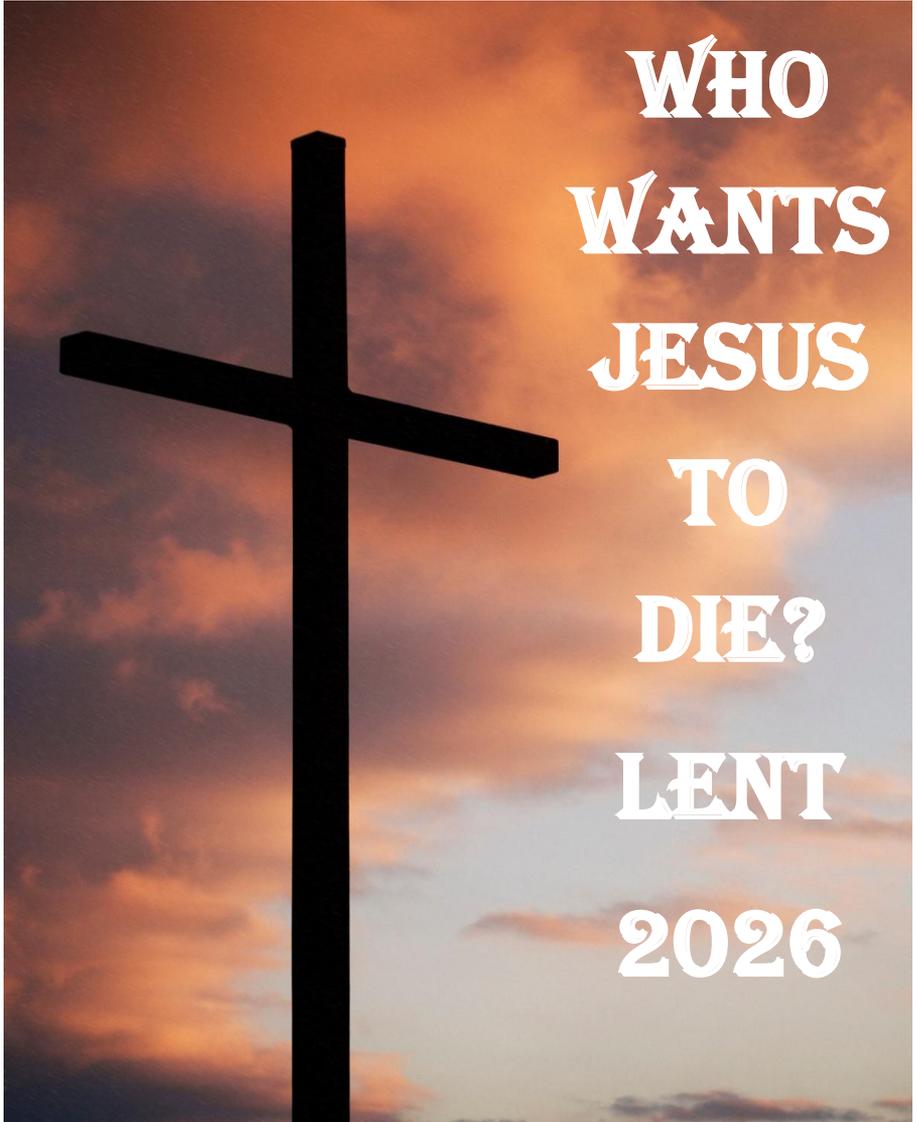


REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Midweek Lenten Service



Opening:

TLH 145 Jesus Refuge of the Weary

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession of Sins

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare Your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: We sinners must confess to You, O Lord, that we have failed to listen and obey Your holy Word. We have sinned in our actions, our words, and our thoughts. We are all like an unclean *thing*, And all our righteousnesses *are* like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

Cf. Isaiah 64:6

C: **God, be merciful to me, a sinner.**

Luke 18:13

Hymn of Response **Lord Jesus Christ, My Life [see insert]**

Absolution of Sins

P: Jesus is the atoning Sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. According to His authority, and by His command, I announce to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Harmony Reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

This week's harmony readings:

- **Judas Betrays Jesus**
- **The Sword is Not the Way**
- **The Arrest of Jesus**
- **Peter Denies Jesus Three Times**

Hymn of response: **TLH 179 On My Heart Imprint Thy Image**

I BELIEVE...

that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

Hymn: LSB 418 O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

Sermon

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. ³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." ⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

**Who Wants Jesus to Die?
Satan Wants Jesus to Die!**

Offertory: **[Tune of TLH 179 On My Heart]**

Let me never, Lord, forsake Thee, E'en tho' bitter pain and strife
On my way shall overtake me; But may I tho' all my life Walk in
fervent love to Thee, In all woes for comfort flee To Thy birth,
Thy death, and Passion Till I see Thy full salvation.

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 558b All Praise to Thee My God This Night

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