



# OUR REDEEMER

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

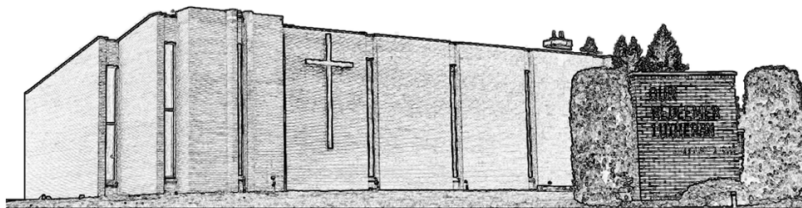
*Oculi*

Sunday, 3 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](http://www.lcms.org).**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ISAIAH AARON LINSMEYER**, infant son of Bradley & Hannah Linsmeyer, becomes a child of God this morning through the waters of Holy Baptism. Sponsors for Isaiah are Casey & Casey Antonissen. We pray that the Lord would keep Isaiah in His gracious care.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. for our Lenten Supper, being hosted by the Altar Guild. 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 6<sup>th</sup>! More details to come!

**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!

**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 III (Oculi)** – Children of light (Ephesians 5:8) need not hold back a word (Jeremiah 26:2), even when it becomes politically dangerous or elicits cultural hostility (Jeremiah 26:8). Indeed, we find great blessing (Luke 11:28) in lovingly shining the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the haunts of darkness and death. *Light of the World, let us walk and speak Your image as beloved children. Amen.*

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

### MUSIC

### ELDERS

### ALTAR GUILD

#### Week of 3/3

Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Rob Kuehl Jim Sleik	Sue Rochon
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Bradley Linsmeyer	Sue Rochon

#### Week of 3/10

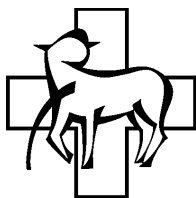
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Bradley Linsmeyer Jim Sleik	Jenna Long
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Reed	Jenna Long

## THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (3)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Education Hour
Monday (4)	6:30 P.M.	Board of Elders
Tuesday (5)	5:30 P.M.	Gsus Singers Practice
Wednesday (6)	5:00 P.M.	Catechism Vespers
	6:00 P.M.	Lenten Supper (Hosted by Altar Guild)
	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Thursday (7)	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
Friday (8)		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (9)		
Sunday (10)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Education Hour

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sunday, 2/25, 9:00 A.M.	72	56
Wednesday, 2/28, 7:00 P.M.	26	22



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

### HOLY BAPTISM

#### BAPTISMAL HYMN

*"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" LSB 549*

*Stand*

#### BAPTISM OF ISAIAH AARON LINSMEYER

*LSB 268*

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### INTROIT

*Psalm 25:1–2, 17–18, 20; antiphon: vv. 15–16*

- P** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
**C** for he will pluck my feet out of the net.  
**P** Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
**C** for I am lonely and afflicted.  
**P** To you, O LORD,  
**C** I lift up my soul.  
**P** O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;  
**C** let not my enemies exult over me.  
**P** The troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
**C** bring me out of my distresses.  
**P** Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
**C** and forgive all my sins.  
**P** Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!  
**C** Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.



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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 8:16-24

<sup>16</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’” <sup>17</sup>And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. <sup>18</sup>The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. <sup>19</sup>Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. <sup>21</sup>Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. <sup>22</sup>But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. <sup>23</sup>Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.”’” <sup>24</sup>And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants’ houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

## GRADUAL

Psalm 25:17–18

- P** The troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
**C** bring me out of my distresses.  
**P** Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
**C** and forgive all my sins.

## EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

<sup>3</sup>But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup>Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup>For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

*Stand*

## TRACT

*Psalms 123:1–3a*

**P** To you I lift up my eyes,

**C** **O you who are enthroned in the heavens!**

**P** Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,

**C** **so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us.**

**P** Have mercy upon us, O LORD,

**C** **have mercy upon us.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 11:14–28*

<sup>14</sup>Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” <sup>16</sup>while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup>But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup>And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup>And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup>But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup>When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup>but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup>Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

<sup>24</sup>“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ <sup>25</sup>And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup>Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

<sup>27</sup>As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” <sup>28</sup>But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

*Sit*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray” LSB 663*

## SERMON

*“You are Light in the Lord” Ephesians 5:1–9*

*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

PREFACE	LSB 194
SANCTUS	LSB 195
LORD'S PRAYER	LSB 196
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD	LSB 197
PAX DOMINI	LSB 197
AGNUS DEI	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

*"Wide Open Stand the Gates" LSB 639*

*"Amazing Grace" LSB 744*

*"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" LSB 697*

*Stand*

NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 199

THANKSGIVING LSB 200

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS LSB 201

BENEDICTION LSB 202

HYMN TO DEPART *"O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe" LSB 666*

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