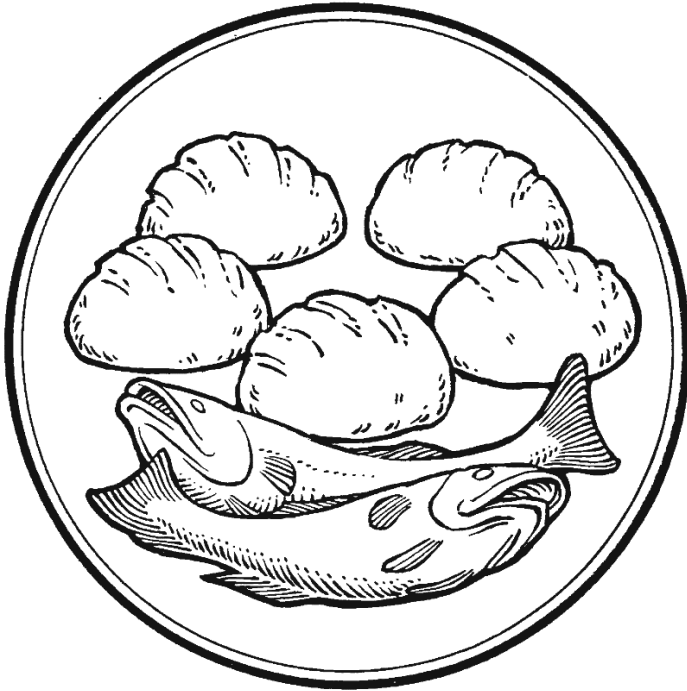




OUR REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Laetare

Sunday, 10 March A+D 2024 • 9:00 A.M.

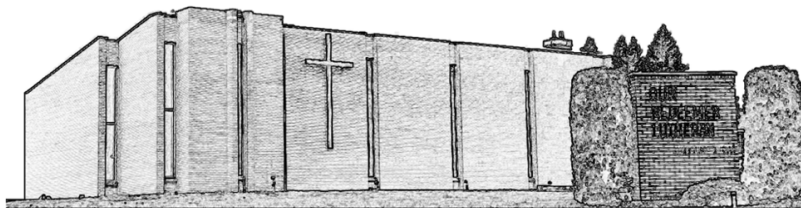
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WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER LILY SIGN-UP is on the kiosk in the narthex. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of or in honor of someone, indicate so on the sheet. Payment envelopes can be placed on the secretary's desk.

MOVIE NIGHT – SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD, 7:00 P.M.: Youth Group will be hosting a free showing, "Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit", rated G, at Our Redeemer. Free will offering suggested, bring the family for popcorn and fun!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE: Be sure to join us for the many opportunities to contemplate the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Thursday, March 28 th	7:00 P.M.	Holy Thursday Divine Service
Friday, March 29 th	1:00 P.M.	Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers
Sunday, March 31 st	6:30 A.M.	Easter Sunrise Divine Service
Sunday, March 31 st	7:30 A.M.	Easter Breakfast
Sunday, March 31 st	9:00 A.M.	Easter Day Divine Service

SPRING CLEANING? Help our local Habitat for Humanity by donating furniture! Notify Pastor Tom Mackey and he will even pick it up and deliver it 308-216-0563!

MIDWEEK LENT SUPPERS & SERVICES: We invite everyone to join us this Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00 P.M. for our Lenten Supper, being hosted by the Board of Elders. Our Midweek Divine Service 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.

LWML LADIES BANQUET Will take place on May 6th! More details to come!

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 – Lent IV (Laetere) – Christ in the flesh assures us that God knows how to care for what He creates (John 6:11-12). His Gospel gives sustenance, company, and community along with forgiveness and salvation (Acts 2:42-45). Having such a Father and family nearby can stave off sin and death. *Good Shepherd, let us bring care by being it. Amen.*

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE

	<u>MUSIC</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
<u>Week of 3/10</u>			
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen & Choir	Bradley Linsmeyer Jim Sleik	Jenna Long
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Reed	Jenna Long

<u>Week of 3/17</u>			
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Jim Reed Skip Schoenborn	Debbie Sleik
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Debbie Sleik

THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (10)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Education Hour
Monday (11)	6:30 P.M.	Church Council
Tuesday (12)	5:30 P.M.	Choir Practice
Wednesday (13)	5:00 P.M.	Catechism Vespers
	6:00 P.M.	Lenten Supper (Hosted by Board of Elders)
	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Thursday (14)	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
Friday (15)		Pastor’s Day Off
Saturday (16)		
Sunday (17)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Education Hour

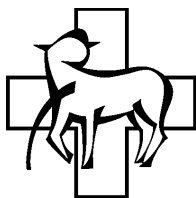
FEBRUARY 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
Receipts:	\$15,898.81	\$28,586.60
Expenses:	\$13,877.47	\$29,021.56
Difference:	\$2,021.34	-\$434.96

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, 3/3, 9:00 A.M.	95	82
Wednesday, 2/6, 7:00 P.M.	42	36



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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF INVOCATION

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" LSB 427

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 122:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Isaiah 66:10a, 11a

P Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

C **all you who love her;**

P that you may nurse and be satisfied

C **from her consoling breast.**

P I was glad when they said to me,

C **"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"**

P Our feet have been standing

C **within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

P Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

C **May they be secure who love you!**

P For my brothers and companions' sake

C **I will say, "Peace be within you!"**



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.

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C **all you who love her;**

P that you may nurse and be satisfied

C **from her consoling breast.**

KYRIE

LSB 186

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 16:2-21*

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” ¹⁷And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” ²⁰But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

GRADUAL

Psalm 122:1, 7

- P** I was glad when they said to me,
C “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
P Peace be within your walls
C and security within your towers!

EPISTLE

Galatians 4:21-31

²¹Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? ²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. ²⁴Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷For it is written,

“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more
than those of the one who has a husband.”

²⁸Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” ³¹So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

Stand

TRACT

Psalm 125:1–2, 5b

- P** Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
C which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
P As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people,
C from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon Israel!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Sit

APOSTLES’ CREED LSB 192

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”* LSB 743

SERMON *“The Christian Life is an Abundant Life”* John 6:1-15

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OFFERTORY LSB 192

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OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”* LSB 619
“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” LSB 625
“God Loved the World So That He Gave” LSB 571

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NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 199

THANKSGIVING LSB 200

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS LSB 201

BENEDICTION LSB 202

HYMN TO DEPART *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”* LSB 924

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