



March 2, 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) with any questions or to get connected.

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org

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| March 5th | 5:30 pm | Ash Wednesday Worship |
| March 11th | 9:30am | LWM Business Meeting |
| | 10:15am | Program: "Ashes and Hearts" |
| March 12th | 5:30pm | Lent Family Dinner and Video Study |
| March 15th | 5:30pm | Date Night |
| March 21st | 5:30pm | Women's Friday Fellowship |

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

“Lord I Need You”

INTRODUCTION AND PSALM

Psalm 42:1–6

Pastor: As a deer pants for flowing streams,

People: so pants my soul for you, O God.

Pastor: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

People: When shall I come and appear before God?

Pastor: My tears have been my food day and night,

People: while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

Pastor: These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:

People: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God

Pastor: with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

People: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Pastor: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

People: My soul is cast down within me;

Pastor: therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

INTRODUCTION AND READING

Genesis 45:1-11

¹Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, “Make everyone go out from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth,

and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.'

SONG

"Word of God Speak"

INTRODUCTION AND READING

Isaiah 40:1-8

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." ⁶ A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONG

"Whom Shall I Fear/God of Angel Armies"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE /SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL

FELLOWSHIP GREETING

INTRODUCTION AND GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:1-15

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

⁴ Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

INTRODUCTION AND GOSPEL TEXT

Luke 9:28-36 (NIV)

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

MESSAGE "The Mysterious Voice: Listen...Don't Be Afraid" Pastor John Fiene

PRAYERS

INTRODUCTION AND READING

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"Doxology//Amen"

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, or text "GIVE" to 442-222-2448. All of these options are also available on our **website: www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/**



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 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 5th at 5:30pm**. Please note: This service will not be streamed or recorded.

LENT FAMILY DINNER AND VIDEO: Starting on **Wed. March 12th**, 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. March 8th**. We play best ball, so all levels of golfers are welcome. Email **MissRhonda@redeemerbythesea.org** to play.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION will meet on **Tues. March 11th** at 9:30am. Following the meeting at about 10:15am, Christine Vogelsang will present "Ashes and Hearts" a program for Lent. Christine is an author from Escondido and will also have her books available. Please bring a "Spa" item for our Rally basket.

DATE NIGHT on SAT. MARCH 15th FROM 5:30-8:30pm Registration Open Online

- **WE NEED YOUR HELP AT DATE NIGHT:** There are a variety of opportunities available. Please consider giving your time to serve local families and sign up to help.
- **TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD:** The cost is \$20 and includes food, crafts, games, activities and a Bible lesson. Date night is intended for children ages 1-10.

WOMEN'S FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP: Fri. March 21st at 5:30pm. Women start your weekend out right with Happy Hour and Bible Study with friends from RBTS. Hors'd provided, BYOB. Please RSVP online for details and the host's address will be emailed with your confirmation.

BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUR WEEK: Pastor Fiene has prepared a take home bible study based on the scriptures from today's service. Please take one as you exit today and stay in God's word this week.

WELCOME REV. DR. JOHN FIENE THIS SUNDAY: Rev. Dr. John Fiene has been a Church Planter of Grace Lutheran Church in Sandy City, Utah, and later, Advent Lutheran Church, Zionsville, Indiana. Both congregations, subsequent to their own founding, initiated successful new mission congregations. He recently served as pastor at University Lutheran Chapel on the University of Colorado campus in Boulder, Pastor Fiene has served as Vice-President of the Indiana District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Rocky Mountain District. He has taught on the subject of mission planting as an adjunct professor at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana as well as various pastors' conferences.

Pastor Fiene and his beloved wife Solviieg Fiene (nie. Preus) currently live in Carlsbad and they have four children (three in California) and eight grand children.