

F I R S T S U N D A Y I N L E N T
March 1, 2009

The Order of Worship at 8:15 and 11:00 AM

We extend a warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship at Redeemer today. Please enter the Sanctuary quietly for the sake of those who are in prayer. A Nursery that welcomes children ages 6 weeks- 4 years is available during Worship today. Following the service, please join us for coffee in the Sims Atrium. May this time of worship encourage, inspire, and strengthen you for the days ahead. Additional information about worship at Redeemer is included on the back of the service folder.

Words to be spoken or sung by the congregation are indicated in bold type or marked with a **☞**; text marked with **P** or **A** is spoken or sung by a pastor or an assisting minister. Please stand or kneel as you are able for the indicated portions of the service. Please lower your kneelers quietly during prayer.

If you are in need of an Assistive Hearing Device please ask an usher for help.

PRELUDE

O Lamm Gottes, BWV 656
(O Lamb of God)

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

G A T H E R I N G

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week,
the day of Christ's resurrection.*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Standing

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneeling or seated

P Most merciful God,

☞ we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of

Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Standing

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN 618

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

CWM RHONDDA

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.

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Pastor will collect your prayer request cards as the children are invited to come forward for the children's sermon.

Please let us know you worshiped with us today by completing the blue sheet enclosed in your bulletin. You may also indicate your time and talent interest on this enclosure as well.

W O R D

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Seated

11:00 – ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd
The Redeemer Singers

Richard Shephard

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

After the reading

The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18–22

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

After the reading

The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

*Standing***GOSPEL VERSE****GOSPEL**

Mark 1:9-15

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

After the reading
The gospel of the Lord.

Seated
SERMON *Wilderness and Wild Beasts* Pastor Debra Samuelson

Standing
HYMN 319 *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* CONSOLATION

Standing
APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 R A Y E R S

Your prayer card petitions are offered today in worship and included on The Weekly Prayer List found at the Member Care table. Through the week you may submit prayer requests to kmedford@redeemer.org Individuals with special on-going prayer needs are continuously included on The Weekly Prayer List unless otherwise advised. Please pick up your Weekly Prayer List and offer your prayers of joy, thanksgiving and concern for one another.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Kneeling or seated

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

donation of \$13.00 but we have learned that the actual cost is \$14.00 per lily. Also, our deadline is a little earlier this year, March 22nd. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES IN LENT

Dinner served 5:30 – 6:30 pm - \$5 per person

11:45 am Organ Recital -12:10 & 7 pm Services

Theme: *Journey to Jerusalem*

March 4 Bethsaida Obedience

Sarah Hawbecker, Organist

March 11 Capernaum Faith-Centurion Servant and Jairus Daughter

Larry O. Stokes, Organist

March 18 Nain Hope-Widow of Nain

Sarah Hawbecker, Organist

March 25 Jericho Gifts-Zaccheus

Nancy Smith, Organist

April 1 Bethany Patience-Mary and Martha

Sarah Hawbecker, Organist

Bible Study led by Pastor Weber

6:15 – 6:45 pm in Rudisill Hall

Theme: *What Lutherans Believe*

March 4 Communion

March 11 Priesthood of Believers

March 18 Sola Scriptura

March 25 Justification by Grace through Faith

April 1 Martin Luther

Remember to Set Your Clocks

Daylight Saving Time begins! Sunday, March 8, 2009