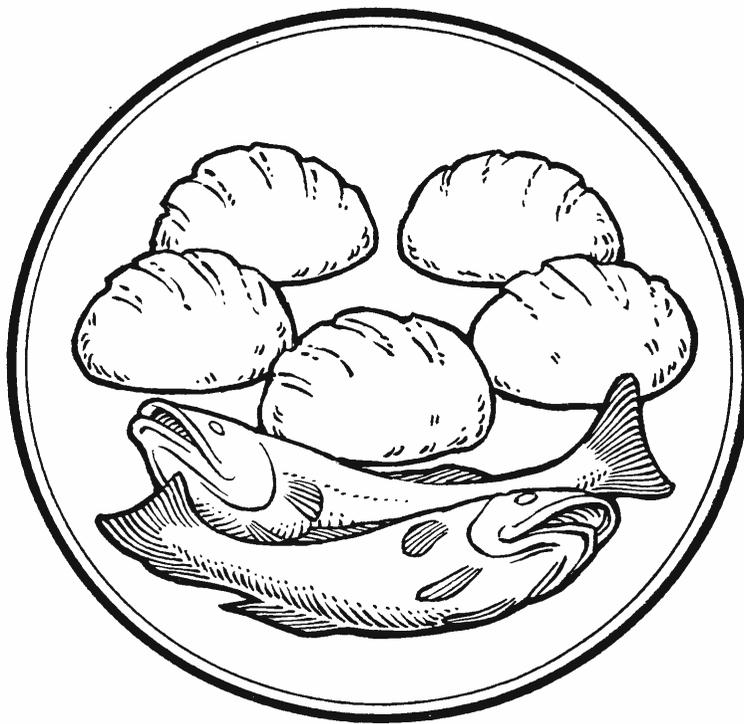


The Fourth Sunday in Lent—Laetare

Rejoice ye with Jerusalem,
and be glad with her, all ye that love her:
rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her:
that ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations.



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Hymns

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22 March 2020 A ✠ D 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Divine Service III - *Lutheran Service Book*

In Nomine ✠ Jesu

The service begins with the Litany. This replaces the beginning of the normal service.

The Litany concludes with the Collect of the Day.

Kneel **THE LITANY (SEE INSERT)**

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.



A-men.

Sit **THE HYMN** *Oh Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly*

LSB 897 (Stanzas 1-3)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 49:8-13

In those days the prophet Isaiah said, “Thus says the LORD: ‘In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, saying to the prisoners, “Come out,” to those who are in darkness, “Appear.” They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene.’ Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 66:10-11a, 122:1



I was glad when they said / unto mē,
let us go into the / house of the LORD.—

**Peace / be within thy walls,
and prosperity / within thy palaces.**

They that trust in the LORD shall be / as mount Zion,
which cannot be removed, but a- / bideth for ever.

**As the mountains are round a- / bout Jerusalem,
so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth / even for ever.**

THE GOSPEL

St. John 6:1-15

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John:

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time*, Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!” Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

LSB 191

Sit

THE HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

LSB 743

THE SERMON

THE OFFERING

Stand

THE OFFERTORY AND FOLLOWING

LSB 192

Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastors Petersen or Frese are kindly asked to speak with either of them, or one of the ushers, before approaching the altar for the first time.

The Blood of Christ is offered on the pulpit side from either the chalice or individual cups, but on the lectern side, only the chalice is offered. If you prefer to receive the Blood from an individual cup and you did not sit on the pulpit side, you may cross the aisle.

Communicants are encouraged to take the bottom of the Chalice with a hand to help guide it to their mouths. Children and adults who are not eligible for the Holy Communion may cross their arms, placing both hands on their shoulders, to indicate they would like a blessing at the rail.

Sit

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

LSB 642

LSB 556

LSB 625

O Living Bread from Heaven

Dear Christians, One and All

Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

Stand

THE NUNC DIMITTIS AND FOLLOWING

LSB 199

Silent Prayer
Soli Deo Gloria

Laetare Sunday & Rose Paraments

This Sunday takes its name from the first word of the Introit in Latin, Laetare, which means “rejoice.” Today is one of the most joyful and festive Sundays of the year. On Laetare the Church briefly interrupts her Lenten mournfulness in order to gather her strength for Holy Week, for she would not want to faint along the way. She is strengthened, as always, by the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Jesus, but on Laetare she issues a special call to joy and remembrance that the sorrows and death of Jesus Christ are taken up willfully, and in perfect love, in order to redeem humanity and provide bread for their bodies and souls. To that end, today’s readings emphasize joy and consolation.

What is most striking is that the paraments and vestments are rose and not violet. The deacon resumes his dalmatic. The subdeacon again wears his tunic. The barrenness of Lent is momentarily set aside in anticipation of Easter. Nonetheless, it is Lent, even nearly Passion-tide, so the Hallelujahs and Gloria in Excelsis are still withheld.

Rose is not only a color of joy meant to call to mind the springing of flowers from the earth and buds upon the trees, but it is also a lighter shade of violet. Violet is the color of royal mourning, a mix of purple and black. Rose is violet with the shades of black and blue withdrawn. It is softer than violet yet not the full white and gold of Easter or Christmas. The joy of Laetare is anticipatory, celebrated in the midst of sadness, even as we celebrate and anticipate the resurrection to come in the midst of this living death we call “life.”

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Archdeacon - The Reverend Professor Robert Roethemeyer

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Deaconess Field Worker - Meghan Holst

Altar Care - Jacqui Petersen, Krissy Lagemann, & Laci Adkins

Elders - Patrick Casey, Keith Frank, Kurt Munding, Rev. Benjamin Pollock, Jason Thompson

Dean of Acolytes - Oscar Matter

Instrumentalists - Dr. Jason L. Thompson, *director, violin, viola*; Emily J. Thompson, *violin*; Hildie Felton, *flute*; Oscar Matter, *recorders, saxophones*; Rev. Dr. Benjamin Mayes, *trombone*

CONGREGATIONAL NOTICES

We welcome you all to Redeemer Church. Members and visitors are invited to meet at the coffee hour, which follows each service.

Special Prayer Requests: Effie Sheron; Sergiu Trifa; Marilyn Conrad; Marie Kelley; Bob Heider; Gail Ludvigson; Norma Jean Uffleman; Angie Crouch; Amanda Willets; Juanita Hahn; Ed Snyder; Mark Crouch; Dale Steinke; John & Ele Sullivan; Jim Steinke; Anya Grieser; Jenna Cummings; Joy Pullmann; Bethany Wirtz; Haley Kazmierski; Rebecca Meyers; Kaitlin Sheridan; Laci Adkins

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THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, 22 March	The Fourth Sunday in Lent–Laetare
8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
9:15 a.m.	Divine Service
10:30 a.m.	Divine Service

Services to be announced.

Individual Absolution is offered during Lent by appointment.

Office secretary hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.