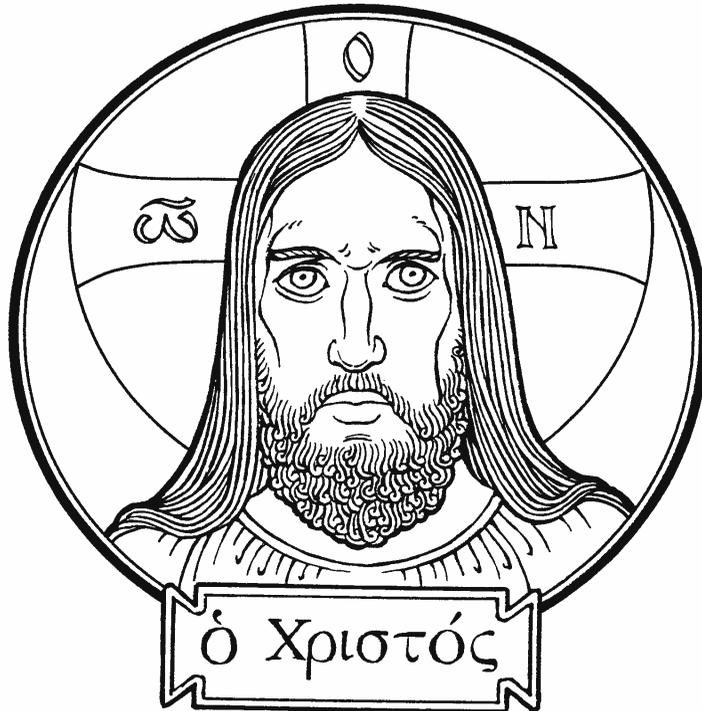


The Third Sunday in Lent—Oculi

Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD;
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me;
for I am desolate and afflicted.



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Hymns

LSB 755

LSB 659

LSB 621 (*Omit stanza 4*)

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The Third Sunday in Lent—Oculi

7 March 2021 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**

LSB 288

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. We beseech You, almighty God, to look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of Your mercy to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Stand **THE HYMN** *In the Very Midst of Life*

LSB 755

Sit **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Exodus 8:16-24

In those days, the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’” And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said. Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.”’” And

the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants' houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 25:15-16, 25:1-2



Mine eyes are / ever toward the LORD;
for he shall pluck my feet / out of the net.—

**Turn thee unto me, and have mer- / cy upon me;
for I am deso- / late and afflicted.**

Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift / up my sôul.

O / my God, I trust in thee:

let me not / be ashâmed,

let not mine ene- / mies triumph over me.

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:1-9

Brethren: Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true.)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Arise, O LORD; / let not man prevail:
let the heathen be / judged in thy sight.–

**When mine ene- / mies are turned back,
they shall fall and per- / ish at thy presence.**

Unto thee / lift I up mine eyes,
O thou that dwell- / est in the heavens.

**Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand / of their masters,
and as the eyes of a maiden unto the / hand of her mistress;**

So our eyes wait up- / on the LORD our God,
until that he have / mercy upon us.

**Have mercy upon / us, O LÔRD,
have / mercy upon us.**

THE GOSPEL

St. Luke 11:14-28

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time*, Jesus was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.” As he said these things,

a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

LSB 191

Sit

THE HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord Of Our Life and God of Our Salvation* LSB 659
(We will sing the tune from TLH.)

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.

At the 10:30 Service 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 621

Let All Mortal Fesh Keep Silence (Omit stanza 4)

TLH 665

Levavi Oculos (refer to page 7)

TLH 559

O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day (refer to page 8)

LSB 714

Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

Stand

THE NUNC DIMITTIS AND FOLLOWING LSB 199

Silent Prayer
Soli Deo Gloria

Pastor - The Reverend David H. Petersen
Associate Pastor - The Reverend Michael N. Frese
Kantor - The Reverend Dr. Daniel Reuning
Vicar - Aaron Schultz
Seminarian Field Worker - Nicholas Belcher, Peter Preus
Deaconess Field Worker - Meghan Holst
Altar Care - Nicole & Jane Schulert
Elders - Jonathan Busarow, Patrick Casey, Keith Frank, Rev. Benjamin Pollock, Mike Ritzman, Alex Schultz
Dean of Acolytes - Oscar Matter
Instrumentalists - Hildie Felton, *flute*; Oscar Matter, *recorders, saxophones*; Rev. Dr. Benjamin Mayes, *trombone*
Altar Flowers - Given by Colin & Jane Casey in thanksgiving for their 35th wedding anniversary

The Season of Lent and Ceremonies at Redeemer

Our liturgical preparation for Easter takes place through three distinct periods or steps. The first was Pre-Lent. The second is Lent, the time between Ash Wednesday and Judica. The final step is Passion.

We continue, during Lent, to abstain from the *Alleluias* and *Greater Gloria*. The color is violet to signify the mourning of a monarch. The deacon and subdeacon wear only a stole, if ordained. This is because their normal Eucharistic vestments have traditionally been understood as garments of joy.

We now use the musical setting from LSB DS III and give up most chanting, singing only the ordinaries and hymns. The Deacon now reads the Gospel from the horn of the altar, and there is no Gospel procession. We use only three acolytes. The crucifixes, however, remain unveiled and we retain the *Gloria Patri*.

As is the case with all fasting in Christendom, we give things up in order to subdue our flesh and to enhance our joy in these things when they return. For the time comes, indeed, when we shall fast no more.

The season is meant to order our hearts and minds not only by consideration of the terrible cost of Our Lord's gracious sacrifice on our behalf, but also upon His willingness to be our Savior and to reconcile us to His Father. It is a catechetical season. So also, the entire season, as even our entire faith and hope, is observed in the sure and certain knowledge of the Resurrection.

Communicants are invited to pray the following prayers:

Before receiving the Sacrament

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord.

What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

During the distribution of the Sacrament

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory; glory as of the only-begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. Amen.

After receiving the Sacrament

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me.

What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Abide with us, O Lord, that we may abide in You until the end; let not sin and need separate us from You, until we, through the strength of Your Holy Sacrament, enter into heaven, and eternal blessing. Amen.

A Lenten Admonition

The Church is always prepared in the same way – through repentance. To prepare for her Easter celebration, the Church marks off forty days of special preparation called “Lent” beginning with Ash Wednesday. It is a time reminiscent of Our Lord’s fasting in the desert and the Israelites wandering in the wilderness. During Lent, especially, the Church urges her members to fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Even as true repentance is not simply feeling sorry, but rather turning from sin and toward God and also sorrow over sin and faith in Jesus, so likewise, Lent is not so much a time of “giving things up” as it is a time for adding things that increase our awareness of God’s mercy in Christ Jesus.

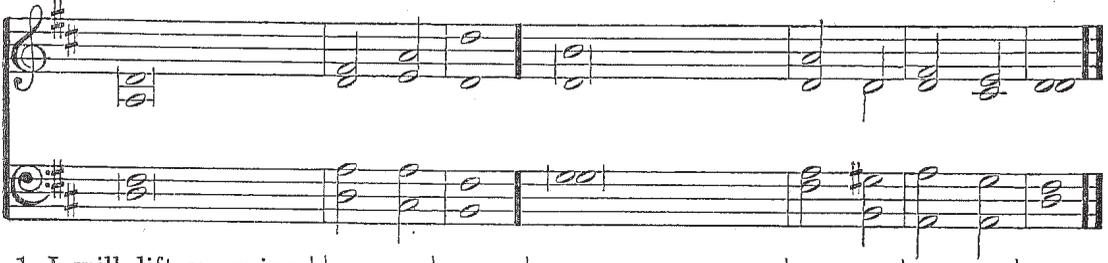
Therefore you are encouraged to make use of Lenten customs that aid you in your devotion and, specifically, to make an increased use of the Means of Grace. The Holy Communion is every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., weekdays at 8:30 a.m., Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Come, and avail yourself of what God wants to give.

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Levavi Oculos

Psalm 121

John F. Burrowes, † 1852



1	I will lift up mine eyes un-	to the	hills	from whence	- com-eth	my	help.
2	My help cometh -	from	the Lord,	who hath -	made	heaven	earth.
3	He will not suffer thy -	foot	moved:	He that keepeth	will not	slum-	ber.
4	Behold, He that keepeth -	to be		thee -		ber.	
		Is-ra-	el	shall -	neither	slumber	sleep.
5	The Lord is thy -	Keep-	er:	the Lord is thy	on thy	right	hand.
6	The sun shall not smite -	thee by	day	nor the -	moon	by	night.
7	The Lord shall pre-serve thee -	from all	evil:	He -	shall	serve	soul.
8	The Lord shall pre-serve thy going out and thy -	coming	in	from this time	even	ev-er-	more.
9	Glory be to the Father and -	to the	Son	and -	to the	Ho-ly	Ghost;
10	As it was in the be-ginning, is now, and	ever	shall	be,	world without	- end.	A- men.

☉ Christ, Who Art the Light and Day

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John 8: 12

Christe, qui lux es et dies

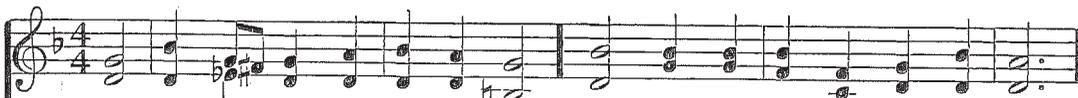
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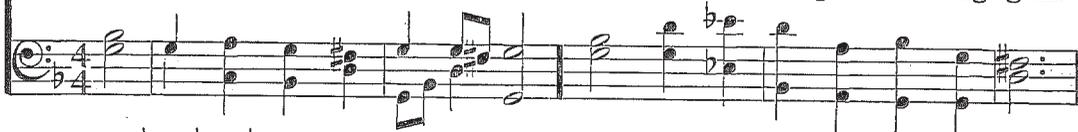
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Latin melody, c. 600



- 1 O Christ, who art the Light and Day, Thou driv-est night and gloom a-way;
2 All - ho - ly Lord, in hum-ble prayer, We ask to-night Thy watch-ful care.
3 Our sleep be pure from sin-ful stain; Let not the Tempt-er van-tage gain



- O Light of light, whose Word doth show The light of heav'n to us be - low.
Oh, grant us calm re-pose in Thee, A qui-et night, from per-ils free.
Or our un-guard-ed flesh sur-prise And make us guilt-y in Thine eyes. A-men.



- 4 Asleep though wearied eyes may be,
Still keep the heart awake to Thee;
Let Thy right hand outstretched above
Guard those who serve the Lord they love.
- 5 Behold, O God, our Shield, and quell
The crafts and subtleties of hell;
Direct Thy servants in all good,
Whom Thou hast purchased with Thy
blood.
- 6 O Lord, remember us who bear
The burden of the flesh we wear;
Thou who dost e'er our souls defend,
Be with us even to the end.
- 7 All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee,
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTICES

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

Team A, captain Donna Petersen, will be cleaning this week.

Be sure to grab a newsletter from the table in the narthex!

Redeemer Classical School **Family Folk Dance and Ballroom Dance Showcase** on Friday the 12th 6:30-8:00pm. Learn the folk dances students have been dancing and get to see what they have learned in ballroom dance.

Books & Beer will be March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the undercroft. All men of the congregation are welcome. Talk to Jody Lent if you have any questions.

Ladies, it's time to start thinking about **Easter hats!** The hat library is available in the meeting room. Just write down a brief description of the hat and your name. In addition, Jane Casey has a number of hats that she would be willing to lend. If you haven't been at Redeemer for Easter before, a large number of the women and girls in the congregation wear hats, and we get a picture taken after church. If you aren't used to wearing hats and would like to join us, just ask. We'll help you find one that works for you!

We will be having a **baby shower** for Moreah Stuckwisch on March 21 at noon. She has a baby registry on Amazon. All women and girls are invited. Please let Jane know if you will be attending at secretary.redeemer@gmail.com or 260-602-4924.

Dr. Mayes will host a **Brotherhood Prayer Book Litany with the Seven Penitential Psalms** on Wednesday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nave. Please arrive 15 minutes early if you would like a short introduction.

Project wish list: There are several projects that the trustees have pending. Each of these needs funding outside of the budget. This list is also posted on the bulletin board. If you are able to help with one of these projects, contact Effie Sheron. (260)414-5652.

Items: South stairwell & landing--sand & varnish--\$1,175. Downstairs bathrooms--paint--\$500, plus paint (approx. \$150 each.) Bach Room--patch holes in walls and ceiling, paint (multiple coats)--\$1512 plus paint (approx \$700.) Bach Room Carpet--24X24 Mohawk carpet tile, five transitions, trim edging--\$8,840.

Mark Your Calendars:

- March 14 Daylight Saving Time begins
Church Council
Books & Beer
- March 20 Work Day
- March 21 Shower for Moreah Stuckwisch
Women's Night Out
- March 24 Brotherhood Prayer Book Litany
- April 4 Easter
- April 18 Voters Meeting

Special Prayer Requests: Jacqui Petersen; William Wolf; Jessica Bramwell; Karen Koons; Nicole Schultert; Brian Borchardt; Terry Stephens; Madeleine & David Herman; Clara Roth; Maureen DeLassus; Marilyn Conrad; Bob Heider; Gail Ludvigson; Norma Jean Uffleman; Angie Crouch; Amanda Willets; Juanita Hahn; Ed Snyder; Mark Crouch; Dale Steinke; John & Ele Sullivan; Jim Steinke; Abby Smith; Moreah Stuckwisch; Kelly Oliver; Bethany Kranz; Amanda Shemwell; Claire Burgdorf; Brittney Petersen; Alice Lagemann; Rachel Lent

Contact the pastors or church office

Pastor Petersen can be contacted by phoning the church office (744-2585) or his cell (414-3083). Pastor Frese can be reached through the church office or his cell (913-547-2292).

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THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, 7 March	The Third Sunday in Lent–Oculi
8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
10:30 a.m.	Divine Service

There are Communion services at 8:30 a.m., Monday through Friday.

Thursday, 11 March	
7:00 p.m.	Divine Service

Saturday, 13 March	
9:30 a.m.	Catechism
10:30 a.m.	Lent Communion

Sunday, 14 March	The Fourth Sunday in Lent–Laetare
8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
12:00 p.m.	Church Council
7:00 p.m.	Books & Beer

Individual confession and absolution available by appointment.

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