

# The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 10, 2024**

*8:00 a.m. Worship Service*

## **VISITORS AND MEMBERS**

Good morning and welcome! Attendance cards and offerings will be collected at the door as you enter or leave, or you can do both electronically using the QR code on the back cover of this bulletin. If you are new to our online community, please let us know by commenting “new”. We are glad you’re here and look forward to meeting you. If you wish, you may also send an email to [pastor@redeemerchurch.org](mailto:pastor@redeemerchurch.org). Please remember to “share” our worship post so that others may worship with us.

## **AS WE GATHER**

Everything we are and everything we will be hangs on Jesus. Without Jesus’ life and without His sacrificial death, we have no reason to gather, no reason to praise, and everything we have in the course of our life is only temporary. But we do belong to Jesus and we have a profound reason for living and great expectations for when we die.

## **LESSON FOR DISCIPLES**

Being a disciple starts with our Baptism into the body of Christ. It is God who works through us now.

## **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

*by Hayes arr. Wagner*

† **PREPARATION** †

## OPENING HYMN

*“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”*

*(LSB 440 v.1-4)*



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,  
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.  
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,  
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;  
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.  
This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

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## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord, we are willing to live in Your light. Show us the depth of our sinfulness. We do not deny it. We look to You and Your crucifixion as our one source of healing. Heal us and transform us.

*(silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination)*

Pastor: We confess together as the people of God:

People: **Jesus, I see my sins and confess them to You. I know that there is nothing too dark or persistent that You can't forgive. Forgive me.**

Pastor: Jesus didn't enter the world to condemn you, but rather to save you through His actions. He has succeeded in doing so and you are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

# † WORD †

*(readings from NIV84 pew Bibles)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Numbers 21:4-9*

*<sup>4</sup> They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; <sup>5</sup> they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"*

*<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.*

*<sup>8</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.*

*(following the reading ...)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

*As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.*

*<sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

*(following the reading ...)*

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 3:14-21*

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.*

*<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because He has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. <sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.”*

*(following the reading ...)*

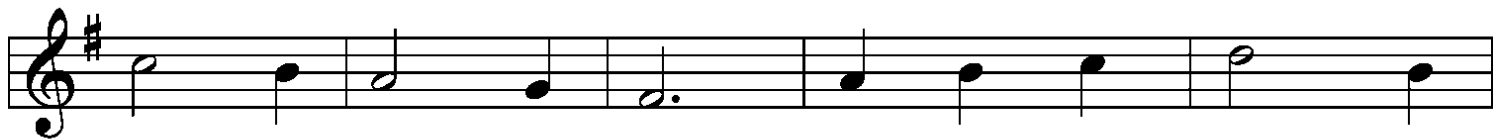
**Reader:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN**    *“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”*    (LSB 560)



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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**SERMON**

*“The Main Thing”*  
*John 3:14-21*

*Intro: We can do a lot of good, but the main thing is far greater than all*

*I. The Son of Man must be lifted up*

*A. God’s tendency to foreshadow the main event*

*B. The real snake in our camp*

*1. Sin in all of its forms*

*2. A sinful nature*

*3. The leverage of Satan over us*

*C. Other routes won’t do*

*D. It had to be Jesus*

*1. That’s what He came to do*

*2. Whoever believes is not condemned, whoever ...*

*E. So many ways to reject Jesus*

- 1. Cultural bias*
- 2. Intellectual skepticism*
- 3. Short-sighted disinterest*
- 4. In the end, all of them are avoiding the light*

*II. Coming into the Light*

*A. A defining moment*

*B. Born again*

- 1. All requirements of the Law are fulfilled*
- 2. New motivations for life in this world*
- 3. A new ability to do something that really matters*
- 4. A new relationship with God*
- 5. A new possibility of eternal impact*

*C. The contrasts of God's plan*

- 1. Not so hard and yet impossible*
- 2. Free and yet costly*
- 3. Invisible and yet seen plainly*

*D. And now seated with Jesus in the heavenly realms*

*Why do you think Moses was instructed to lift a bronze snake? Do you understand the symbolism?*

*If Baptism is the defining moment that connects us to Christ, what is the function of a "sinners prayer" or a public confession of Christ?*

**RESPONSE OF FAITH** *Apostles' Creed*

**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.**

## OFFERING

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### OFFERTORY

*"More Precious Than Silver"*

*by Lynn DeShazo*

**Lord, You are more precious than silver,  
Lord, You are more costly than gold;  
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,  
And nothing I desire compares with You.**

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Pastor:** Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us all to pray:

**All:** **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.**

### BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** 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.


**People:** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

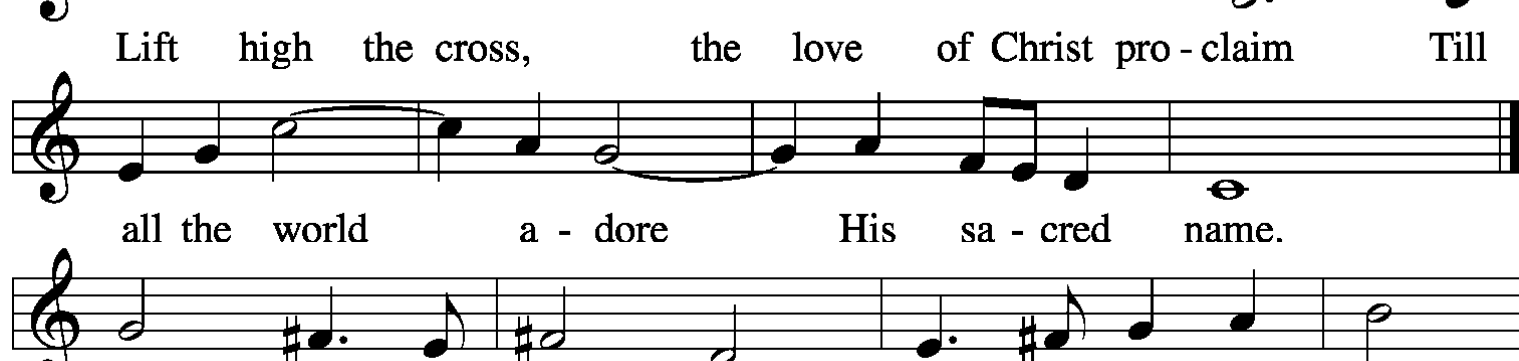
*"Lift High the Cross"*

*(LSB 837 v.1-4)*

*Refrain*

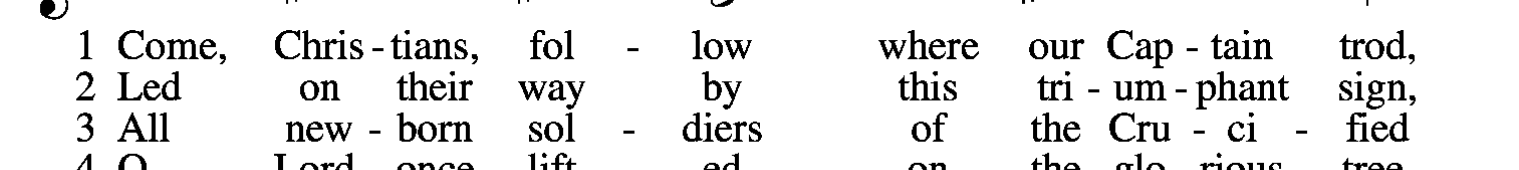


Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till  
all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,  
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied  
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

*Refrain*



Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

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## POSTLUDE

*"Festivity on 'Come, Thou Fount'"*

*by Wagner*

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Will and Lori Smith in celebration of forty-three years of marriage.

**THE NURSERY** is available for the care of your little ones. It is located in the southwest corner of the Education Wing/Preschool Hallway and is clearly marked. Please use the nursery at your convenience or when you find that the younger members of your family are disturbing your time of worship. *(The nursery is not currently staffed, but is available for use. Parents must remain with their children. Audio of the worship services is available in the nursery.)*



## **THIS WEEK @ 9:15 a.m. ADULT BIBLE STUDY:**

- The Book of Genesis w/ Pastor Tom in the Fellowship Hall

## **9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL - HIGH SCHOOL**

Preschoolers - 4th Graders in Sunday Morning Live! in Room 208 upstairs

5th - 8th Graders in the Middle School Bible Class in Room 200 upstairs

9th - 12th Graders in the High School Bible Class in the Youth Room 204 upstairs

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Easter Outreach Event** - We are again hosting an Easter Outreach Event on Saturday, March 30, 2-4pm @Redeemer Evansville. Last year we had an unprecedented turnout so we want to make sure we are prepared for this year! This event requires a minimum of 40 volunteers. Look for the Sign ups or email Carolyn Farmer, [volunteer@redeemerchurch.org](mailto:volunteer@redeemerchurch.org) if you are interested and available to serve.

**Easter Lily Deadline THIS WEDNESDAY!** - *Orders must be submitted by Wednesday, March 13th!* Help us beautify the sanctuaries in Evansville and Newburgh as well as honor or remember someone special. Forms are in the Gathering Area and in the March VQ.

**Lent Midweek Worship Continues!** - Worship at Noon or 6pm Wednesday @Redeemer Evansville. Following the 6pm service this week the meal is sponsored by the Redeemer Landscape Committee. Tacos, chips, salsa and dessert are on the menu! A freewill offering will be taken.

**Easter Event, Holy Week Worship Invites available** - Cards with information on our upcoming Easter Event and Holy Week schedule are available in the Gathering Area if you'd like to take one to pass one on to your friends or family.

**Want to sponsor a Lent meal to support a ministry?** - *We have one more opening for meal sponsor during Lent on March 20th.* If you're interested or have questions, please contact Nicole in the church office.

**LCMS Foundation Helps with Estate Planning** - A gift planning counselor is a built-in companion for the journey so that you don't have go through the process alone. You may not have experience talking to attorneys and tax advisors. You might not know the right questions to ask. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Mark Muehl at [Mark.Muehl@lfnd.org](mailto:Mark.Muehl@lfnd.org) or 260-241-4845.

## ✝ In Our Prayers ✝

### **Praise and Thanks**

For Stephanie D's successful surgery

### **Illness/Recovery**

Paula N Keith H Nancy P Erwin K Lisa B Ann N Al & Tammy G George M  
Peace and healing for those with mental health struggles

### **Intercession**

For families that are in turmoil over disputes, dysfunction, etc.

For Angela G, Cara C and the children in their care that we support through our  
"Never Alone" Ministry

For POBLO Ministries and their work with Muslims, immigrants and refugees

For peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Haiti and around the world

For persecuted Christians around the world

For our congregation in Evansville and Newburgh

Wisdom for our country's leaders and all those in authority

For our military and their families; Kurt, Cason, Ben, Cody & Katy M

### **Redeemer Families**

Jean T

Darla O

Betty W

### ***Serving Today***

**March 10, 2024**

**8:00 am Traditional Worship:**

Attending Elder:

Jeff Kappler

Coffee Maker: Angela Carrel

Ushers:

Darren Birge, Dennis Shelton

Organist: Molly Wuertz

# RESISTING THE DEVIL

A Six-Part Lenten Worship Sermon Series

## NOON & 6PM WEDNESDAYS

### *Serving Wednesday*

**March 13, 2024**

**Noon Traditional Worship:**

Attending Elder:

Tim Grunow

Organist: Molly Wuertz

Ushers:

Barb Grunow and Judy Cameron

**March 13, 2024**

**6:00 pm Traditional Worship:**

Attending Elder:

Chris Imes

Organist: Molly Wuertz

Usher:

Janice Elwood



### *Serving Next Sunday*

**March 17, 2024**

**8:00 am Traditional Worship:**

Worship Assistant:

Greg Barnett

Communion Cleanup: Shauna Boom

Attending Elder:

Jerry Mills

Coffee Makers: Bob and Debbie Voegel

Ushers:

Darren Birge, Dennis Shelton

Organist: Molly Wuertz



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH


# Easter Event

• Saturday March 30, 2024 •

2:00pm-4:00pm

Continuous Easter activities and  
Egg Hunts throughout the event

Redeemer Evansville  
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SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS FUN  
OUTREACH EVENT IN THE GATHERING AREA  
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