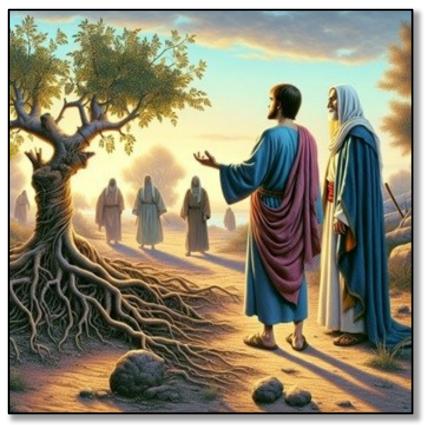


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# Divine Service III Third Sunday in Lent March 23, 2025

#### Good morning and welcome to the House of the Lord.

We pray: May the Words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

(Psalm 19:14)



+ To God Be the Glory +

## **Confession and Absolution**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P: In the name of the Father and of the  $\mathbf{\Phi}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: 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.
- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P: O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- C: Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Introit

Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

- P: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
- C: but the way of the wicked will perish.
- P: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
- C: evil may not dwell with you.
- P: The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
- C: you hate all evildoers.
- P: You destroy those who speak lies;
- C: the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

P: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

## C: I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

P: Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;

C: make your way straight before me.

## ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C: but the way of the wicked will perish.





P: Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### Sit

## **Old Testament Reading**

Ezekiel 33:7–20

<sup>7</sup>'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup>"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live,

declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>12</sup>"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup>"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **Memory Verse**

Hebrews 12:2

### "[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

#### Epistle

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it

#### 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

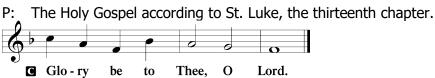
P: This is the Word of the Lord.

## C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

## **Holy Gospel**

Luke 13:1-9



<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

<sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'''



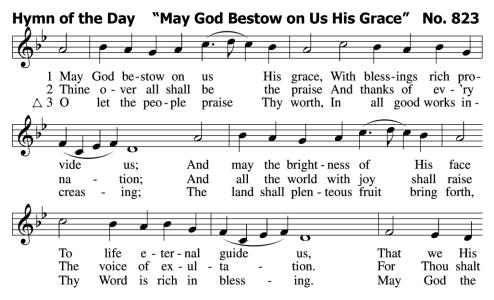
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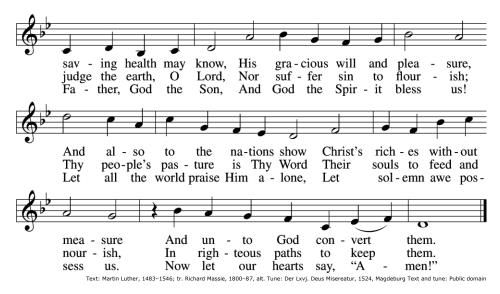
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\mathfrak{A}$  of the world to come. Amen.

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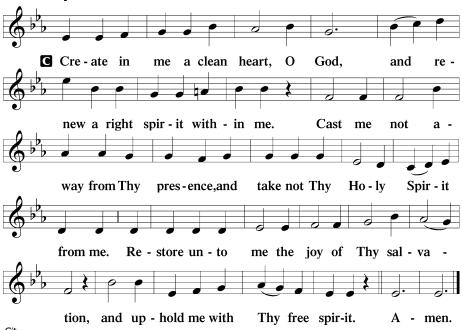


## Sermon

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- P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C: Amen.

## Offertory



## Offering

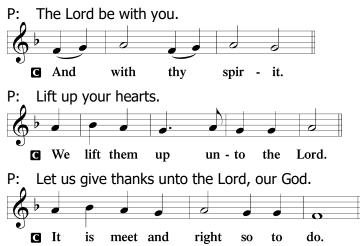
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**Prayer of the Church -** *After each petition* P: Lord, in your mercy,

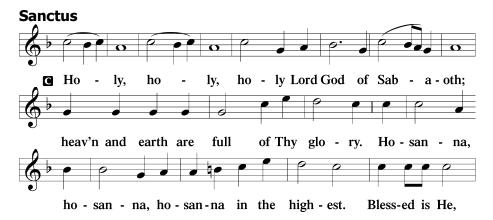
C: hear our prayer.

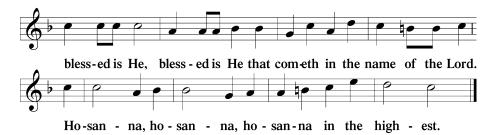
# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface



P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





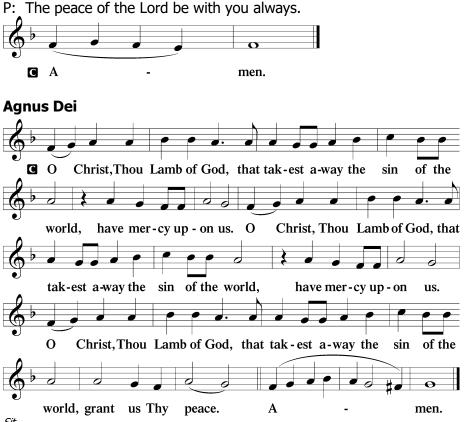
### Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

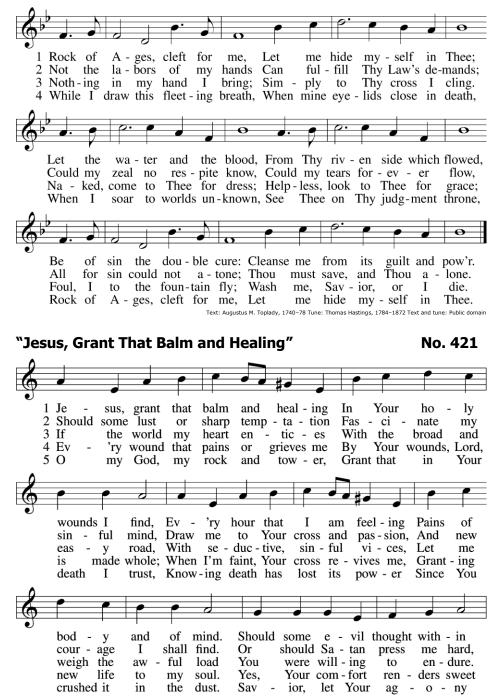
## The Words of Our Lord

# Pax Domini



#### **Distribution Hymns**

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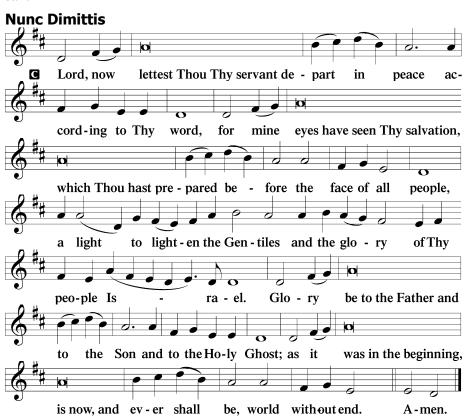


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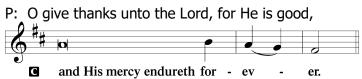
- 5 The Law is good; but since the fall Its holiness condemns us all; It dooms us for our sin to die And has no pow'r to justify.
- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee, Who from the curse has set us free, And humbly worship at His throne, Saved by His grace through faith alone.



Stand



## Thanksgiving



- P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.



## Benedicamus



## Benediction



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**Closing Hymn** 

"Christ Be My Leader"

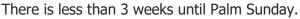
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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Larry and Rose Anstine in honor of Aspen's Birthday.

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember all who are ill or under medical care, Cindy Griffith (Debbie Smith's sister), Duane Oestmann, Barb Sweet, Marty Viller, Diana Trent, Randy Sweet, Sue Krueger, Marcie Wellday, Dana Anderson, Janet Shrewsberry, Tyler Voegele, Deanna Hegedus, David Holloway (Jim Sr's brother), Joyce Holloway, Elise Smith, Mark Eckstein (Nancy Pond's Brother), Traci Williams (Teresa Holloway's step-sister), John Harper, Vida Rood (Nancy Pond's Aunt).

Any Youth interested in participating in the Palm Sunday Service, please contact Pastor Warneke as soon as possible and let him know what you would like to do (play an instrument, sing, etc.).







Palm Sunday and Italian Dinner: Members of the Youth Group will be helping participate in the Palm Sunday Service on April 13<sup>th</sup>. And following the church service, they will be serving an Italian Dinner consisting of Lasagna, Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and drinks! It will be a free-will offering, and all funds raised will go to

help them attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer! Bring the family for lots of good food and fellowship!



Volleyball Night in the Redeemer gym is **March 24<sup>th</sup>** starting at 6:00 pm. All high school and adults are invited to join the fun.



March 30<sup>th</sup> is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday so it is Potluck time! Please bring a dish or two to share.

**ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS:** It's that time again! Thrivent members you have until March 31<sup>st</sup> to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to your favorite charity, including Redeemer Lutheran Church. **Choice Dollars must be designated each year.** 

You have 2 options by which to direct your "choice dollars":

- 1) by phone, call 1-800-847-4836 and follow the voice prompt
- or 2) by computer at Thrivent.com.



Once again we will adorn our Altar with Lilies on Easter Sunday. If you would like to contribute to the beautiful display, please use the sign-up sheet in the entryway. The cost will be \$19.00 and the last day to sign up will be March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Parish Life at Trinity** - Judy Ray sent an email with information and an invitation to let Redeemer know that Parish Life at Trinity has game/pitch night every **2nd Friday of the month.** She wants to let Redeemer know they are welcome to come and play. They start out with a potluck at **5:30 pm** and then play games after most are finished with eating. The next time will be on the **11th of April.** 

## •Parish Life Committee at Trinity Lutheran Church and School

are planning several events and wanted to invite Redeemer's members to participate.

# • Redeemer Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran Churches are taking an outing to the ballpark!

Wind Surge Baseball Outing (Wichita) Friday, April 25, 6:35 p.m. Wind Surge vs. Springfield Cardinals

Tickets are  $\sim$ \$16-18 each with cheaper options if we get at least 25 people to sign up. Many attendees are willing to carpool. We'll start a sign-up in early April.

## Save the date!

Redeemer Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran Churches are celebrating the end of summer with an outing to Camp Horizon. Saturday, August 9 starting time TBD, potluck picnic lunch ~12 p.m. @ Camp Horizon, Arkansas City More details later this summer!

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – FIRST READING: Isaiah 12 SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 GOSPEL: Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

	THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER	
TODAY:	9:00 am Sunday School	
	10:15 am Divine Service with Holy Communion	
MONDAY:	6:00 pm Volleyball Night	
WEDNESDAY:	1:00 pm Midweek Service	
	6:00 pm Catechism Class	
	7:00 pm Midweek Service	
NEXT SUNDAY:	9:00 am Sunday School	
	10:15 am Divine Service without Holy Communion	
$\rightarrow$ $\rightarrow$ $\rightarrow$ After Service: 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck Lunch		
	8:00 am Lutheran Hour on 1280 AM	
	10:30 am Lutheran Hour on 95.9 FM	
	THOSE SERVING AT REDEEMER	
Officiating Elder:	Raymond Rahn	
Altar Committee:	Rose Anstine, Lacy Colquhoun, Wendy Thomson	
Greeter:	Rose Anstine	
Acolyte:	Cara Cales	
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#### **STEWARDSHIP**

## March 12, 2023 - Midweek- Worship - 21

Concordia Academy Wichita - \$247.00

March 16, 2023 - Worship - 63

Budget Needs Weekly - \$2,932.62 Home Budget Offering - \$3180.00

Shekels for a Seminarian - \$12.00