

# Crossing the Jordan River



February 23, 2025 ~ 10:15am

## **REDEEMER BY THE SEA ~ "A PLACE TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN"**

We are honored to recognize our niche in God's Kingdom work. Here we will faithfully worship and teach in alignment with God's Word and we're a small enough fellowship where you can know and be known by most of the people around you if that's your desire. Here you will be missed if you're gone and prayed for when you have needs. You are welcome to contact the office ([kay@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:kay@redeemerbythesea.org)) or Pastor D directly ([dhilken@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:dhilken@redeemerbythesea.org)).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS: [www.RedeemerbytheSea.org](http://www.RedeemerbytheSea.org)**

<b>Mar. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Men's Fellowship Breakfast</b>
<b>Mar. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b>
<b>Mar. 8<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Holy Hackers</b>
<b>Mar. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>LWM Business Meeting</b>
	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>"Ashes and Hearts" – Christine Vogelsang</b>
<b>Mar. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Lent Family Dinner and "The Easter Experience"</b>

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Opening Songs**

**“Who You Say I Am”  
“Firm Foundation (He Won’t)”**

### **Creed**

### **Song**

**“Graves into Gardens”**

### **Greet One Another**

### **Children’s Message / Dismiss to Kidzone**

### **A Reading from Joshua 3:1-6, 14-17 (NLT)**

Early the next morning Joshua and all the Israelites left Acacia Grove and arrived at the banks of the Jordan River, where they camped before crossing.<sup>2</sup> Three days later the Israelite officers went through the camp,<sup>3</sup> giving these instructions to the people: “When you see the Levitical priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God, move out from your positions and follow them.<sup>4</sup> Since you have never traveled this way before, they will guide you. Stay about half a mile behind them, keeping a clear distance between you and the Ark. Make sure you don’t come any closer.”

<sup>5</sup> Then Joshua told the people, “Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you.” <sup>6</sup> In the morning Joshua said to the priests, “Lift up the Ark of the Covenant and lead the people across the river.” And so they started out and went ahead of the people. ... So the people left their camp to cross the Jordan, and the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them.<sup>15</sup> It was the harvest season, and the Jordan was overflowing its banks. But as soon as the feet of the priests who were carrying the Ark touched the water at the river’s edge,<sup>16</sup> the water above that point began backing up a great distance away at a town called Adam, which is near Zarethan. And the water below that point flowed on to the Dead Sea until the riverbed was dry. Then all the people crossed over near the town of Jericho.

<sup>17</sup> Meanwhile, the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Lord’s Covenant stood on dry ground in the middle of the riverbed as the people passed by. They waited there until the whole nation of Israel had crossed the Jordan on dry ground.

### **A Reading from Matthew 3:1-6 (NLT)**

In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was,<sup>2</sup> “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”<sup>3</sup> The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said, “He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming! Clear the road for him!’”

<sup>4</sup> John’s clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey.<sup>5</sup> People from Jerusalem and from all of Judea and all over the Jordan Valley went out to see and hear John.<sup>6</sup> And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.

Message

“Crossing the Jordan”

Pastor D. R. Hilken

Sending of the Hilken

Prayers & Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

“Living Hope”

## WORSHIP | GROW | SERVE

**OFFERINGS: *Visitors: please consider yourselves our guests and do not feel obligated to participate in the offering.*** In faithful obedience and joyful response to God’s grace in our lives, we humbly and gratefully bring our tithes (a regular first portion percentage of our income) and offerings (gifts over and above our tithes for other kingdom work). You may deposit your envelope, check, or cash in the box next to the exit; give online with your phone using the QR code at right, or text "GIVE" to 442-222-2448. All of these options are on our website: [www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/](http://www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/)



**CELEBRATIONS FOR PASTOR D AND JUDY:** The congregation is invited to celebrate the service of Pastor Dennis and Judy on **TODAY** between and after the church services.

You are also invited to attend a celebration mixer at the home of Roger and Terra Teat in Carlsbad on **Fri. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Please **RSVP online**, and the address will be emailed to you.

**LWM UNDIE SUNDAY:** LWM will be collecting new underwear & socks of all sizes on **TODAY** in the church lobby. Please accept our thanks for your generosity.

**MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** **Sat. Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am -10:45am.** Join us for a time of fellowship and men’s study. RSVP online and (optional) select your breakfast sandwich from Inglorious Bagels.

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AND LENT FAMILY DINNERS:** Lent is a season when we look at our lives in view of God’s mercy toward us in the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross. Join us for worship with communion and imposition of ashes on **March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.** Then starting on **Wed. March 12<sup>th</sup>,** join us weekly for a family style dinner at **5:30pm.** Afterwards, we will view a segment of a video series titled "The Easter Experience", followed by an Elder-led discussion.

**HOLY HACKERS:** The next golf outing will be on **Sat. Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>.** We play best ball, so all levels of golfers are welcome to join. Email Rhonda: [MissRhonda@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:MissRhonda@redeemerbythesea.org) to play.

**LWM MEETING & PROGRAM – “Ashes and Hearts”:** Join us at **10:15am** on **Tues, Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>,** right after the LWM business meeting at **9:30am.** Christine Vogelsang, an author from Escondido will present. She will also have some of her books available for purchase. *Reminder: please bring a “spa” item for our Rally Basket.*

# Crossing The Jordan

February 23, 2025 - Joshua 3

A Lutheran Pastor / Sermon—sinner—forgiven

Come, Lord Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_!

The banks of the Jordan river - Joshua 3

Yahweh: "I will get you across safely. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ me?"

Lessons:

# 1 Keep your eyes on the guide

# 2 He wants you to \_\_\_\_\_  
there is no enemy, God will not defeat on your behalf

#3 \_\_\_\_\_ Him means ...

Who are you when you're \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_?

Crossing the Jordan river - dangerous flood or thick \_\_\_\_\_

Rich Mullins

" \_\_\_\_\_ "