



March 1, 2026 ~ 8:30am

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 (office@redeemerbythesea.org) to get connected.

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org

Mar. 4th	6:00pm	Lenten Devotional Gathering w/ dinner at 5:30
Mar. 7th	9:00am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Mar. 8th		Spring Forward – Set your clocks
Mar. 14th		Holy Hackers
Mar. 14th	10:00am	LWM Zone 21 Rally
Mar. 15th	9:40am	Voter's Meeting (following 1st service)
Mar. 19-20th		Preschool Jog-A-Thon
Mar. 20th	5:30pm	Women's Friday Fellowship
Apr. 1st	6:00pm	"Journey to the Cross" Worship Service
Apr. 5th	8:30 & 10:15am	Easter Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

LSB 819



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom
A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
of His might All things are just and good and right:
from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!
To God all praise and glo - ry!
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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(a few moments of silence for specific confession and personal reflection)

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-9

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

²"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

⁸From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.

⁹Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ²If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

⁴Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation.

⁵However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. ⁶David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

⁸Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them.” ...

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 3:1–17

Pastor: The Gospel reading today comes from John chapter 3.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 Δ 6 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Trin - i - ty, Be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

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MESSAGE

"DISAPPOINTMENT: Accepting What You Can't Control"

Pastor Eli Thomas

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (please stand)

Pastor: *(concluding each petition)* Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to do so.

Pastor: It is our joy and our peace, at all times and in all places to give thanks to you, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God through Jesus Christ, our Lord. We especially thank You for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to bear our sins on the cross, and to carry the burdens of our broken humanity. We look in faith for forgiveness, joy and healing, and in expectation of the fulfillment of your kingdom's presence we join the unending praise of the hosts of heaven and say:

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, Lord to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. May we faithfully eat and drink as Jesus commands until that day when all the faithful will be gathered in the new kingdom to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb. To You alone, Three in One, be all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: As God's Word proclaims, as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, His rest in the tomb, His resurrection from the dead, His ascension into heaven, and His return for the final judgment.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

DISTRIBUTION



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
 For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN**“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”****LSB 918**

1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

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Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord with joy.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE**“The God of Abraham Praise”****arr. by Michael Burkhardt**

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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 these options are on our website: www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Sat. Mar. 7th at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP ONLINE and choose your optional breakfast from Panera then join us for a time of fellowship and a men's study.

SPRING FORWARD: Remember to set your clocks forward one hour, next Sunday, **March 8th**.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL GATHERING: Join us for a 5-week study called "Transformation" by Ed Young. This offers practical steps from Romans 12 to help renew your mind, offer true worship and walk in the will of God for your life. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall - **Wednesdays through March 25th at 6pm**. You are also welcome to join us before for dinner at 5:30pm. Next week's menu is soup, bread, and desserts hosted by Women's Friday Fellowship.

LWM ZONE 21 RALLY AT REDEEMER ON SAT. MAR. 14TH. The program is a dramatic presentation by Laurel Kelsh Jones honoring Katharina von Bora Luther, the wife of Martin Luther. **9:30am registration** (\$6.00). **10:00am – 1:00pm** for the meeting, program, luncheon, and basket raffle. Please bring Walmart gift cards (\$10-\$20) to support the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund. Email BJ: bjclahr@cox.net to RSVP by March 2nd.

VOTER'S MEETING: Our next congregational meeting is set for **March 15th after the 1st service (about 9:40am)**, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please attend and keep up to date on what is happening at Redeemer by the Sea!

REDEEMER BY THE SEA KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL JOG-A-THON: The Jog-A-Thon is a fundraising event for our Preschool on **March 19th and 20th**. The runs occur at 9:30am and 10:15am each day. We are looking for a team to serve refreshments during the races. Check out the announcements page on our website to donate or help out.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES AVAILABLE: Copies of "Behold Your King!" are available in the lobby, OR checkout **www.lhm.org/lent/** for digital access.

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DISAPPOINTMENT: Accepting What You Can't Control

Series: Joseph- Dreams & Destiny, part 4

Scripture References

- Genesis 39:6-23
- Hebrews 13:8
- Isaiah 54:10
- Isaiah 43:2
- Genesis 41:15-16

UNMET _____/ _____ ASSUMPTIONS

Isaiah 54:10 ESV- For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my _____ shall not depart from you, and my _____ shall not be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 43:2 ESV- When you pass through the waters, _____; and through the rivers, they shall not _____; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

"A Mighty Fortress is our God"- Martin Luther

God's word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it.
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods honor child or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever.