

**redeemer**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
1800 Glenwood Ave. Minneapolis, MN 55405



**First Sunday of Lent**  
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## WELCOME

If this is your first time visiting Redeemer, we're glad you're here and welcome just as you are. We'd love to say hello! [redeermpls.org/connect](https://redeermpls.org/connect)

## LIVESTREAM

Redeemer live streams each worship service via Zoom. You may join at <https://tinyurl.com/2p8ua7zw> (Passcode: Redeemer) or view our service on facebook [facebook.com/redeermpls](https://facebook.com/redeermpls)

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Jen Collins

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## WORSHIP HYMNALS

Worship hymnals are in the pew backs in each row. TFF stands for This Far by Faith and is the burgundy hymnal. ELW stands for Evangelical Lutheran Worship and is the cranberry red hymnal.

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CHURCH SEASON: LENT

## PRAISE + WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

L: Beloved children of God, come to worship our creator and friend!

**All: Here we are, from the soles of our feet to the souls within us. We are here to worship.**

L: Come, siblings in Christ, and attend this gathering with your body, Mind, and spirit. Be fully present with us today.

**All: From head to toe, inside and out, from our prayers to our Thoughts to our dreams, we are present to worship.**

L: And if our minds wander, our bodies fidget, or our spirits grow drowsy, what shall we do?

**All: We shall worship in wandering, fidgeting, and drowsiness, for we can find God in our very breath. Come now, let us worship!**

### Gathering Song: *Guide My Feet* (TFF 153)

1. Guide my feet while I run this race. [3x]  
For I don't want to run this race in vain.
2. Hold my hand while I run this race. [3x]  
For I don't want to run this race in vain.
3. Stand by me while I run this race. [3x]  
For I don't want to run this race in vain.
4. I'm your child while I run this race. [3x]  
For I don't want to run this race in vain.
5. Search my heart while I run this race. [3x]  
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

### Welcome

### Confession & Forgiveness

L: Like child Jesus, the children of the world have needs, yet today they are in crisis. Let us confess our sins and the sins of our times, so we might partner with God to bring heaven to earth.

Holy and righteous God, you have heard the cries of the children growing up without food, water, shelter, and care. We confess we have been complicit in systems that exploit children and perpetuate these grave sins. **All: Lord, have mercy.**

L: We have bought items manufactured by children. We have turned our attention from the physical and mental health care needs of children and youth. We have participated in systems that provide excellent education to some children and very little to others. We have mocked, belittled, posted, shared, and chastised the behavior of children and youth instead of cherishing their individual development and milestones. **All: Lord, have mercy.**

L: You sent Jesus to us as a child, and you continue to call us to attend to the needs of children. In our exclusion of children, we have missed out on Jesus. Forgive us, God, and call us back to a place where we will always "let the children come." Hear this good news, Our God is faithful to forgive and empower us to begin again. Receive the grace and forgiveness of God + and be at peace. From here, we take up the mantle to protect and care for the children in our community and our world once again. **Amen.**

Lent means spring, the season of Lent is accompanied by the lengthening of the days. Think of this season as a spiritual spring cleaning, a time of renewal. In this season try fasting (things not so good for you: give up unhealthy habits, less screen time) and feasting (things that nourish you: reading bible, prayer, volunteer and be in service to one another, time with family, friends)

## CHILDREN

Redeemer loves kids! Your children are welcome in worship and at the Lord's Table, and their noises are celebrated.

Pick up a Redeemer Kids Bags for your kiddos to help them engage in ways that work for them in worship. We have activity sheets, fidget items, and books. Please return the bags at the end of worship so they'll be ready next week.

## GIVING

Thank you for sustaining Redeemer! Leave a gift in the basket during offering or scan QR code to visit our online giving portal.



**Prayer of the Day:** God of ancient wisdom, **may your message to us be evident both in the words spoken and the feelings evoked. May we absorb your truths in both spirit and body so we might be transformed into your likeness. And when we are tempted to resist righteousness, help us see the good more clearly. Amen.**

## THE WORD

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Return to the Lord, your God* (TFF p33)

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:41-52**

<sup>41</sup> Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents<sup>[a]</sup> saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." <sup>49</sup> He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years<sup>[c]</sup> and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of Our Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

## Kid's Message

**Sermon:** Pastor Jen Collins

## Offering

**Responsive Hymns:** *For Your Glory*

Lord if I find favor in Your sight  
Lord please hear my hearts cry  
I'm desperately waiting to be where You are.  
I'll cross the hottest desert, 'll travel near or far

**Refrain: For Your glory I will do anything  
Just to see You, to behold You as my King (x2)**

I wanna be where You are, I gotta be where You are  
I wanna be where You are, I gotta be where You are. Refrain  
I wanna be where You are. Peace is where You are.  
Joy is where You are. And Love is who You are

## PRAYER REQUESTS

LuVene Jackson & Family  
Cheryl Branch  
Patricia Humphrey  
Claudia Runnels  
Ione Hanson  
All those homebound  
All enduring the long effects  
of Covid-19 and pandemic

## COMMUNION

All are welcome forward to receive the Sacrament. Please take a small cup from the holder, receive the bread, and choose either the wine or grape juice from the chalice poured. A gluten free option is available.

*Online from Zoom:* Please share the meal as you are able with crackers, bread and juice or wine. Know that this is *The Body of Jesus broken for you & The Blood of Jesus given for you.*

## *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me (TFF 66)*

1. I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
All along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
When my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
When my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

**Offering Prayer:** Great and righteous God, we bring these gifts together as a tangible representation of our commitment to your work here on earth. We know you are interested in the flourishing of life and creation, and we are a part of this creation project when we work together. So take these gifts and offerings and multiply them so love and justice might expand among us and in our community. Thank you for the abundance you already share with us each day because you are a faithful God. **Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession:** (God in your mercy) ...**Hear our prayer.**

## **Sharing of the Peace:**

May you be at peace in mind, peace in body, and peace with your neighbors, family, and friends. Take this moment to pass the peace of Christ.

L: The peace of Christ be with you always! **C: And also with you!**

## THE MEAL

### Words of Institution

**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.**

**Communion Hymns:** *Taste and See (TFF 126),*

**Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord,  
Of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;  
My soul shall glory in the Lord; For God has been so good to me.  
**(Refrain)**
2. Glorify the Lord at all times. Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord who answered me; From all my troubles I was set free.  
**(Refrain)**
3. Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good; In God we need put all our trust.  
**(Refrain)**

## NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

2/26: Lent Book Group, *The God Who Sees*, at 6:00 pm on zoom. Space still available.

3/5: Thanksgiving for outgoing council and Installation of 2023 Council Members, reception to follow worship

3/18 Council Retreat

*Now Behold the Lamb* (TFF 128)

1. Now behold the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God.  
Bore all my sin, that I may live again:  
The precious Lamb of God.
2. Holy is the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God.  
Why you love me so, Lord I shall never know;  
The precious Lamb of God.
3. Thank you for the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God.  
Because of your grace, I can finish the race.  
The precious Lamb of God.

## SENDING

### Community Announcements

**Blessing:** Teach the wisdom you have, and seek teachers for the wisdom you do not yet possess. Go forth from this place and be blessed in wisdom, in years, and in divine and human favor. **Amen.**

**Dismissal:**

**May God's peace be with you 'til we meet again (2x)**

**'Til we reach that distant shore, where we shed a tear no more**

**May God give you strength to endure**

**'Til we meet again (2x)**

Kids in Worship: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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