</sup>! A supper will be served at 6:00 P.M. and a special midweek Lenten service will follow at 7:00 P.M.

**THE LUTHERAN WITNESS** is available this year. Please let the office know by March 1<sup>st</sup> and we will order it for you. The annual total is \$25.80.

**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now in your mailbox. If you did not receive envelopes and would like them or do not have a mailbox and would like one, please contact Claire in the church office at (906) 774-1844 or at [secretary@ourredeemerkingsford.org](mailto:secretary@ourredeemerkingsford.org).

**2023 STATEMENTS** have been put in your mailbox.

**BOTTLES/CANS:** The Youth Group wants your bottles and cans! You may drop off your bottles/cans at the church entrance bottle bin.

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Septuagesima:** God our Father can draw water from rock (Exodus 17:6), reward the unworthy (Matthew 20:9), and make the last first (Matthew 20:16). Surely He will overhaul our hopeless circumstances and lost causes, even when human pains and mistakes have brought them about (1 Corinthians 10:1-5). Indeed, we not only witness it but participate in it as well (Exodus 17:5). *Keeper of our souls, work faith in us and those we serve to await great transformation at Your hand. Amen.*

**“THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES US AND ENABLES US** to be more effective with our body language, to hold the hands of those who are afraid of walking alone, to hug the ones who are falling apart for whatever reason, to lift those who sinned against God and against their brothers. We do all this by sharing the forgiveness that is found in Christ.” *Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

|                      | <u>MUSIC</u>                    | <u>ELDERS</u>                 | <u>ALTAR GUILD</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Week of 1/28</u>  |                                 |                               |                    |
| Sunday, 9:00 A.M.    | Bruce Rasmussen<br>Gsus Singers | Dana Bey<br>Bradley Linsmeyer | Maridol Bey        |
| Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. | Digital Music                   | Dana Bey                      | Maridol Bey        |
| <u>Week of 2/4</u>   |                                 |                               |                    |
| Sunday, 9:00 A.M.    | Bruce Rasmussen                 | Rob Kuehl<br>Jim Reed         | Sue Rochon         |
| Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. | Digital Music                   | Bradley Linsmeyer             | Sue Rochon         |

## THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

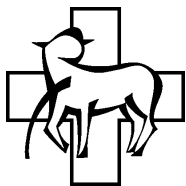
| <u>DATE</u>    | <u>TIME</u> | <u>EVENT</u>          |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Sunday (28)    | 9:00 A.M.   | Divine Service        |
|                | 10:30 A.M.  | Education Hour        |
|                | 10:30 A.M.  | Voter's Meeting       |
| Monday (29)    |             |                       |
| Tuesday (30)   | 5:30 P.M.   | Gsus Singers Practice |
| Wednesday (31) | 5:30 P.M.   | Catechism Vespers     |
|                | 7:00 P.M.   | Divine Service        |
| Thursday (1)   | 10:00 A.M.  | Bible Study           |
| Friday (2)     |             | Pastor's Day Off      |
| Saturday (3)   |             |                       |
| Sunday (4)     | 9:00 A.M.   | Divine Service        |
|                | 10:30 A.M.  | Education Hour        |

## GIVING REPORT & BUDGET UPDATE

| <u>WEEKLY OFFERINGS</u> |                  | <u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>     |                    |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Last Week Offering:     | \$2,260.00       | Year-to-Date Offerings: | \$6,735.00         |
| Other Income and Gifts: | \$257.00         | Other Income and Gifts: | \$894.30           |
| Total Income This Week: | \$2,517.00       | Total Income This Year: | \$7,629.30         |
| Needed for Budget:      | \$3,282.05       | Needed for Budget:      | \$9,846.15         |
| <b>Difference:</b>      | <b>-\$765.05</b> | <b>Difference:</b>      | <b>-\$2,216.85</b> |

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

| <u>SERVICE</u>             | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> | <u>COMMUNION</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Sunday, 1/21, 9:00 A.M.    | 84                | 66               |
| Wednesday, 1/24, 7:00 P.M. | 22                | 18               |
| <b>Total:</b>              | <b>106</b>        | <b>84</b>        |



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*Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service, Setting Three, pg. 184*

### Confession and Absolution

#### HYMN OF INVOCATION

*"Christ Is Our Cornerstone" LSB 912*

*Stand*

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*LSB 184*

### Service of the Word

#### INTROIT

*Psalm 18:1–2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: vv. 5–6a*

- P** The cords of Sheol entangled me;  
**C** **the snares of death confronted me.**  
**P** In my distress I called upon the LORD.  
**C** **From his temple he heard my voice.**  
**P** I love you, O LORD, my strength.  
**C** **The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.**  
**P** For you save a humble people,  
**C** **but the haughty eyes you bring down.**  
**P** [You have] equipped me with strength  
**C** **and made my way blameless.**  
**P** For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,  
**C** **and sing to your name.**



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

- P** The cords of Sheol entangled me;  
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## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 17:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

## GRADUAL

*Psalms 9:9-10, 18-19a*

- P** The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
- C** a stronghold in times of trouble.
- P** And those who know your name put their trust in you,
- C** for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.
- P** For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
- C** and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.
- P** Arise, O LORD!
- C** Let not man prevail.

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5*

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

*Stand*

## TRACT

*Psalm 130:1-4*

- P** Out of the depths  
**C** I cry to you, O LORD!  
**P** O Lord, hear my voice!  
**C** Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!  
**P** If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
**C** O Lord, who could stand?  
**P** But with you there is forgiveness,  
**C** that you may be feared.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 20:1-16*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

## APOSTLES' CREED

*LSB 192*

*Sit*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“By Grace I’m Saved” LSB 566*

**SERMON**     *“Don’t Begrudge the Generosity of the Lord of the Vineyard” Matthew 20:1-16*

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

*LSB 192*

*Sit*

## OFFERING

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition ends with:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

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| <b>PREFACE</b>               | LSB 194 |
| <b>SANCTUS</b>               | LSB 195 |
| <b>LORD'S PRAYER</b>         | LSB 196 |
| <b>THE WORDS OF OUR LORD</b> | LSB 197 |
| <b>PAX DOMINI</b>            | LSB 197 |
| <b>AGNUS DEI</b>             | LSB 198 |

*Sit*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*Guests are asked to please read "A Word to Our Guests About Holy Communion" on page 2 of this week's bulletin.*

*Those who are communing are encouraged to prepare themselves using "Preparing for the Sacrament of the Altar" on page 2 of the bulletin.*

*The Lord's Supper is distributed at the altar rail. Each table is dismissed with the following blessing:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*"Rock of Ages" LSB 761*

*"May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill" LSB 698*

*"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying" LSB 826*

*Stand*

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| <b>NUNC DIMITTIS</b> | LSB 199 |
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| <b>THANKSGIVING</b> | LSB 200 |
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| <b>SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS</b> | LSB 201 |
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| <b>BENEDICTION</b> | LSB 202 |
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| <b>HYMN TO DEPART</b> | <i>"Almighty Father, Bless the Word" LSB 923</i> |
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