

# Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

*Third Sunday in Lent*

March 8, 2026            9:00 a.m.



## WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MISSION STATEMENT

*We live in God's amazing grace,  
We welcome all to worship,  
We learn and serve as Christ teaches us.*

### Hymn 533            ***"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"***

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!
  
- 2 Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;  
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!
  
- 3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown;  
let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
so that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.
  
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine;  
howsoe'er temptations thicken, may thy word still o'er me shine  
as my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.
  
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;  
may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

### GREETING:

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## DIALOGUE - (WOV Page 46)

P: The word is near you,

**C: on your lips and in your heart.**

P: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

**C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,  
You will be saved.**

P: Faith comes from what is heard,

**C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

## SCRIPTURE SONG – (WOV Page 47)



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

**C: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir Anthem

CHILDREN'S TIME

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## WORD

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FIRST READING: *Exodus 17:1-7*

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: *Psalms 95* (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup> For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup> For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

<sup>8</sup> **"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup> There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup> **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,**

**'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

<sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.' "

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - (WOV Page 48)

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip-tures.

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

The Holy Gospel according to John the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL READING: *John 4:5-42*

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and

come back.”<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,<sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”<sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”<sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.<sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.<sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.<sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’<sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.      **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Zane Anderson

Hymn 803

***“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”***

(Offering received)

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD - (WOV Page 49-50)

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: Pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God.

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away;  
behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

OFFERTORY - (WOV Page 50-51, Verse 2 & Refrain) Offering brought forward



*(Advent to Transfiguration)* Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
*(Lent to Pentecost)* Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
*(Season after Pentecost)* Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

OFFERTORY PRAYER - (WOV Page 51)

P: Let us pray. Gracious God,

**C:** in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS - (WOV Page 52)

P: As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

P: Hear us O God,

**C: Response - your mercy is great.**

LORD'S PRAYER - (WOV Page 52)

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

BLESSING

Hymn 618

*"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"*

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.

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**DISMISSAL**

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P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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**VIDEO BROADCAST:** In memory of our son, Erland, who would have turned 46 on March 7<sup>th</sup>, given by his parents.

**AVAILABLE BROADCASTS:** If you would like to sponsor a video broadcast in honor of, in memory of, in appreciation of, or in celebration of a loved one, please call or email the Church Office.

**Video:** \$25

May – 3, 24	July – 5, 12, 19
June – 7	August – 2, 30

**THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER’S:**

*Sunday:* 9:00 AM – Worship  
10:00 AM – Coffee Hour / Sunday School

*Monday:* 9:00 AM – Faithfully Fit Forever  
6:00 PM – Council Meeting

*Tuesday:* 9:00 AM – “The Chosen” Bible Study  
1:00 PM – Knitting (Library)

*Wednesday:* 9:00 AM – Faithfully Fit Forever / Staff / Quilting  
3:00 PM – Joyful Noise  
5:00 PM – Celebration Ringers  
6:15 PM – Choir Practice  
7:00 PM – Lenten Worship

*Thursday:* 1:00 PM – Knitting (Library)

*Friday:* 9:00 AM – Faithfully Fit Forever

*Sunday:* 9:00 AM – Worship w/ Holy Communion  
10:00 AM – Coffee Hour / Sunday School  
2:00 PM – Sons of Norway

**COFFEE HOUR:** Thank you to Gene & Dianne Doscher for serving coffee & treats today! The proceeds will go to the Boiler Project. If you would be willing to serve and bring treats for coffee hour, please sign up on the clipboard in the back of the Sanctuary (coffee area).

**FLOWERS UP FRONT:** The flowers on the credence table are given in memory of our son, Erland Herfindahl who would have turned 46 on March 7<sup>th</sup>, given by his parents.

**GIVING STATEMENTS:** are available! If you would like a copy, please request your copy by emailing [orlcstaf@hotmail.com](mailto:orlcstaf@hotmail.com) or calling the church office at 320-843-3151, we can mail yours if requested!

**BOILER PROJECT UPDATE:** To repair the boilers at the Church will cost around \$65,000. The Sonsteng Foundation has graciously granted us \$25,000 for the project. From now until March

31<sup>st</sup> the Our Redeemer's Trust Fund will match every donation given towards this project up to \$10,000. Please memo any gifts towards this project as "Boiler Project." Thank You!

**PALM SUNDAY PROGRAM:** The Music and Worship team is planning another Palm Sunday evening program for the community on March 29, 2026 at 7:00 pm. It will be choir music, drama, Scripture and Lenten congregational hymns. We need choir singers, so if you like to sing, please join us for four practices on Sundays: March 8, 15, 22 & 28 at 4:00 pm in the choir loft. Contact Rachel Wilcox at 320-760-7227 if questions. Hope to see you!

**MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE:** Our local food shelf is in need of our continued support to keep their shelves full of food and ready to help families in need. Your food donations will always be welcomed, but here is another way to help your donation go even further. During the March Campaign all monetary donations are matched by Minnesota Food Share, which means every dollar goes even further. Make a donation today or anytime during the month of March. Please make check out to Our Redeemer's and memo it: "Minnesota Food Share" and we will send in a check at the end of the month. Thanks again for the many ways you support the mission and outreach of Our Redeemer's!

**WILSON FAIRCHILD - STATLER MADE - COMING TO BENSON:** On Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm, in Benson's Performing Arts Center, the dynamic country duo, Wilson Fairchild, will share music from the Statler Brothers in a performance based on their latest album: Statler Made. Known for their rich harmonies and authentic storytelling, Wilson Fairchild brings a fresh, modern twist to their sound that resonates with fans of all ages. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.vancoevents.com/us/events/landing/60049> or by calling the Community Education Office at 320-843-4545.

**PACK THE THEATRE – STOCK THE SHELVES:** There is a free community movie day supporting Prairie Five Food Shelf on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at DeMarce Theatre. The movie is Paddington, free admission. Please bring food shelf donations! Non-perishable food items or monetary donations encouraged to support the Food Shelf. This event is put on by Cool Club & Big Bend Aces 4-H in partnership with DeMarce Theatre.

**ONGOING PRAYERS FOR HEALING:** Jeff Holgate (son of Bruce & Jean Holgate), Thea Lowman (daughter of Ron & Lynne Orvik), Barb Razink (sister of Otto "Butch" Puchalski), Rick Horecka, Rick Schaaf, Rodney Kohout (son of Mary Uhden), Bobby Matthies (grandfather of Vanessa Pryne), Shirley Schueler (sister of Diane Loen & Gary Svingen), Claire Kubik (close friend of Mike & Ann Forsberg), Neil Ness (nephew of Sharon Ness), Lavon Lund, Lynette Bonnema (daughter of Dorothy Williams), Pastor Dale Degner, Kae Roebing (daughter of Sharon Ness), Deb Anderson, Eryn Patton (relative of Helen & Jim Norstedt).

**BEREAVED:** Lavon Lund

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**Ash Wednesday Worship & Sunday Attendance: 273**

**General Funds: \$7,549.85**

**Designated Funds: \$2,544.98**

**Projector Operator: Donna Tatge**

**Lay Reader: Nancy Hilleren**

**Acolyte: Sage Syltie**

**Livestreamers: Jack Kjos, Jay Alsaker, Sarah Skarsten**

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**Custodian: Lynda Giese**

**Youth Directors: Matthew & Ainsley Anderson**

**Celebration Ringers & Joyful Noise Director: Sarah Skarsten**