



**Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

*I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15*

## Invocation and Call to Worship

- P: The protecting presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, the power of God the Father, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: Amen.**
- P: Spread your protection over us
- C: That those who love your name may exult in you. (Psalm 5:11)**
- P: May the Lord answer us in the day of trouble!
- C: May the name of the God of Jacob protect us! (Psalm 20:1)**
- P: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
- C: Is God in his holy habitation. (Psalm 68:5)**
- P: Spread your wings over your servants,
- C: For you are a redeemer. (Ruth 3:9)**
- P: In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
- C: For you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. (Psalm 4:8)**

**Opening Hymn** .... "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"  
(O Du Liebe Meiner Liebe 87 87 D) LSB 423

## Confession and Forgiveness

- P: Lord Jesus, our protecting friend, hear us as we confess our sins.
- C: Forgive me, Jesus, from the sin that assails my heart and soul.**
- P: Protect me from the punishment that my sin rightly brings.
- C: Have mercy on me, Lord Jesus, for the times that I have failed to protect others.**
- P: Undo the hurts that I have caused with my sinful words and actions.
- C: Lead me away from the dangerous way of rebellion.**
- P: Lead me, Jesus, in paths of righteousness for your name's sake.
- C: Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

*(Please silently reflect on the danger of sin and the protecting forgiveness of Jesus.)*

- P: Your friend Jesus does indeed have mercy! Jesus protects you from the punishment of sin as he has lived for you, died for you, risen for you, and now forgives you of all of your sins. His mercy provides protection, and his salvation makes you new. Rejoice now in the protecting presence and forgiveness of your friend Jesus. **C: What a friend we have in Jesus.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Mighty Savior and fortress of my soul...one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading ... *Psalm 121:1-8***

**Epistle Reading ... *2 Thessalonians 3:3-4***

**Gospel Reading ... *John 14:18-27***

**Sermon Hymn ... "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**  
(Ein Feste Burg 87 87 55 56 7) *LSB 656*

## Sermon

## Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards

## Prayers

P: Mighty fortress, protector and friend, our Lord and Savior, Jesus: we come before you in prayer. Incline your ear to us and hear the prayers and petitions of your people.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Protect us from pride and arrogance, lest we think that we can live on our own apart from you.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Protect us from sin and temptation, sending us your Spirit of truth and deliverance so that we can lead lives of righteousness and holiness according to your will.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Protect the weak and vulnerable, the sojourner and fatherless, the widow and orphan and the dying.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Protect those in warring nations and provide your perfect peace to places caught in the midst of warfare and strife.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Protect those who are charged with the task of protecting others—police, firefighters, soldiers, parents, caretakers and all others whose task it is to protect and serve their neighbors.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Protect us from ingratitude and indifference so that we can always thank and praise you for all your goodness and mercy.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer and protect us unto eternity. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Benediction**

P: Go now with the peace and power, the protection and provision of your friend, Jesus. The Lord bless and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

**C: What a friend we have in Jesus!**

**Closing Hymn ... "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"**  
(St. Peter CM) LSB 524

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## *Midweek Lenten & Holy Week Worship Services at Redeemer*

### **Wednesday, April 2**

**11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship**

\*Meal: Hotdogs & Taverns

*hosted by KinderCottage Preschool*

### **Wednesday, April 9**

**11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship**

\*Meal: Lasagna

*hosted by Choir / Handbells*

### **Palm Sunday, April 13**

**Worship 6:30 PM Thursday,**

**April 10; 8:15, 10:45 AM**

**Sunday, April 13**

### **Maundy Thursday, April 17**

**11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship**

**with Holy Communion**

### **Good Friday, April 18**

**11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship**

### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

**6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, & 10:30 AM**

**Worship with Holy**

**Communion**

*7:30-10 AM Redeemer Youth*

*serve Easter Breakfast*

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