



Fourth SUNDAY IN LENT

Joy in New Life

Thursday & Sunday, March 24 & 27, 2022

As We Gather

The Christian life is not without its trials and troubles. Some of them are caused by the fact that we belong to the Lord in a world still unfriendly to His purpose. Yet the Christian life is not without joy. This joy proceeds not from an easy life or a life that fulfills all our wants and desires but rather flows from Christ, from His work of reconciliation, for His forgiveness of all our sins, and from our reconciliation with the Father.

Hearing this Gospel every Sunday is meant in part to rescue our hearts from anxiety and despair and restore to us the joy of our salvation. Today we pray that we not only recall this cause for joy but preserve this joy no matter what twists and turns life brings us.

✘ PREPARATION ✘

10:45 AM Pre-Service Song “Jesus Messiah”

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *LSB* 686

8:15 AM Baptism

10:45 AM Baptism & Confirmation

10:45 AM Opening Song “How Great Is Our God”

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C: and cleanse me from my sin!

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

C: according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. *Silence for meditation and reflection.*

P: Merciful Father, **C: we beg You, O Lord, to have mercy upon us sinners. Though we deserve nothing of Your kindness, deliver us according to the mercy You have promised in Your Son, Jesus Christ, and restore us as Your own sons and daughters. Forgive us all our sins, create in us new and contrite hearts, and instill in us the will and desire for all that is good and right and true. Make us to know Your will and grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. To the impenitent and unbelieving I declare that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive your sins and will visit your iniquity upon you until you turn from your sinful ways, come to repentance, and trust in the merits of Jesus Christ alone. **C: Amen.**

P: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

Litany of Repentance

P: O Lord, who came to call sinners to repentance,

C: call them still that they may yet answer.

P: Be merciful even to those who have no excuse for their sins

C: but have hated You and the Father who sent You.

P: Lord, who met the hardness of the thief,

C: soften the hearts of all who are impenitent.

P: You who did restore the woman caught in sin,

C: restore all those who have fallen away from You.

P: You who called Zacchaeus from the sycamore tree,

C: arouse the careless and arrest the curious.

P: You who spoke words of spirit and life,

C: enlighten the ignorant and teach them Your way.

P: Dispel the darkness of prejudice and correct all error;

C: establish Your people in the truth of Your Gospel.

P: You who called St. Matthew from the love of money,

C: deliver all who live in slavery to the world.

P: You who prayed for those who crucified You,

C: look in compassion upon those who persecute Your servants.

P: You who called out many devils,

C: set free by Your grace all who are victims of their lies and ways.

P: You who met with mercy the doubts of St. Thomas,

C: deal gently with those who can scarcely believe.

P: You who saved St. Peter from drowning,

C: rescue all those who are weak and fearful.

P: You who proclaimed deliverance to the captives,

C: release the prisoners from the bonds of their sins.

P: You who made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak,

C: open deaf ears to the voice of Your Word and loosen our tongues to confess.

P: You who raised the dead to life,

C: quicken our souls by Your Holy Spirit to lives of faith and righteousness.

P: You who came to save Your people from their sins,

C: save us, O Lord, who put our trust in You.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us. **C: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P: Lord, have mercy upon us. **C: Save us, O Lord, for the sake of Your name. Amen.**

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You are the giver of all good gifts and have given us Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. Deliver us from our sin and restore to us the joy of our salvation, that having received such mercy, we need not surrender to despair anymore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. **C: Amen.**

Announcement of the Day

P: The readings for the Fourth Sunday in Lent fill us with a cause for joy. From the prophet Isaiah comes the song of joy in the God who has become our Savior. In the Epistle, we are reminded that in Christ we are a whole new creation. In the familiar parable of the prodigal son, or, better named, the parable of the waiting father, we see the mercy of God that welcomes His wandering children back, forgives them of their sins, and restores them to be His own children again.

8:15 & 10:45 AM Special Music “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *arr. by Douglas E. Wagner*. Performed by Handbells.

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 12:1–6*

(after the reading)...

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *2 Corinthians 5:16–21*

(after the reading)...

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

10:45 AM Song of Praise “You Never Let Go”

L: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Holy Gospel *Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. *(after the reading)...*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message and Celebrate Song 🎵

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of the Day "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" *LSB 915*

10:45 AM Sermon Song "Too Good To Not Believe"

Sermon

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Apostles' Creed

Prayer of the Church

P: *(after each petition)*... Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Lord's Prayer

ALL Services: Offertory "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
LSB 425 stz. 1, 4

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

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God.**

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Closing Hymn "God Loved the World So That He Gave" *LSB 571*

10:45 AM Closing Song "Graves Into Gardens"

Today we welcome Redeemer's newest members:

✠ By Baptism, **Cameela Marie Farias**. Parents are Agustin Farias & Sara Van Meter. Sponsors are Matthew Van Meter, Cindee Suhr, and Joel Van Meter.

✠ By Baptism and Adult Confirmation, **Doug Moore**. 2963 Chestnut Ave., Sioux City, IA 51104. Phone 712-253-7359.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! A cordial welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. We are happy to have you share the joy of this Lord's Day with us. A special welcome to those worshiping with us for the first time. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know more about our congregation, please speak to a pastor after service or call the church at 712.276.1125.

Our worship services will continue to be available, traditional &/or contemporary, on our website: www.redeemersiouxcity.com or you can like us on Facebook or find us on YouTube.

Children's Bulletins and Quiet Bags are in the back of the church. Please place the Quiet Bags in the plastic container (next to the bags) when finished. Thank You!

Large-Print Bulletins and hearing devices are available from Ushers.

Please take home, or discard into a waste basket, your church bulletins as you leave the sanctuary. Thank You

Prayer requests may be shared with the Prayer Leader in the Choir Loft after service. We also welcome prayer requests through our church e-mail: redemerchurchsc@gmail.com. You don't have to be a member to request prayers.

If you would like to give a charitable donation, you may drop off at the church or mail to RLC, 3204 S. Lakeport, Sioux City, IA 51106.

Please stop by Care Corner to sign *birthday* cards for Carol Bobolz and Jan Null.

Altar Flowers are given by Ross & Jenny Stephen in honor of Jan Null's 80th Birthday on April 6th.

Pulpit Flowers are given by Terry Hansen and family in memory of Dick.

Gracious thank you for your prayers, cards, and best wishes during my illness. I am Blessed! ~ ~ Barb Jorgensen

Thank you for all the prayers and well wishes you have extended on our behalf. We are both doing well. God has been good to us. ~ ~ Sincerely, Gary & Eileen Bumsted.

Today we welcome the Gideons. They'll give us an update after each of our services. They'll also take a few minutes at the beginning of Bible class to answer any questions that we might have for them.

For the next couple of weeks, we'll be taking a special offering for the support and help of the displaced Ukrainians. We have missionaries in the neighboring countries that are working directly with the refugees. 100 percent of every donation you give goes directly to their support through our church workers in the mission field. **Mission Central** is heading this effort so please make your gifts to Mission Central or write '*Displaced Ukrainians*' on your check memo if writing a check to Redeemer. Please see either pastor if you have questions.

Iowa District West is working with the tornado victims in the Winterset, IA area. The district will let us know if there is something that we can do to help. We'll share more information as it becomes available to us.

Volunteer Opportunities! Prayerfully consider serving the Lord by volunteering to be a worship assistant. We are in need of men and women to fill the following worship assistant positions. No experience is necessary! We will train you! **USHERS-** Looking for people to assist the Pastors in people management during services such as seating, collection of offerings, and maintaining a safe and welcoming environment while worshipping. **TECHNOLOGIST-** Looking for people to run the service projected on the big screen. **GREETERS-** Looking for people to welcome members/guests at worship entrances prior to worship services. If interested, sign-up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary.

Join our Lenten Services on Wednesday's, 11:30 AM & 7 PM: In this service for Week 4 of Lent in our *In View of God's Mercy* series, we look at our lives through the lens of God's love toward us in the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. In this service, we will come to understand that within the communities God has placed us, we are given the grace to treat one another as Christ has cared for us in his love and mercy. We will also have a Lenten meal served at Noon & 5-6:45 PM. (*Free-will offering & Carry-outs available*)

A T-bone steak fundraiser for St. Paul's Lutheran School is being held presently. T-bones are 2 for \$15, similar in size to last year (about 10 oz each). We have them available in our kitchen freezer. You can buy a whole case for \$120 if you wish. Talk to either pastor, or during the week ask at the office. ~~Pastor Zirpel

Redeemer Library News: The reading contest has ended. The Super Readers are Eliana Engel, Jeremiah Jessen, Hayden Kunze, Zachary Peterson, Evan Shrauner, and Charlotte Stai. Their prizes were McDonald's gift cards. Congratulations!

To Receive reminders and important information please add all the following groups that apply to you. Remind Groups:

Redeemer Middle School (text "@redeemms" to 81010)

Redeemer High School (text "@redeemyg" to 81010)

Redeemer Young Adults (text "@rlcya" to 81010)

Rock Sunday (text "@redeemsun" to 81010)

Rock Wednesday (text "@redeemrock" to 81010)

Redeemer Family Events (text "@redeemfam" to 81010)

Redeemer Lutheran Church (text "@rlc3204" to 81010)

Today is Food Sunday at Redeemer! We welcome your gifts of nonperishable food for Redeemer's Food Shelf, as well as monetary gifts to the Orphan Grain Train and Redeemer's Food Shelf. If you or someone you know is in need of food, please see either pastor or stop in the church office. Thank you!

Thrivent Members with Choice Dollars to Direct: If you have 2021 choice dollars that have not been directed, you must direct them before March 31, 2022, or you lose them. They do not carry over!

You have more choice dollars to direct after each quarter (March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31). Mark Your Calendar!! To direct your Choice Dollars, call Home Office at 1-800-847-4836 or you can direct them online at www.thrivent.com.

Spring Rally- Sioux City Zone: Saturday, April 2nd, Calvary Lutheran Church. Registration/Coffee 9:00-9:30 AM. Featuring Sharon Ann Irwin-she will be sharing how the OGT movement is a loving response to Jesus' example as a servant and His love for us. Luncheon to follow.

Her Health Women's Center Annual Fundraising Banquet will be on Tuesday, April 5th, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, with special guest, Mark Schultz. Contact Karen Grieme to register 402-906-9094.

Palm Sunday Brunch (April 10th): Bethany Lutheran Church (1201 Dubuque St., Sioux City) 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Come for worship at 10:00 a.m. and stay for brunch.

If you have "new" flats (lids) and/or new/used canning rings (narrow or wide), you no longer need, we would gladly accept your donation. Just put in a sack or box and place outside Pastor Zirpel's door. Canning jars also accepted. ~~Thank You!

HyVee Receipts & Ink have a new home. They got moved into the office. There are baskets on top of the filing cabinet where you can place your items. If for some reason the door is locked please place your item behind the open/closed sign on the door. Thanks for your help! If you have any questions please ask Angie, Office Manager.

Recently, we collected Mites for special LWML projects in the US and around the world. If you didn't have the opportunity to give, there are "LWML" mite boxes at the north and south entrances. Please give generously.

Additional Listening on Sundays:

1. Good Shepherd Hour- 8:00 AM KSCJ
2. Lutheran Hour- 8:30 AM KSCJ
3. Main Street Living- 10:00 AM KCAU, Channel 9.

March 27 airing - This is the Life – “Awake With a Stranger” - A guilt-ridden man is confronted and haunted by a lapse in judgement. Worship Service – Rev. David Daumer of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Ireton, IA, and Faith Lutheran Church in Orange City, IA, delivers the message “Powerful Stories” based on Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32. If you would like to watch **Main Street Living** at a different time other than Sunday morning, 10:30, you can log on to the website (www.mainstreetliving.com). Just hit “Sioux City.”

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Always clearly mark your “special” offerings, so that the office can make sure that you are credited properly. Missionary support is always sent to Mission Central (Gary Thies, Mapleton, IA) through Redeemer Lutheran Church. Your quarterly statements will reflect your “special” offerings if clearly marked.

Redeemer's Missionaries of the year for 2022 are the Adam Lehman Family and the JJ Wolf Family. Contributions may be made to their accounts to Redeemer Lutheran and earmarked as such at any time. Contributions are then sent through Mission Central (Gary Thies, Mapleton) by Redeemer. Thanks for your consideration!

God bless you and be safe! Redeemer Lutheran Church Leadership Council, Elders, & Staff.

Youth Collecting Cans & Bottles! Please bring in all your RINSED IOWA 5¢ cans and bottles (**PLASTIC ONLY-NO GLASS**) and place in the containers outside the Youth Room Door! Thank You!

Building Healthy Families: “Don’t worry, be happy!” Do you recall that catchy little tune from the 80’s? Repeatedly, God tells us not to worry, but sometimes that’s easier said than done. When you’re feeling worried, go first to God’s Word. Consider writing out some of the verses that speak about worry and offer words of comfort. To get you started, check out Psalm 23:4; John 14:27; Matthew 6:25+; Romans 8:31; Isaiah 41:10. Lutheran Family Service also provides counseling services, consistent with our Christian faith, to assist people struggling with worry, trauma, and anxiety. **Lutheran Family Service** - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

SERVING THIS WEEK- (March 24 & 27, 2022): **USHERS: 8:15 AM- Team 4** (Gary Kitzmann, Dave Albrecht, James Bailey, Dick Braun, Dale Henningsen, Doug Stucky, Wyatt Stucky); **10:45 AM- Team 7** (Dave Schlotman, Scott Bowman, Steve Dirks, Brian Owens). **ACOLYTES- Sunday 8:15 AM- open. 10:45 AM- Cody Schutte. Technologist: Thurs. 6:30 PM- TBD; Sun. 8:15 AM- TBD; 10:45 AM- TBD.** **COUNTING TEAM: #3** (Bobolz's & Schmith's). **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Karen Vock & Lorelee Fink

Midweek Lent – Week 4 (March 30, 2022): **USHERS: Team 4. Acolytes: 7 PM-** (Asher Willson & Sloane Willson). **Technologist: 11:30 AM- Gary Judd; 7 PM- David Senstad**

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (March 31 & April 3, 2022): **USHERS: 8:15 AM- Team 1** (Marc Benson, Kelly Bucy, Larry Nelson); **10:45 AM- Team 8** (Mark Boyd, Loren Field, Rick Lieber). **ACOLYTES- Sunday 8:15 AM- Jacob Runge Dill. 10:45 AM- Xavier Young. Technologist: Thurs. 6:30 PM- TBD; Sun. 8:15 AM- TBD; 10:45 AM- TBD.** **COUNTING TEAM: #4** (Fink & Buckley). **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Youth

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending March 20, 2022

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 25+118+155=298 (20%)

Adult Bible Study: 28; ROCK Sun: 35; ROCK Wed: 14

Sudanese: 12; Lent: 58; 72

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
Mar. 20, 2022	\$18,341	\$14,046	131%
Year-to-date	\$212,992	\$168,557	126%

Building Fund Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Total
\$6,470	\$0	\$6,470

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, March 27, 2022

FOOD SUNDAY

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Service

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation

9:30 AM ROCK Sunday

1:00- 3 PM Sudanese Worship

4:00- 6 PM Pickleball

Monday, March 28, 2022

9:00 AM Quilting

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

1:30 PM Staff Bible Study/Mtg

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

11:30 AM Lenten Service

12:15 PM Lenten Meal: *Soup & Sandwiches*-hosted by Bibi's Hope

1:00- 3 PM Pickleball

5-6:45 PM Lenten Meal

5:00-7 PM Midweek

5:00-7 PM Rock Wednesday

6:00 PM Handbells

7:00 PM Lenten Service

8 PM Adult Choir

Thursday, March 31, 2022

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion

Friday, April 1, 2022

9:00 AM - Noon Food Shelf

Saturday, April 2, 2022

9:00 AM LWML Sioux City Zone Spring Rally

Sunday, April 3, 2022

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation

9:30 AM ROCK Sunday

1:00- 3 PM Sudanese Worship

4:00- 6 PM Pickleball

Midweek Lenten & Holy Week Worship Services at Redeemer

Wednesday, March 30

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Assorted Soups, Sandwiches, and Desserts

hosted by Bibi's Hope Committee

Wednesday, April 6

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Lasagna

hosted by Handbells/Choir

Palm Sunday, April 10

Worship 6:30 PM Thurs., April 7; 8:15, 10:45 AM Sun., April 10

Theme: 'Mercy in Palms'

Maundy Thursday, April 14

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship with Holy Communion

Theme: 'Mercy in Bread and Wine'

Good Friday, April 15

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

and 7 PM Youth "Silent Drama"

Theme: 'Mercy in the Cross'

Easter Sunday, April 17

6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, & 10:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Theme: 'Mercy in the Open Tomb'

7:30-10:00 AM Redeemer Youth serve Easter Breakfast

*(*Wednesday meals served at Noon & 5-6:45 PM~ free-will offering and Carry-outs available.)*