

REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH



Fourth Sunday in Lent
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ONLINE WORSHIP: www.redeemermpls.org/online-worship

Gathering

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

TFF 74

L: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;

C: God's greatness is unsearchable.

L: O Lord, you are just in all your ways, faithful in all your works.

C: You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you in truth.

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The Word

PSALM 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want

2 The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

3 You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us.

A: By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please Rise

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

TFF pg. 32

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING John 9:1-41

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began

to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

L: The Gospel of Our Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SERMON HYMN*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me | TFF 66***SERMON****CONFESSION
OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

**PRAYERS OF
INTERCESSION**

*Lord, Listen to Your
Children Praying,
TFF 247*

Lord, Listen to your children praying; Lord, send your spirit on this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

P: Hear us, O God

All: ...Your mercy is great

**THE 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.

Sending

BENEDICTION

ELW 221

Now is the acceptable time.

Now is the day of salvation.

Holy God,

speaking, spoken, and inspiring,

✠ bless you, unbind you,

and send you in love and in peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

May God's Peace be with you 'til we meet again (x2)

'Til we reach that distant shore; where we'll shed a tear no more

May God give you strength to endure 'til we meet again (x2)

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) UPDATE:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Redeemer has decided, under the guidance of our Executive Council and Pastor Kelly and in keeping with CDC and WHO best practices, to limit office hours (10a-2p Mon-Thu, closed Fri-Sun) and move all worship online through at least March 30th. We invite you to join us for virtual services through our [Online Worship](#) portal, or via [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

We are also canceling Wednesday evening Lent suppers & table conversations. But we invite you to ponder the questions facing Redeemer congregation about Who & What We Are through this season of transition, and share your reflections, insights, and questions on our [Google Questionnaire](#).

We will share more updates as decisions are made! Stay tuned here.

REFLECTIONS & INSIGHTS WANTED!

During this unprecedented time of anxiety, isolation, and uncertainty, *we are still the church!* While we cannot meet together in-person to share the Peace of Christ with hugs and handshakes and Redeemer's signature 15-minute hurrah, we can still gather in creative ways to share Christ's peace through our unique gifts, talents, and reflections.

During this unique time of transition *and* global pandemic, and as recipients of the priesthood of all believers, we are each called and qualified to be the church for one another. So we invite you to share poetry, songs, scriptures, paintings, or other words of encouragement and wisdom with the whole Redeemer community either by video or blog. You may send them to Amy at admin@redeemermpls.org and she will disseminate them to the congregation via website and facebook.

NEW CHURCH PHONE SYSTEM!

Redeemer has a new church phone system and with it new phone numbers as follows!

Main Office: 612-886-1468

Pastor's Office: 612-259-8976

Bookkeeper's Office: 612-886-1360

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:

The Redeemer Sunday School team is working to increase parent involvement, and we need YOUR help! Please fill our this [quick survey](#) online or church so that we can better support you and your K-12 child in our youth education and ministry. Parent volunteers are vital to a healthy Sunday School, and we are so grateful for all the time and talents you can give. The survey again is here: <https://forms.gle/XmDX2Ff7HFRHBHS88>

Thank you! -The Redeemer EduYouth Team

WORSHIP
LEADERSHIP

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sharon Kelly
Worship Team: Alyssa Schwitzer, Dave Scharnhorst, Traiveon Dunlap, Curtis Coats

STAFF

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sharon Kelly
Bookkeeper: Taylor Bonneville DeNaples
Music Director: Alyssa Schwitzer
Office Administrator + Communications: Amy Koopman

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

MON
3/23

TUE
3/24

WED
3/25

THU
3/26

FRI
3/27

SAT
3/28

SUN
3/29

**ALL HEALTH MONDAY, TUESDAY, and THURSDAY HEALTH COMMONS SERVICES & ACTIVITIES
CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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