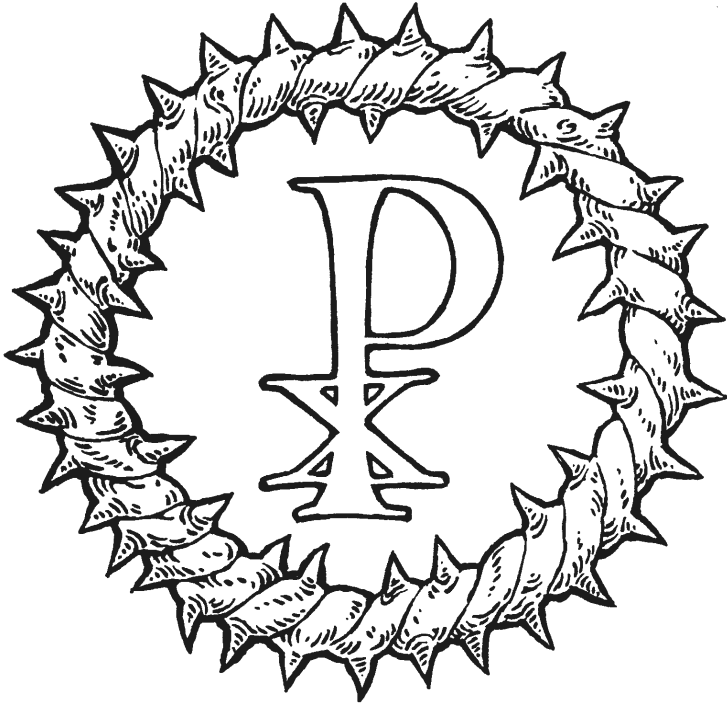




# OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



*“Jesus Was Buried”*

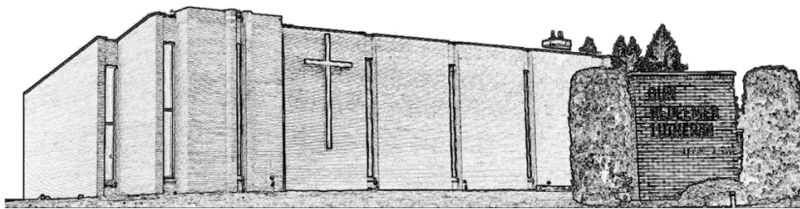
## MIDWEEK OF LAETARE

Wednesday, 13 March 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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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### HYMN OF INVOCATION

*"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" LSB 435*

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.
  
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.
  
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.
  
- 4 They that drink shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

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### *Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## 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!”**

**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** 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.**

### KYRIE

*LSB 204*

**C** ♪ **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Jonah 2:1-10*

**P** The Old Testament Reading for the Midweek of Laetare is from Jonah, chapter 2.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, <sup>2</sup>saying,

“I called out to the LORD, out of my distress,  
and he answered me;  
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,  
and you heard my voice.

<sup>3</sup>For you cast me into the deep,  
into the heart of the seas,  
and the flood surrounded me;  
all your waves and your billows  
passed over me.

<sup>4</sup>Then I said, ‘I am driven away  
from your sight;  
Yet I shall again look  
upon your holy temple.’

<sup>5</sup>The waters closed in over me to take my life;  
the deep surrounded me;  
weeds were wrapped about my head  
<sup>6</sup>at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land  
whose bars closed upon me forever;  
yet you brought up my life from the pit,  
O LORD my God.

<sup>7</sup>When my life was fainting away,  
I remembered the LORD,  
and my prayer came to you,  
into your holy temple.

<sup>8</sup>Those who pay regard to vain idols  
forsake their hope of steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>But I with the voice of thanksgiving  
will sacrifice to you;  
what I have vowed I will pay.  
Salvation belongs to the LORD!”

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**

*Psalms 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

*1 Corinthians 15:42-49*

- P** The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 15.

<sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## TRACT

*Psalms 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 19:38-42*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup>So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup>So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

- C** 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.**

*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"O Darkest Woe" LSB 448*

- 1 O darkest woe!  
Ye tears, forth flow!  
Has earth so sad a wonder?  
God the Father's only Son  
Now is buried yonder.
- 2 O sorrow dread!  
Our God is dead,  
Upon the cross extended.  
There His love enlivened us  
As His life was ended.
- 3 O child of woe:  
Who struck the blow  
That killed our gracious Master?  
"It was I," thy conscience cries,  
"I have wrought disaster!"
- 4 Thy Bridegroom dead!  
God's Lamb has bled  
Upon thy sin forever,  
Pouring out His sinless self  
In this vast endeavor.
- 5 Such innocence!  
His countenance  
A fount of faith undying!  
Worlds on worlds cannot contain  
Grief at Him here lying.
- 6 O Virgin's Son,  
What Thou hast won  
Is far beyond all telling:  
How our God, detested, died,  
Hell and devil felling.

7 O Jesus Christ,  
Who sacrificed  
Thy life for lifeless mortals:  
Be my life in death and bring  
Me to heaven's portals!

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## SERMON

*"Jesus Was Buried" John 19:38-42*

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition ends with:*

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

*Sit*

## OFFERING

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Stand*

## PREFACE

*LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

*LSB 208*

**C** ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;



**Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### **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 WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

### **AGNUS DEI**

**C** **♪ 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,**

*LSB 210*

Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

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  $\mp$  in peace.

**C** Amen.

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*"Baptismal Waters Cover Me" LSB 616*

- 1 Baptismal waters cover me  
As I approach on bended knee;  
My Father's mercy here I plead,  
For grievous sins of thought and deed.
- 2 I look to Christ upon the tree,  
His body broken there for me;  
I lay before Him all my sin,  
My darkest secrets from within.
- 3 Lord, may Your wounded hand impart  
Your healing to my broken heart;  
Your love alone can form in me  
A heart that serves You joyfully.
- 4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word;  
Your shepherd speaks, but You are heard;  
Through him Your hand now stretches out,  
Forgiving sin, destroying doubt.
- 5 Baptismal waters cover me;  
Christ's wounded hand has set me free.  
Held in my Father's strong embrace,  
With joy I praise Him for His grace.

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall" LSB 562

- 1 All mankind fell in Adam's fall;  
One common sin infects us all.  
From one to all the curse descends,  
And over all God's wrath impends.
- 2 Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps  
And us in dreadful bondage keeps;  
In guilt we draw our infant breath  
And reap its fruits of woe and death.
- 3 From hearts depraved, to evil prone,  
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;  
God's image lost, the darkened soul  
Seeks not nor finds its heav'nly goal.
- 4 But Christ, the second Adam, came  
To bear our sin and woe and shame,  
To be our life, our light, our way,  
Our only hope, our only stay.
- 5 As by one man all mankind fell  
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
So by one Man, who took our place,  
We all were justified by grace.
- 6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,  
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.  
This grace our ev'ry way attend  
Until we reach our journey's end.

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*Stand*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

**♩** 1 O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,

**God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**BENEDICAMUS**

*LSB 212*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

**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.

**HYMN TO DEPART**

*"On My Heart Imprint Your Image" LSB 422*

1 On my heart imprint Your image,  
Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
And my glory and salvation!

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