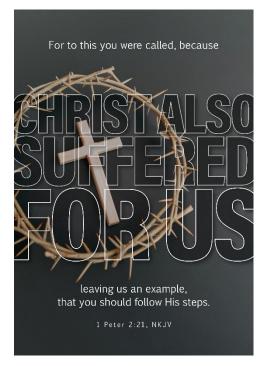
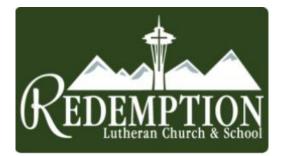
# REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH Fourth Sunday in Lent



**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 27:29** and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

**Prayer:** Dearest Savior, You have called us to be Your children and to stand as children of God in this sin-darkened world. Lord, we must confess that we all too often hide behind the mask of our sinful flesh and end up mocking you by our sinful conduct. Forgive us of these sins. Grant us the faith to look upon Your suffering and see that You endured all pain and mockery in order to make us Your own. Give us Your strength to endure so that forever we remain Yours. 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 153 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Invocation

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

#### **Confession and Absolution**

■: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P**: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C**: who made heaven and earth.

 $\mathbf{P}$ : I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C**: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

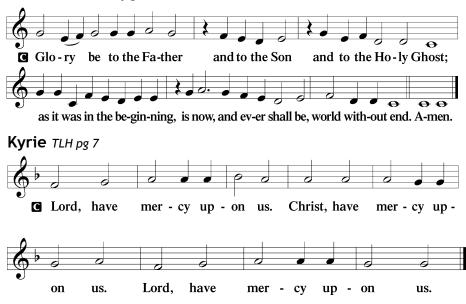
■: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**G**: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P**: Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gloria Patri TLH pg 6



#### Hymn of Response: TLH 237

All Glory be to God on high, Who hath mankind befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- 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**

<sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup> He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>

#### Genesis 3:9-19

Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." <sup>16</sup> To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you." <sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

#### Psalm of the Day

#### Psalm 69 [Selected Verses]

- Answer me, O Lord, for Your steadfast love is good; according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.
- Hide not Your face from Your servant, for I am in distress; make haste to answer me.
- You know my reproach, and my shame and my dishonor; my foes are all known to You.
- I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none.
- Let your salvation, O God, set me on high! I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.
- For the Lord hears the needy and does not despise His own people who are prisoners.
- Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them.

## For God will save Zion the offspring of His servants shall inherit it, and those who love His name shall dwell in it.

#### **Epistle Lesson**

## <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered

the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—<sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Confession of Faith:

#### **Apostles Creed**

С

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 175b When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

#### Sermon:

Matthew 27:27-29

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup> And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

On the Road to Easter... Jesus is Crowned with Thorns

## Philippians 3:7-11

#### Create in Me JJ

#### Offertory:

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 341 Crown Him with Many Crowns** 

#### 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:**

#### C: Amen

#### Hymn:

#### TLH 145 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

#### **Silent Prayer**

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## Announcements

### **Upcoming Events:**

- <u>Women's Group</u>: Our Women's Group will meet a week from tomorrow on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- <u>Lent:</u> Our fifth Midweek Lenten Service will be this Wednesday at 7pm with a soup supper at 6. All are welcome.

- <u>Voters Meeting</u>: Our Second Quarter Voters Meeting will be held April 6<sup>th</sup>. This means a service time change to 11:30.
- <u>Confirmation Sunday</u>: April 13<sup>th</sup> 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, *has returned the call* to St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA

### **Upcoming Schedule:**

Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Midweek Lenten Service at 7 Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, Redemption Sunday Service at 11:30 Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Midweek Lenten Service at 7 Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation Sunday at 11:30