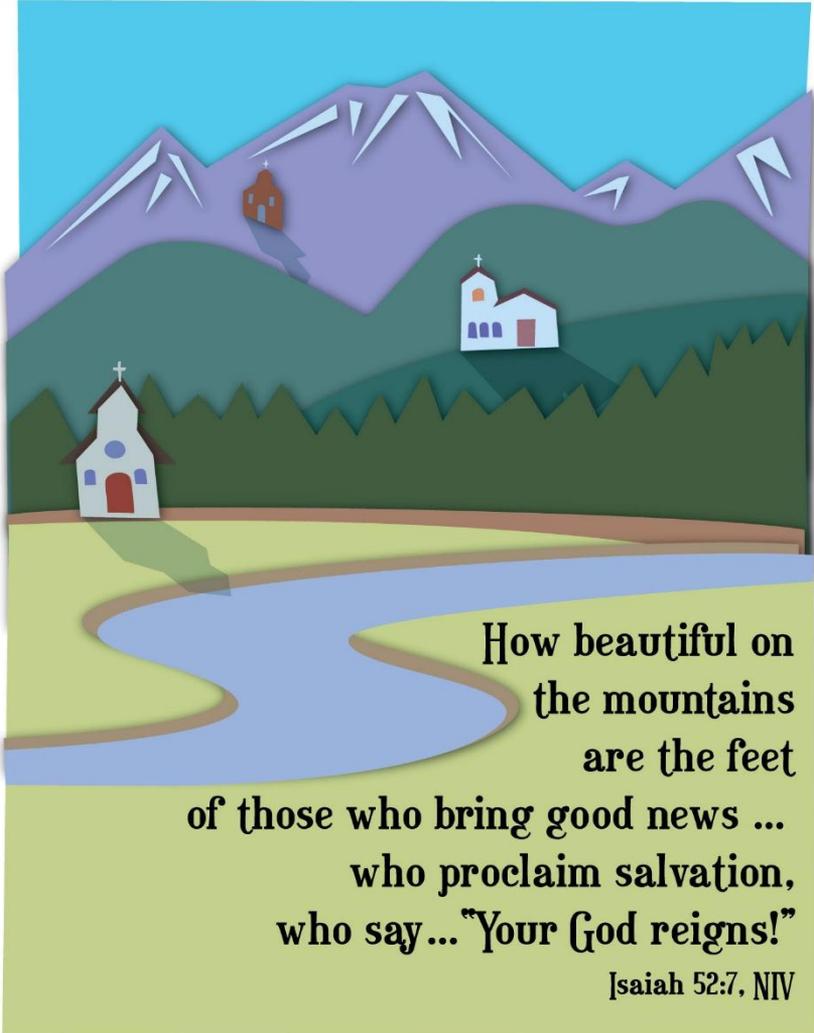
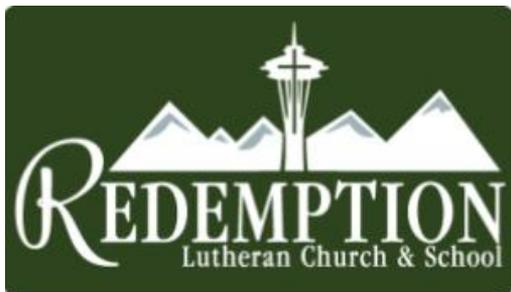


REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent





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Pre-Service Meditation:

2 Corinthians 7:10¹⁰ For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

Prayer: Lord God, Heavenly Father, Thank you for giving us Your Holy Word. In that Word, you instruct us in all manner of godly living, including repentance. In repentance, You teach us how to turn from our sin and receive abundant grace from You. Renew within us, Lord, a heart that seeks to repent of our sin, turn from our evil ways, and live a holy life according to Your will. Teach us to rely upon You for our salvation, and to call upon the name of our Savior Jesus when in distress. You alone can turn our grief into patience, and patience into endurance for eternal life. Keep us always in Your care through godly repentance. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Opening:

TLH 285 How Precious is the Book Divine

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... Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that we who deserve to be condemned for our evil deeds may be mercifully delivered by the comfort of Your grace, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever,
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good *things*, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" ⁸Your watchmen shall lift up *their* voices, With their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye When the LORD brings back

Zion. ⁹ Break forth into joy, sing together, You waste places of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰ The LORD has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 31 Selected Verses

- P** In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
- C** **In Your righteousness deliver me! Incline Your ear to me;**
- P** Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!
- C** **For You are my Rock and my Fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me;**
- P** Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
- C** **I will rejoice and be glad in Your steadfast love, because You have seen my affliction;**
- P** You have known the distress of my soul,
- C** **And You have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a broad place.**

Gospel Lesson:

John 6:47-57

⁴⁷ "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. ⁴⁸ "I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. ⁵⁰ "This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." ⁵² The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this *Man* give us *His* flesh to eat?" ⁵³ Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ "For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶ "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and

I in him. ⁵⁷ "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.

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:

WS 721 Cross of Jesus Cross of Sorrow

Sermon

2 Corinthians 7:4-10

⁴ I am acting with great boldness toward you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with comfort. In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy. ⁵ For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted at every turn-- fighting without and fear within. ⁶ But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, ⁷ and not only by his coming but also by the comfort with which he was comforted by you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more. ⁸ For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it-- though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. ⁹ As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. ¹⁰ For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

Godly Repentance Makes Your Faith Special

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 364 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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

Numbers 6:24-25

☩ Amen.

Hymn:

LSB 712 Seek Ye First

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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 Lenten series this Wednesday evening at 7, considering “Pilate Wants Jesus to Die.” This will be our last soup supper of the Lenten season.
- **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.
- **Work Day:** There will be an organized Church Work Day on March 22nd. If the weather proves to be bad, we will have a backup date of March 29th. If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the building and grounds committee.
- **Hymns:** If you have favorite Easter Hymns you’d like to sing this year, please see the hymns sheet on the table in the narthex.

Call News:

- Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights, MI ***has accepted the call*** to Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN, and ***has returned the call*** to Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ.
- Dr. Daniel Sullivan ***is considering the call*** to serve as prof. at ILC

Upcoming Schedule:

Wednesday, March 18th Midweek Lenten Service at 7pm

Sunday, March 22nd Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Wednesday, March 25th Midweek Lenten Service at 7pm

Sunday, March 29th Redemption Palm Sunday Service at 9

712 Seek Ye First



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by



righ - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the



add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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