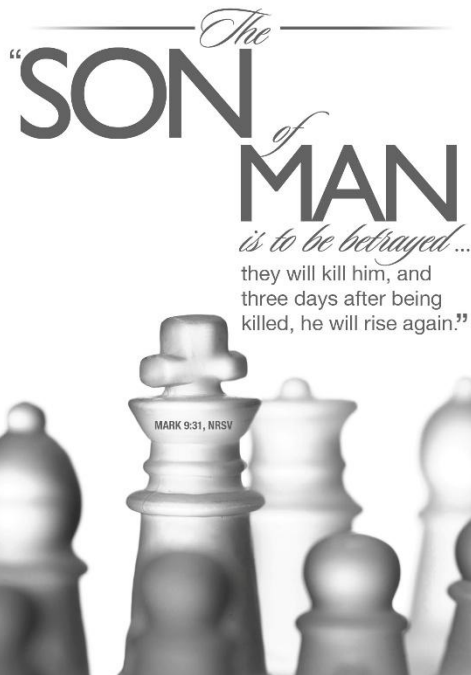


REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent



WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus’ name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.



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Pre-Service Meditation:

Matthew 26:63b-64a And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said so.

Prayer: Dearest Savior, In Your silence, You rejected the false claims that were made against You. In Your speaking, You testified to the truth that is at the center of our faith. Though You were condemned for what You said, it will forever be remembered to Your glory and our salvation. It is amazing in our eyes that the Innocent Son of God would endure such ridicule, but even more amazing is when we realize that You did so because You loved us. Let us never forget this love. Through Your saving name; even as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. Amen.

Service of the Word

Opening Hymn

TLH 166 Savior, When in Dust to Thee

Invocation

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C** Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King,
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. . .

. . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 19:15-21

¹⁵ "A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established. ¹⁶ If a malicious witness arises to accuse a person of wrongdoing, ¹⁷ then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who are in office in those days. ¹⁸ The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, ¹⁹ then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to

his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst. ²⁰ And the rest shall hear and fear, and shall never again commit any such evil among you. ²¹ Your eye shall not pity. It shall be life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 85 [Selected Verses]

- P** Lord, You were favorable to your land;
You restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- C** You forgave the iniquity of Your people;
You covered all their sin.
- P** Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away Your indignation toward us!
- C** Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us Your salvation.
- P** Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
C for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

Epistle Lesson

Acts 4:1-12

¹And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead-- by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no

other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Confession 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 is seated at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.**

Hymn: TLH 142 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

Sermon:

Matthew 26:59-66

⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" ⁶² And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death."

**On the Road to Easter...
Jesus is Condemned for Blasphemy**

Offertory:

Create in Me 🎵🎵

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

Hymn:

TLH 143 Oh Dearest Jesus

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

- ☐ 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:

☐: Amen

Hymn:

TLH 50 Lord Dismiss Us (First Tune)

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Tour Choir:** Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for the Tour Choir arrival, the feeding and housing while they were here, and for the work you did in advertising the concert.

- **Lent:** Our fourth Lenten Midweek Service will be this Wednesday at 7pm with a soup supper at 6. All are welcome.
- **Voters Meeting:** Our Second Quarter Voters Meeting will be held April 6th. This means a service time change to 11:30.
- **Confirmation Sunday:** April 13th will be Confirmation Sunday. The service will be held at 11:30.

Call News:

- Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church in Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church in Hidewood Township, SD ***is considering the call*** to Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO
- Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, ***has accepted the call to*** Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Lutheran, White River, SD.
- Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, ***is considering the call*** to St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA

Upcoming Schedule:

Wednesday, March 26th Midweek Lenten Service at 7
 Sunday, March 30th, Redemption Sunday Service at 9
 Wednesday, April 2nd, Midweek Lenten Service at 7
 Sunday, April 6th, Redemption Sunday Service at 11:30