



Redeemer Lutheran Church

The First Sunday In Lent
Thursday, February 18, 2021 – 6:00 pm
Sunday, February 21, 2021 – 10:45 am

Family of Believers
HEBREWS 12:1-3 **Eyes ON Jesus**

Grow In Christ ♦ SHARE HIS LOVE ♦ Encourage

Our Mission Statement: *“As Christians based on the solid foundation of God’s Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit we strive to live out, lift up, and share our faith in Jesus Christ – welcoming all into our Family of Believers.”*

Values:
Truth, Prayer, Family of Believers, Teaching, Community Engagement, Healing/Caring, Joy

THEME: “Take Count.” Numbers follow a people. A people that mattered to God. A people entering the wilderness a time of testing and struggle. As you enter into a struggle know who you are fighting with. They entered a time of struggle with each other and with God and so do we!

CONNECT CARDS: During this COVID time, we ask that EVERYONE who worships to please fill out the Connect Card and drop it into the little house located in the Narthex as you leave. Thank you.

MASKS: Please remember that masks are to be worn over your nose and mouth at all times while you are in the building. Thank you!

+ We Come Into God’s Presence +

(*) *Those who are able are asked to stand during these parts of the Service.*

OPENING PRAYER

(*) **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *(Please stand.)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the 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.

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.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** *(Please be seated.)*

+ God Speaks to Us +

SCRIPTURE READINGS

L: The Old Testament Reading for the First Sunday in Lent is from first chapter of Numbers.

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses in the tent of meeting in the Desert of Sinai on the first day of the second month of the second year after the Israelites came out of Egypt. He said: ² "Take a census of the whole Israelite community by their clans and families, listing every man by name, one by one. ³ You and Aaron are to count according to their divisions all the men in Israel who are twenty years old or more and able to serve in the army. ⁴ One man from each tribe, each of them the head of his family, is to help you.

⁴⁵ All the Israelites twenty years old or more who were able to serve in Israel's army were counted according to their families. ⁴⁶ The total number was 603,550.

⁵⁴ The Israelites did all this just as the LORD commanded Moses.

Numbers 1:1-4, 45-46,54 NIV

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Epistle is from James, chapter one.

¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

¹³ When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

¹⁶ Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.

James 1:12-18 NIV

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. (Please stand.)

(*) HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Mark 1:9-15 NIV

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** *(Please be seated.)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MUSICAL REFLECTION "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

1 *O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.*

2 *You strove with Satan, and You won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and
trust
In God's eternal Word.*

3 *Though parched and hungry, yet You
prayed
And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves,
Since we have known God's love.*

4 *Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven's praise.*

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE "People Count"

+ We Respond To God's Word +

(*) THE 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

(*) OFFERTORY *(Please stand.) (spoken)*

**ALL: 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.**

(*) PRAYERS

P: For...let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

(*) 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.

(*) AGNUS DEI AND THANKSGIVING *(spoken)*

P: O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

C: **Have mercy upon us.**

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P: O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

C: **Grant us thy peace.**

P: O give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

C: **His mercy endures forever! Amen**

(*) THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Following the Words of Institution, we will take communion together as a Family of Believers at the same time when the Pastor speaks "Take and Eat...Take and Drink.")

(*) POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL

(Trash bags are available in the pew racks for you to dispose of the Communion packaging. Following worship, please discard your trash bag when you leave the Sanctuary).

(*) 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.** *(Please be seated.)*

CLOSING MEDITATION “My God Is With Me” – Cherub Choir

My God is with me, with me wherever I go.

My God is with me, I am never alone.

Earlier in the day and late at night my Lord walks right by my side.

My God is with me, with me wherever I go.

My God is with me, I am never alone.

When I am weak, he makes me strong; my Lord's with me all day long.

My God is with me, with me wherever I go.

My God is with me, I am never alone, I am never alone.

I am never alone. My God is with me.

(The Ushers will dismiss you. We encourage you to socialize outside following social distance guidelines.)

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY!

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Live Stream Worship Sundays at 8 am on:

Facebook page: Redeemer Lutheran Church - Rochester, MN

YouTube: RLC - Family of Believers

Indoor Worship with Communion: (*Sanctuary*)

Thursdays at 6 pm and **Sundays** at 10:45 am

DIGGING DEEPER

✠ Join a Life Group or use materials located on the website under the Life Group heading.

✠ Adult Education—watch live (or later) on Sundays at 9:30 am via our Facebook and YouTube channels.

Weekly Announcements and Highlights

Special Prayer Opportunities:

Health Concerns:

✠ Gloria Nihart, Roger Brand, Lee Nauss, John Sprenger, Mary Frances Burton, Tom Burton, Dick Miller, Lester Clapp, Betty Mueller, Bob Trebble, Al Schacht, Jennifer Pralle

Receiving Hospice Care:

✠ Eldora Krueger

Grieving:

✠ Harold Mellem and his family upon the recent death of his wife, Katharina “Kathy”.

Courage:

✠ For fellow Christians living in persecution in many parts of the world.

Praying for our Family of Believers:

✠ Bob and Carol Sonnabend

✠ Jonathan Collopy

✠ Robert and Jacquelyn Bonsi

✠ John and Shelly Potter

✠ Roger Toomey

✠ Dorothy Bornmann

✠ Doug Koepsell

✠ Arnie and Kay Fockler

✠ Bryce and Emilie Domaille, Lydia, Isaac and Elayna

PRAYER CHAINS – If you have a prayer request, call Gail Sim (289-2087), the church office (289-5147), or send an email to Lori Hameister at littlebitmoo@gmail.com.



MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Mid-Week: February 24

Livestream WORSHIP: 4:15 pm

Theme: “Into The Ordinary “

Scripture: Mark 2:18-4:34

Mid-Week: March 3

Livestream WORSHIP: 4:15 pm

Theme: “Into The Whole World”

Scripture: Mark 4:35-6:13

Mid-Week: March 10

Livestream WORSHIP: 4:15 pm

Theme: “Into The Emptiness”

Scripture: Mark 6:14-8:21



This Week At Redeemer

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

WORSHIP —Livestream-8 am
 Sunday School—In Person—9:15 am
 SS Virtual (3 and 4 yrs. - 9:30 am)
 SS Virtual (Kindergarten/Grades 1 & 2) - 10 am
WORSHIP—Indoor—10:45 am
 SS Virtual (Grades 3-6) - 11:30 am
 SS Virtual (Grades 7-12) - 11:30 am
 Alleluia Singers—1:45 pm
 Partners in Christ CC—ZOOM—6:30 pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Quilters—NFH—8:00 am

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Men's Bible Study—Zoom - 9:00 am
 Faithfully Fit Exercise—SFH—9:30 am
 Staff Meeting—Sanctuary—9:30 am
 Couples in Christ CC—6 pm
 Women's Bible Study—7 pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

WORSHIP—Livestream—4:15 pm
 Cherub Choir—Zoom—6 pm
 1st Year Confirmation—Choir Rm—6:15 pm
 2nd Year Confirmation—SFH—6:15 pm
 3rd Year Confirmation—NFH—6:15 pm
 Angelic Chimes—Zoom—6:30 pm
 Sounds of Praise—Zoom—7 pm
 Distance Confirmation—ZOOM—7:30 pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Faithfully Fit Exercise—SFH—9:30 am
WORSHIP—Indoor—6:00 pm
 Malachi CC—NFH—6:30 pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Library Committee- Library—9:30am

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

WORSHIP —Livestream-8 am
 Sunday School—In Person—9:15 am
 SS Virtual (3 and 4 yrs. - 9:30 am)
 SS Virtual (Kindergarten/Grades 1 & 2) - 10 am
WORSHIP—Indoor—10:45 am
 SS Virtual (Grades 3-6) - 11:30 am
 SS Virtual (Grades 7-12) - 11:30 am
 Alleluia Singers—1:45 pm

Quick Notes

- ★ **WEEKLY E-NEWS BLAST:** If you are not receiving our weekly announcement updates on Thursday in your email inbox, please contact the church office to get signed-up.
- ★ **ELDER READING DRIVE:** If you would like to receive a weekly email from our Elders spotlighting our theme and scripture readings for the coming weekend, please contact the church office (507-289-5147 or office@redeemer-rochester.com).

Blessed to Serve

Preaching..... Pastor Adam Koglin
Organist..... April Beckman, DPM
Children's Message
Elder: 6:00 pm..... Jeff Ihrke
 8:00 am Tim Kanne
 10:45 amRandy Hellickson
Lector: 6:00 pm.....Carolyn Walk
 8:00 am Virginia Miller

10:45 amMegan Grudem

Technology:

6:00 pm..... Chris Senne
 8:00 am..... Dan Zeccardi
 10:45 am.....Megan Grudem

Ushers:

6:00 pm..... Ric Thieke
 10:45 am.....Carole Sorenson

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