



# OUR REDEEMER

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



### QUINQUAGESIMA

Sunday, 11 February A+D 2024 • 9:00 A.M.

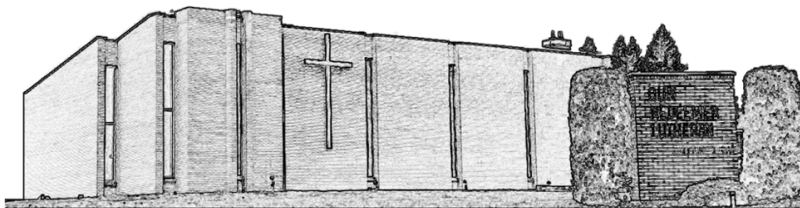
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## WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

**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

**LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY:** We invite everyone to join us this Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. for our Lenten Supper, being hosted by the Ladies' Guild. Our Ash Wednesday Divine Service with Imposition of Ashes will take place at 7:00 P.M. Suppers and Services will continue for all the Wednesdays of Lent.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT CATECHISM VESPERS** will take place at 5:00 P.M. each Wednesday during the season of Lent.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER!** If you ordered "Big Game Subs," they are available for pickup following the service this morning. Your support is helping our youth travel to the Ark Encounter this summer!

**ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP INFORMATION MEETING:** March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 A.M. - We will have an information meeting on the Ark Encounter Trip. All interested are welcome to attend. The Youth Group fund will assist middle/high school students wanting to go. See you then!

**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!

**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).

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

**SINGERS & MUSICIANS WANTED!** - Love to sing? Do you play an instrument? Come and join the Gsus Singers. Practice is every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 P.M. No commitment necessary. Join the fun!

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Quinquagesima:** "[T]he Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance" (1 Samuel 16:7). Age, shape, and ability do not establish or inhibit human worth. "[T]he Lord looks on the heart" and sees the life and spirit hidden within. Every human pulse beats with the Creator's own love – patient (1 Corinthians 13:4), enduring (1 Corinthians 13:7), making perfect (1 Corinthians 13:10) what was wrecked (Luke 18:42). *Dear Jesus, give us Your love that looks past appearances. Amen.*

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

### MUSIC

### ELDERS

### ALTAR GUILD

#### Week of 2/11

|                      |                                 |                       |            |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Sunday, 9:00 A.M.    | Bruce Rasmussen<br>Gsus Singers | Rob Kuehl<br>Jim Reed | Jenna Long |
| Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. | Bruce Rasmussen                 | Dana Bey              | Jenna Long |

#### Week of 2/18

|                      |                 |                      |              |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Sunday, 9:00 A.M.    | Bruce Rasmussen | Dana Bey<br>Jim Reed | Lisa Swanson |
| Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. | Digital Music   | Jim Sleik            | Lisa Swanson |

## THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

| <u>DATE</u>    | <u>TIME</u>                         | <u>EVENT</u>  |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Sunday (11)    | 9:00 A.M.<br>10:30 A.M.             | Divine Service<br>Education Hour  |
| Monday (12)    |                                     |   |
| Tuesday (13)   | 5:30 P.M.                           | Gsus Singers Practice   |
| Wednesday (14) | 5:00 P.M.<br>6:00 P.M.<br>7:00 P.M. | Catechism Vespers<br>Lenten Supper (Ladies Guild Hosting)<br>Ash Wednesday Divine Service |
| Thursday (15)  | 10:00 A.M.                          | Bible Study   |
| Friday (16)    |                                     | Pastor's Day Off  |
| Saturday (17)  |                                     |   |
| Sunday (18)    | 9:00 A.M.<br>10:30 A.M.             | Divine Service<br>Education Hour  |

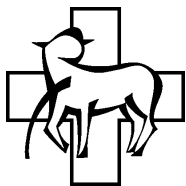
## JANUARY 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

|                    | <u>JANUARY</u>     | <u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Receipts:          | \$12,687.79        | \$12,687.79         |
| Expenses:          | \$15,144.09        | \$15,144.09         |
| <b>Difference:</b> | <b>-\$2,456.30</b> | <b>-\$2,456.30</b>  |

*In an effort to provide you with accurate information regarding Our Redeemer's financial picture, we will now be providing monthly information that compares receipts to expenses for the past month and the year-to-date. Anyone who has questions about Our Redeemer's finances can reach out to our treasurer.*

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

| <u>SERVICE</u>            | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> | <u>COMMUNION</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Sunday, 2/4, 9:00 A.M.    | 86                | 61               |
| Wednesday, 2/7, 7:00 P.M. | 9                 | 7                |
| <b>Total:</b>             | <b>95</b>         | <b>68</b>        |



## QUINQUAGESIMA

Sunday, 11 February A+D 2024 • 9:00 A.M.

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

### Confession and Absolution

#### HYMN OF INVOCATION

*"Christ Be My Leader" LSB 861*

*Stand*

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*LSB 184*

### Service of the Word

#### INTROIT

*Psalm 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: vv. 2b–3*

- P** Be a rock of refuge for me,  
**C** a strong fortress to save me!  
**P** For you are my rock and my fortress;  
**C** and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.  
**P** In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
**C** in your righteousness deliver me!  
**P** Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
**C** you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.  
**P** Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
**C** my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.  
**P** Make your face shine on your servant;  
**C** save me in your steadfast love!



- P** Be a rock of refuge for me,  
**C** a strong fortress to save me!  
**P** For you are my rock and my fortress;  
**C** and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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

*1 Samuel 16:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” <sup>2</sup>And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” <sup>3</sup>And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.” <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” <sup>5</sup>And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is before him.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup>And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.” <sup>11</sup>Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” <sup>12</sup>And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.”

<sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 77:14–15*

- P** You are the God who works wonders;
- C** **you have made known your might among the peoples.**
- P** You with your arm redeemed your people,
- C** **the children of Jacob and Joseph.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am

nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

*Stand*

## TRACT

*Psalms 100:1–3*

**P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**C** Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

**P** Know that the LORD, he is God!

**C** It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 18:31-43*

<sup>31</sup>Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup>For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup>And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” <sup>34</sup>But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

<sup>35</sup>As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup>And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. <sup>37</sup>They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” <sup>38</sup>And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>39</sup>And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>40</sup>And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup>“What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” <sup>42</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” <sup>43</sup>And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

## APOSTLES' CREED

*LSB 192*

*Sit*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” LSB 849*

## SERMON

*“Faith Sees Jesus as Lord and Grasps His Death and Resurrection”*

*Luke 18:31-43*

*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

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| <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 |

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**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.

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|---------------------------|--|
| <b>DISTRIBUTION HYMNS</b> | "Amazing Grace" LSB 744                        |
|                           | "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" LSB 819 |
|                           | "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" LSB 685          |

Stand

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>NUNC DIMITTIS</b>              | LSB 199                                |
| <b>THANKSGIVING</b>               | LSB 200                                |
| <b>SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS</b> | LSB 201                                |
| <b>BENEDICTION</b>                | LSB 202                                |
| <b>HYMN TO DEPART</b>             | "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" LSB 660 |

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