



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Worship Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, March 6, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Welcome! We are happy you are here to worship with us at Our Redeemer.

Please sign the attendance pew pads. Thank you.

Congregation please stand as you are able when the asterisk* appears.

PRAYER AND WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

(Pause, take a breath, and move into the confession)

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***GATHERING SONG**

Hymn 502

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” verses 1, 3, 6

***OPENING DIALOGUE**

Beloved, set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm. For love is strong as death; passion fierce as the grave. **O God, search me**

and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

***GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** Let us pray. O God of our longing, **strengthen us and dwell in our hearts, that we be rooted and grounded in your love. Help us to comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of your mercy shown to us on the cross. Fill our hearts with your grace, that we lead lives that radiate your love to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 36:22-28

²²Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. ²⁸Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³For the

Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders;⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”⁶ He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand:¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Stephanie Lorenz

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Lift High the Cross”* Hymn 660

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS**

O God our help, you walk with us through all of life’s changes. **Grant us strength, patience, wisdom, and understanding.** O God our hope, you come to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. **Show us**

your salvation, and lead us in the way of the cross. O God our shelter, you enfold us like a mother hen gathering her chicks. **Watch over all who are sick, grieving, lonely, and in need this day.** O God our home, you claim us as your beloved children. **Lord, remember us when you come into your kingdom.** All this we ask through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING *“Let Us Break Bread Together”* Hymn 471



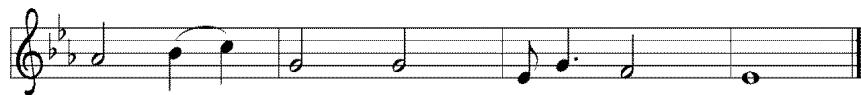
1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



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When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Merciful God, **everything in heaven and earth belongs to you.** We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. **May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

MEAL

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION

We invite all who believe in the true body and blood of Christ in the bread and wine to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We commune by taking an empty glass for the wine or a glass of grape juice from the tray then proceed to the altar. After eating the bread you hold up your glass to receive the wine or blessing of the grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available.

DISTRIBUTION

*BLESSING

*PRAYER

Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayers, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please see end of bulletin for additional announcements)

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

Hymn 441

"Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand "

*DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Pastor Stephanie Lorenz

Church Musician: Sandra Kuhn

Choir Director: Sandra Kuhn

Lector: Barbara Champeau

Children's Story Time Teacher: Mary McClure

Counters: Judy Jacobs, Jan Novy, Helen Dins & Barbara Champeau

Ushers: Dennis Sauberlich, Sue Burroughs & Jarvis Girard

Altar Guild: Jan DeMenter



We raise up in prayer

Let us pray for the well-being of all people.

For those who have not been able to worship with us.

For all who are homebound and their caregivers.

For our sick and hospitalized.

For Lucia Alten, Ruth Freye, Jarvis Girard, MaryAnn Kunschke, Volney Roesler, Doris Roth, Tom & Sue Steffen, Karen Tuszka, Barbara Walstrom, Pat Zuehlke, Debora Alten, Nita Clark, LeeAnn Clark, Vannah Davidson (Pricilla Gressler's mother), Bernie Dokken, Gina Hendricks (Debbie Borchart's brother & niece), Jim, Joanie (Jan Novy's sister), Marilyn Jacobson, Sarah and Erica Koppenhoefer, Brooke Poole, Gary Roth, Ryan (Ruth Freye's grandson), Jan Schroeder, Julie VanSambeek (Helen Din's daughter), and Pat Zimmerman (Brenda Willems's father).

Please contact Pastor Stephanie, Barbara Champeau or the office with **any prayer requests**.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 6

9:00 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion
Children's Story Time

Monday, March 7

Tuesday, March 8

9:00 a.m. Quilting Angels
6:00-9:00 p.m. New Horizons Orchestra

Wednesday, March 9

6:45 p.m. Lenten Service

Thursday, March 10

9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
10:00 a.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Friday, March 11

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
5:00-9:00 p.m. Regeneration Hmong Ministry

Saturday, March 12

9:00 a.m.-Noon Regeneration Hmong Ministry

Sunday, March 13

9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
LWR Envelope Sunday

Please check the “*Doors of Opportunity*” and Narthex for church and community information.

Welcome to Our Redeemer!

New Members Are Always Welcome!

After today's service please see Pastor Stephanie for information.

Please sign the visitor sheet located by the front doors.



Sunday, March 13 - Daylight Saving begins

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church 2016 Directory

On **Easter Sunday**, ORLC 2016 Church Directory will be in your church mailbox and extras will be on the table.

Please get any of your **changes** (name, address, phone number, cell numbers and /or emails) you may have **to Sue by March 13**. **If no changes come in for the directory, it will be printed as it was in the 2015.**

Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Worship & Music Committee Meeting – **March 10 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Women of the ELCA Bible Study – **March 16 @ 9:00 a.m.**

ORLC Stewardship & Finance Meeting – **March 18 @ 10:15 a.m.**

Committee Meeting of the Whole – **March 20 after worship**

ORLC Executive Committee Meeting – **TBA**

ORLC Council Meeting – **March 29 @ 7:15 p.m.**

6:45 p.m. Wednesday Lenten Services

March 9 & 16

Holy Week Services

March 20 - 9:00 a.m.

**Palm Sunday Service with Holy Communion and
distribution of Palms**

March 24 - 6:45 p.m.

**Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion
and Stripping the Altar**

March 25 - Good Friday Services

12:15 p.m. – Zion Lutheran Church

6:45 p.m. – Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

March 26 - 1:00 p.m.

Decorate church

March 27

8:00 a.m. - Easter Breakfast *(Please see the “Doors of
Opportunity” to sign up for Easter Breakfast.)*

9:00 a.m. - Easter Worship with Holy Communion



Easter Lilies and Hydrangeas - Please see the sign-up sheet for Lilies @ \$8.00 each and Hydrangeas (if available) @ \$18.00 each on the "Doors of Opportunity". Deadline to order and payment is March 20. There will be an option on the sign-up sheet to have your Lily and/or Hydrangea in honor of or in memory of a loved one. You may take your plant/s home after Easter service. We will donate any lingering plants on April 10. Thank you.



First Communion

If you and your child feel that they are ready to begin receiving communion, please contact Pastor Stephanie Lorenz.

Are you a Thrivent Member?

All Thrivent members age 16 or older are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. Benefit members can lead **two Thrivent Action Teams per year**. Associate Members can lead three in a lifetime. Action Teams allow members to lead charitable projects in their churches, schools and communities using funds provided by Thrivent. The **online application takes minutes** to complete. Each **approved Action Team project receives \$250** that can be used for purposes such as buying project supplies and creating promotional materials. For **more information, contact ORLC member and Thrivent Representative, Brenda Willems**. Keep in mind **you will need to be registered on line with Thrivent** to apply for these activities.

APPROACHING COUNTING SCHEDULE

March 13, 2016 Larry & Pricilla Gressler & John Law
March 20, 2016 Mary McClure & Sue Steffen
March 27, 2016 Easter Sunday – Stewardship & Finance Committee
April 3, 2016 Larry & Pricilla Gressler & John Law

Weekly Contributions for Operating Budget & Debt Retirement

Sunday, February 28 attendance 38

Operating Budget Contributions: \$661.00
Needed each week for Operating Budget: \$1,797.00

Debt Retirement Contributions: \$175.00
Needed each week for Mortgage: \$470.00



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Open Hearts, Open Doors
Come Worship With Us!

Sundays - 9AM with Holy Communion
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“Growing in Faith, Reaching Out with Love”

Social Ministry/Outreach & Growth Committees are sponsoring
Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive here
at Our Redeemer!

February 21 – March 13

Please see the designated box in the Narthex.

Help ease the financial strain on area homeless and crisis programs. Requested items for donation. New, unopened items only.

Thank you for your *Help for the Homeless!*

Cleaning Supplies

Laundry Soap
Dish Soap
Kitchen Trash Bags
Floor Cleaner
Bleach
Cleansers
Sponges
Disinfectant Cleaner
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Dryer Sheets
Dishwashing Gloves

Hair Care

Shampoo
Conditioner
Hair Brushes
Combs
Clips & Elastics
Styling Products - *for all types of races & ethnicity*
Head Lice Treatment

Dental Care

SOFT Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Dental Floss
Denture Care
NO Mouthwash please
(contains alcohol)

Paper Products

Toilet Tissue
Facial Tissue
Paper Towels
Feminine Care
Pads
Tampons

Personal Care

Soft Soap
Bar Soap
Deodorant
Razors
Shaving Cream
Nail Clippers
Cotton Balls
Q-tips
Moisturizer/Lotions
Contact Solution
Lip Balm

Baby Care

Diapers &
Pull-ups (sizes 4-6)
Wipes
Baby Bottles
Sip Cups
Baby Lotion
Baby Shampoo
Rash Ointment

First Aid

Children's Pain Meds
Pedialyte
Band Aids
Rubbing Alcohol
Hydrogen Peroxide
Anti-Diarrhea Meds
Antacids
Antibiotic Ointment
Cold Meds
Liquid Benadryl
Sun Screen

