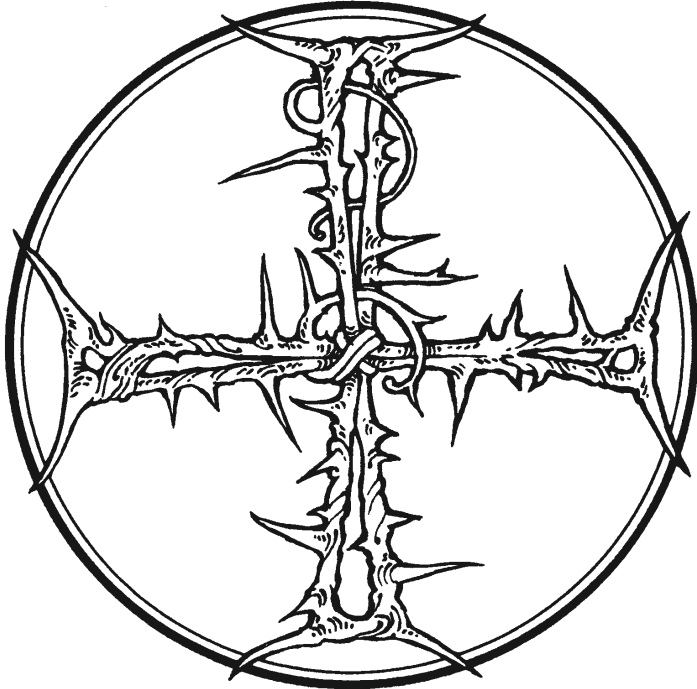




# OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*“Jesus Descended into Hell”*

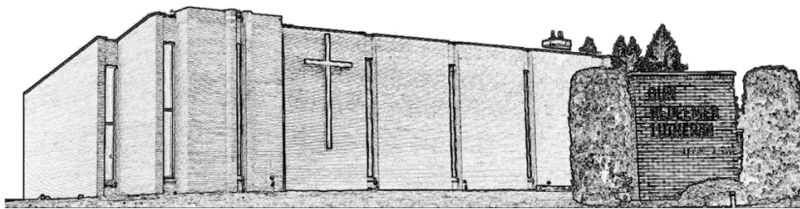
## MIDWEEK OF JUDICA

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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

*"What Is the World to Me" LSB 730*

- 1   What is the world to me  
      With all its vaunted pleasure  
When You, and You alone,  
      Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord,  
      My soul's delight shall be;  
You are my peace, my rest.  
      What is the world to me!
  
- 2   The world seeks to be praised  
      And honored by the mighty  
Yet never once reflects  
      That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize  
      Above all things is He,  
My Jesus, He alone.  
      What is the world to me!
  
- 3   The world seeks after wealth  
      And all that mammon offers  
Yet never is content  
      Though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good,  
      Content with it I'll be:  
My Jesus is my wealth.  
      What is the world to me!
  
- 4   What is the world to me!  
      My Jesus is my treasure,  
My life, my health, my wealth,  
      My friend, my love, my pleasure,  
My joy, my crown, my all,  
      My bliss eternally.  
Once more, then, I declare:  
      What is the world to me!

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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.

*Stand*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalms 43:3–5; antiphon: vv. 1–2a*

**P** Vindicate me, O God,

**C** **and defend my cause against an ungodly people,**

**P** from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

**C** **For you are the God in whom I take refuge.**

**P** Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;

**C** **let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!**

**P** Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,

**C** **and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.**

**P** Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

**C** **Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.**

**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** Vindicate me, O God,

**C** **and defend my cause against an ungodly people,**

**P** from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

**C** **For you are the God in whom I take refuge.**

**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, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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

*1 Kings 18:20-40*

**P** The Old Testament Reading for the Midweek of Judica is from 1 Kings, chapter 18.

<sup>20</sup>So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup>And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word. <sup>22</sup>Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD, but Baal's prophets are 450 men. <sup>23</sup>Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. <sup>24</sup>And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the LORD, and the God who answers by fire, he is God." And all the people answered, "It is well spoken." <sup>25</sup>Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it." <sup>26</sup>And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made. <sup>27</sup>And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." <sup>28</sup>And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. <sup>29</sup>And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.

<sup>30</sup>Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down. <sup>31</sup>Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, "Israel shall be your name," <sup>32</sup>and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. And he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs of seed. <sup>33</sup>And he put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood." <sup>34</sup>And he said, "Do it a second time." And they did it a second time. And he said, "Do it a third time." And they did it a third time. <sup>35</sup>And the water ran around the altar and filled the trench also with water.

<sup>36</sup>And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. <sup>37</sup>Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back." <sup>38</sup>Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. <sup>39</sup>And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God." <sup>40</sup>And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape." And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slaughtered them there.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

#### GRADUAL

*Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c*

**P** Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

**C** **Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!**

**P** [You] delivered me from my enemies;

**C** **you rescued me from the man of violence.**

#### EPISTLE

*1 Peter 3:18-22*

**P** The Epistle is from 1 Peter, chapter 3.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

#### Stand

#### TRACT

*Psalm 129:1-4*

**P** "Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth"—

**C** **let Israel now say—**

**P** "Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,

**C** **yet they have not prevailed against me.**

**P** The plowers plowed upon my back;

**C** **they made long their furrows."**

**P** The LORD is righteous;

**C** **he has cut the cords of the wicked.**

#### HOLY GOSPEL

*John 16:25-33*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

<sup>29</sup>His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

**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

*"The Lamb" LSB 547*

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price! *Refrain*

*Refrain* Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb,  
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *Refrain*

3 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will  
On our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*

4 He sighs, He dies,  
He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives,  
He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*

5 He rose, He rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

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## SERMON

*"Jesus Descended into Hell" 1 Peter 3:18-22*

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*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

### PAX DOMINI

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

**C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

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

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*"The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns" LSB 532*

- 1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns  
Is crowned with glory now;  
A royal diadem adorns  
The mighty Victor's brow.
- 2 The highest place that heav'n affords  
Is His, is His by right,  
The King of kings and Lord of lords,  
And heav'n's eternal Light;
- 3 The Joy of all who dwell above,  
The Joy of all below  
To whom He manifests His love  
And grants His name to know.
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame,  
With all its grace, is giv'n;  
Their name an everlasting name,  
Their joy the joy of heav'n.
- 5 They suffer with their Lord below,  
They reign with Him above,  
Their profit and their joy to know  
The myst'ry of His love.
- 6 The cross He bore is life and health,  
Though shame and death to Him:  
His people's hope, His people's wealth,  
Their everlasting theme.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed" LSB 560*

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed  
With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in Thee my life, my rest,  
Christ crucified, I come.
- 2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,  
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;

Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,  
Christ crucified, I come.

3 Wash me and take away each stain;  
Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing, though it be through pain,  
Christ crucified, I come.

4 And then for work to do for Thee,  
Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me,  
Christ crucified, I come.

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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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

## HYMN TO DEPART

*"Abide with Me" LSB 878*

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2 I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
- 3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,  
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.  
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.
- 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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