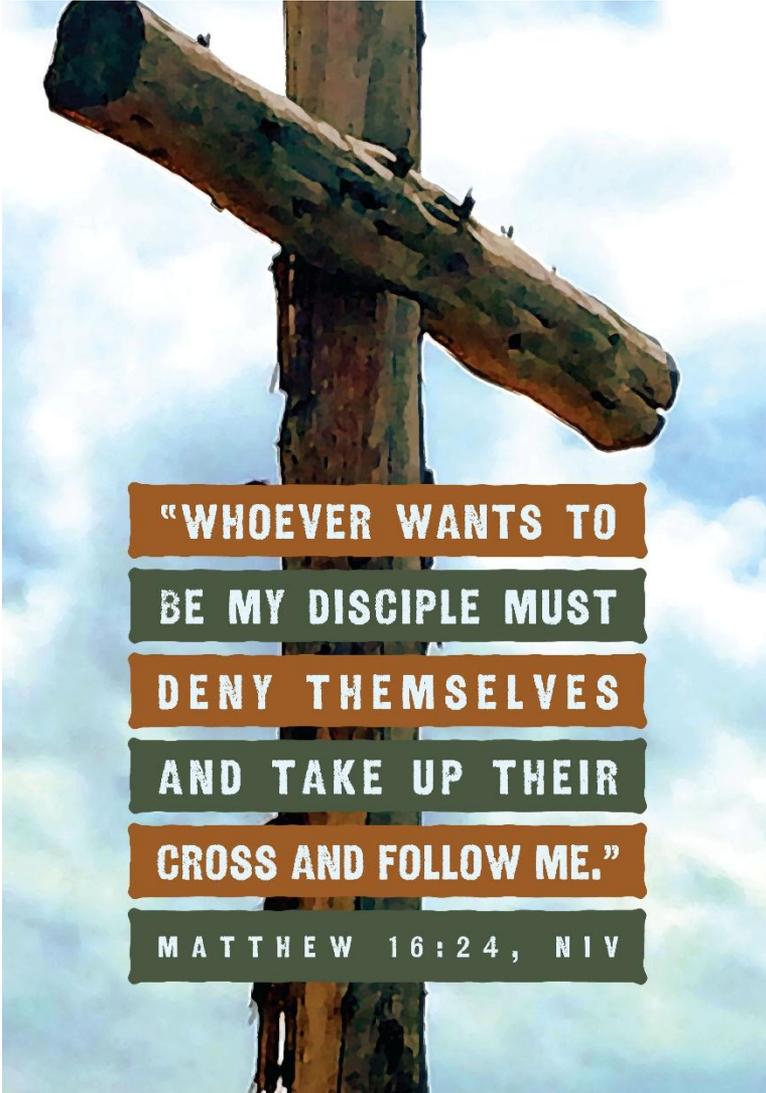


# REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRST Sunday in Lent



**"WHOEVER WANTS TO**

**BE MY DISCIPLE MUST**

**DENY THEMSELVES**

**AND TAKE UP THEIR**

**CROSS AND FOLLOW ME."**

**MATTHEW 16:24, NIV**



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**Pre-Service Meditation:**

**Matthew 16:26** <sup>26</sup> "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

**Prayer:** Dearest Savior, If You kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? The desire of my heart is not always for You, but instead, it seeks after what the world offers. For these and all other sin, O Lord, grant me forgiveness. Lord, You chose sacrifice over glory. You came to take my place on the cross – experiencing my shame, suffering, and death. Yet, by this death, You offer me more than what the world could ever give – eternal life and peace with God. Truly You alone are worthy of praise and honor. Lord, send me Your Holy Spirit, that I may seek after Your will and turn aside from the allure of the world. In Your saving name I pray, even as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Opening:**

**TLH 369 All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall**

**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 - shipped 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... O Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer, and extend Your right hand in power to defend us from the foes who would attack us and tear us from You, for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever,
- C** Amen.

### Old Testament Lesson

### Genesis 22:1-14

<sup>1</sup> After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the

burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup> And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup> Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. <sup>9</sup> When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup> He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup> And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

## **Responsive Reading**

## **Psalm 91 Selected Verses**

- P** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place-- the Most High, who is my refuge--
- C** **No evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.**
- P** For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
- C** **On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

**P** "Because he holds fast to Me in love, I will deliver him;

**C** **I will protect him, because he knows My name.**

**P** When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and honor him.

**C** **With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation."**

**Epistle Lesson:**

**Hebrews 4:15-16**

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Confession of Faith:**

**Apostles Creed**

**C** **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:**

**LSB 624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born vs 1-4,7**

**Sermon**

**Matthew 16:21-26**

<sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. <sup>22</sup> Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" <sup>23</sup> But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." <sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to His disciples,

"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. <sup>25</sup> "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

## Jesus Chose Sacrifice

### He Gives You More than the World

**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:**

**LSB 547 The Lamb [See Insert]**

### 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 394 My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

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# Announcements

**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.

## Upcoming Events:

- **Lent:** We continue our series "Who Wants Jesus Dead?" This Wednesday evening at 7. There is no soup supper this week.
- **CLC Nominations:** The deadline is March 31 for nominations to CLC offices. An online nomination form and accompanying information is available at [clclutheran.net/nominations](http://clclutheran.net/nominations).

## Call News:

- Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Sheperd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD ***has returned the call*** to Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ.
- Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights, MI ***has received the call*** to Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN
- Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran in Sister Lakes, MI ***has received the call*** to Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI
- Dr. Daniel Sullivan ***has received the call*** to serve as prof. at ILC
- Seminarian Sam Radermacher ***has accepted the call*** to serve as vacancy pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA in conjunction with his vicarage under Pastor Wayne Eichstadt.

## Upcoming Schedule:

Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> Midweek Lenten Service at 7pm

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> Midweek Lenten Service at 7pm

624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born sts. 1-4, 7

1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -  
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con  
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own  
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who  
 7 With cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim Our voic - es

ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple  
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought  
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels  
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the  
 join the end - less hymn, And "Ho - ly, ho - ly,

forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.  
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.  
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.  
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.  
 ho - ly" sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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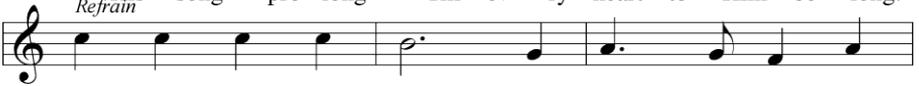
# 547 The Lamb



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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