

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 18, 2018

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

VISITORS AND MEMBERS

As we join in offering up our worship to our Lord and Savior, we welcome you. Please fill out the attendance cards before the offerings are gathered. Include the names of all your family in attendance and pass the cards to the center aisle. The ushers will collect the cards after the offerings have been gathered. Guests, visitors, and members are encouraged to make their prayer requests known on the reverse side of the card.

AS WE GATHER

As we draw closer to Holy Week, we may find ourselves dumbfounded by how dense the disciples seem to be! Again and again, they don't understand just exactly who Jesus is or why He has come. As they travel up to Jerusalem, Jesus can't be much more explicit about His mission than He is in today's Gospel. He says, "The Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him and spit on Him, and flog Him and kill Him. And after three days He will rise" (Mark 10:33b-34). Despite these specifics provided by Jesus, we see in the days to come that the disciples still don't get it! But before we are too hard on these followers of Jesus, we examine ourselves and see that we don't always take Jesus' words and promises to heart in our own lives. Thanks be to God that Jesus still came, died, and rose for dense disciples like us!

PRESERVICE MUSIC AND WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

(LSB 435)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We are called to be great in the Kingdom of Heaven, but greatness there involves love, sacrifice and service of others. Let us go to God and confess our selfish ways, our worldliness and the many ways we are not great by God's standards.

(silence for personal confession)

Pastor: We confess together,

People: **I confess that I am far from great by the standards of Your kingdom. I act selfishly. I am seduced by the so called 'glory' of this world. Forgive me. Change me. Help me to be great in the things that will last.**

Pastor: For Jesus' sake you are forgiven and God has included you in His Kingdom. Live by the direction of the Holy Spirit in you. Let the love of God overflow into your heart. Be truly great.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

(LSB 422)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

† **WORD** †

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

pew Bible page 561

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

pew Bible page 848

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:32-45

pew Bible page 716

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(following the reading ...)

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON HYMN

"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"

(LSB 857)

SERMON

"Kingdom Thinking"

Mark 10:32-45

Intro: What were or are your dreams?

I. Dreams of Glory

- A. James and John make a play for the top*
- B. In competition with even the other disciples*
- C. What is "glory" in the Kingdom of God?*
 - 1. Love*
 - 2. Caring*
 - 3. Serving others*
- D. At the highest level, suffering for others*
- E. Who was seated at the left and right in Jesus' glory?*
- F. What cup and Baptism did James and John experience?*

II. What kind of glory will we pursue in this life?

A. The world's standard

- 1. Power*
- 2. Wealth*
- 3. Pleasure*

B. For how long?

C. The Kingdom of God is different and so are you

D. Love

- 1. A "slave" of all*
- 2. Serving others' greatest needs as you can*
 - a. Salvation*
 - b. Realization of their purpose in life*
 - c. Needs of daily life*
 - 1) of family*
 - 2) at your work place*
 - 3) in your congregation*
 - 4) by your priesthood*
 - 5) in the streets*

E. Greatness comes from Christ in you

F. Greatness recognized

How can you be great this week?

RESPONSE OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Please acknowledge your attendance with us by completing an attendance card found next to the hymnals. When completed, pass cards to the center aisle so that they may be collected by the ushers following the offering. Thank-you. *****To give securely online, give through the Redeemer app. Or text "LCOR" to 77977 on your smartphone. Follow the link provided to our secure site.*****

OFFERTORY

"More Precious than Silver"

by Lynn DeShazo

**Lord, You are more precious than silver,
Lord, You are more costly than gold;
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with You.**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us all to pray:

**All: 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.**

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 *“Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”* (LSB 848)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome visitors! Please stop by our Welcome Center just outside the Sanctuary in our Gathering Area. We would love to meet you and give you more information on our church! Thanks for coming!

Today is ALMS Sunday.

Lent Worship services this week at Noon and 6pm Wednesday. The meal following 6pm worship will be a baked potato bar to support ALMS.

ATTN Seniors! Potluck tomorrow in the Fellowship Hall at 11am. Bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided.

UE Students! FREE ‘Grab and Go’ Breakfast here this Tuesday morning from 8-10:30 in the Courtyard/Fellowship Hall.

Redeemer Christian Preschool Open House is this Tuesday (3/20) night, from 5:30-7:30pm. If you (or a family you know) has preschool age children, join us for this opportunity to check out what our preschool has to offer!

Adopt a Highway Cleanup is scheduled for this Saturday, March 24, 2018, weather permitting. Volunteers will meet at Pastor’s Tom’s house at 9am and work til noon. If it is canceled or postponed due to weather, Pastor Tom will email everyone.

POSTLUDE

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Rita Soeken celebrating “The Dash” between Rich Soeken’s birth and death: March 22, 1944 - March 14, 2017.

A NURSERY, ATTENDED BY A LOVING STAFF, is available for the care of your little ones. It is located in the southwest corner of the Education Wing and is

clearly marked. Please use this service at your convenience or when you find that the younger members of your family are disturbing your time of worship. The nursery is equipped to accept infants and toddlers through the age of three.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall 9:00AM - 9:15AM

9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AGES 2 AND UP

Sunday Morning Live! Toddler Class (2-3 year olds) with Cindy Deig
in Room 103 downstairs across from the Redeemer Preschool Rooms

SML! for Preschoolers - 4th Graders in Room 208 upstairs

5th - 8th Graders in Middle School Bible Class in Room 202 upstairs

9th - 12th Graders in the High School Bible Class in the Youth Room (204) upstairs

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE STUDIES:

- The Fruit of the Spirit with Pastor Tom in the Fellowship Hall

*Offering taken at Adult Bible Studies this month will benefit
Mission India's Adult Literacy Program.*

† In Our Prayers †

Praise and Thanks

For Pastor David Gruenwald's installation as Senior Pastor at The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in St. Louis today (son-in-law of Randy and Teresa Kanter)

Grief

For Wayne Ford and family, mourning the death of his Aunt Norma

For Melissa Maher and family, mourning the death of her father

For Erica and her family, mourning the death of her grandfather

Illness and Recovery

Zach Egan

John and Carol Wittenbraker

Tom Southwell

Brandon Smith

Dani Evrard (granddaughter of Bob and Crystal Phillips)

Those with cancer - Jerry Mills, Kaye Castle, Betty Roeder, Luke Slagley, Peter Embry, Jay Mitchell, Mary-Margaret Lewis, Carol Marks, Terri, Richard, Meloni Cassidy, Lynell, John Moehlenkamp, Jill Ernst, Allison, Anita, Karen Jerger, Gary Robinette, **Donna Viehe**, Nolan Williams, Sarah, Helen Shelton, Diane Gearheart, Amy Higgins, Lucille, Jack and Pat Crocker, Joe D'agostino, Susan, Debbie, Jax Brunson, **Linda Bryan**, Paul Roscoe, Chuck Goddard, Aaron Aldridge, Bob Quick, Cheri Howe, Sharon Rohr, Amy Green, Terry Horty, Ethel Taylor, Mike Dietsch, Carrie, Jerry Funkhouser, Janice Adamson, Destiny Jenkins, Becky Burdick, Debby Gregory, Joni Mills, Judy Hrvatin, Michelle White, Don Hess, Deborah Bowman, Gina Gibson, Robin Lawrence, Steve Ferree

Intercession

For Pastor Kurtis Buelmann and his family as he prepares to join us here!

Save travels for students and families coming and going for Spring Break

Serving Today

March 18, 2018

10:30 am Traditional Worship:

Worship Assistant:	Rita Soeken
Greeters:	Pam Keller, JoAnn Suda, Betsy Emhuff
Attending Elder:	Jack Hrvatin
Ushers:	Chris Gamble, Gail Hoffman, Jason Rouser, Herb Stockman
Organist:	Molly Wilson
Coffee Maker:	Shauna Boom
Visitor Center:	Tim and Barb Grunow

Serving Wednesday

March 21, 2018

12:00 pm Traditional Worship:

Attending Elder: Tim Grunow
Ushers: Barb Grunow and Judy Cameron
Organist: Molly Wilson

March 21, 2018

6:00 pm Traditional Worship:

Attending Elder: Marc Johnson
Ushers: Chris Gamble, Gail Hoffman, Jason Rouser, Herb Stockman
Organist: Molly Wilson

Palm Sunday



Serving Next Sunday - Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

10:30 am Traditional Worship:

Worship Assistant: Carolyn Farmer
Greeters: Rita Soeken, Keith Menke, Angela Carrel
Attending Elder: Jason Yunker
Serving Communion: Jack Hrvatin, Bill Hosmon, Leigh Stewart
Communion Cleanup: Pam Keller and JoAnn Suda
Ushers: Chris Gamble, Gail Hoffman, Jason Rouser, Herb Stockman
Organist: Molly Wilson
Coffee Maker: June Schwengel and Marcia Flener
Visitor Center: Marc and Marcia Johnson

ADULT LITERACY CLASSES ARE ALL ABOUT LEARNING LIFE-CHANGING SKILLS

Illiteracy is an epidemic in India.

Did you know? 1 in 4 adults in India are illiterate. And 938 million Indian people earn less than \$2.50 a day. Not being able to count money, read, or write traps generations of families into a vicious cycle of poverty.

But Mission India's Adult Literacy Classes help men and women break free from the chains of illiteracy:

- ▶ Classes meet 2 hours a night, 5 nights per week for a full year
- ▶ Graduates achieve a 5th grade education in reading, writing and math
- ▶ The Bible-based curriculum introduces students to Jesus

\$30 enrolls a student. Many graduates start their own home-based businesses, leading to increased income. Literacy is life-changing—it brings hope of a brighter future to India's poor.



Get Involved at:
missionindia.org/ilt



"Hosanna!"

*Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord!"*

- Mark 11:9 (NRSV)

Our congregation is proudly waving Eco-Palms in partnership with Lutheran World Relief. We are helping palm harvesters in Latin America, their families and communities find pathways out of poverty.



HERE'S WHAT MAKES ECO-PALMS DIFFERENT:

ECOLOGICALLY FRIENDLY



Fair prices for quality palms encourage sustainable harvesting, meaning better income long into the future.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES



Eco-Palms are sorted and packed within the harvesting community, extending income opportunities to even more people.

SUSTAINABLE INCOME



Eco-Palms harvesters often earn five to six times more per frond than traditional palms, and a portion of the purchase price goes directly back to the community.

Let us proudly wave our Eco-Palms, giving thanks to God and inviting palm harvesters, their families and communities to our celebration!



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, LASTING PROGRESS

lwr.org/palms



CHAMAEDOREA PALM FRONDS FOR EASTER



PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP & FAIR TRADE

Did You Know?

- ✦ More than a half of the farmers in Guatemala's Central Peten earn income by harvesting palm fronds, and;
- ✦ More than a quarter support themselves exclusively by collecting palm fronds;
- ✦ Approximately 300 million palm fronds are consumed in the United States annually.
- ✦ Palm Sunday purchases may be worth 4.5 million dollars/year.
- ✦ A congregation of 1,250 members will order approximately 700 fronds for Palm Sunday services.
- ✦ Responsible palm frond gathering actually protects valuable natural forests.



The harvest of palm products is an important income source for many tropical families and communities.



Over-harvesting can threaten the livelihood of these communities as well as the forests where the palm plants thrive. Similarly, decreased harvesting caused by reduced market demand could have a detrimental effect because forests that no longer provide a source of palm income are at risk of destructive conversion to large agricultural fields or pasture. Protecting these forests and jobs require a delicate balance between retaining a market for palm fronds and encouraging sustainable harvesting practices.

An effort to certify palm fronds from communities practicing sustainable forestry is currently underway. These communities have taken it upon themselves to utilize harvesting practices that minimize the impact on the natural ecosystem. Through certification, communities engaging in responsible management practices have the opportunity to benefit directly by receiving a higher price for their palm fronds. Consumers can be confident that their purchase directly benefits responsible harvesters.

If you would like to learn more about the effort to certify palm fronds, or if you are interested in obtaining certified palms for the forthcoming Palm Sunday and Easter activities, please visit or contact us:



Sorting palms provides income for women in the Guatemalan Peten



Children playing while their mothers sort palms



"Lixocán" – One of the communities where palms have been gathered for years

Promoting Social Justice

- ✦ Harvesting palms is an important source of income but gatherers receive a low price
- ✦ Gatherers will receive a higher price for their "fair trade" palms

Promoting Environmental Stewardship.

- ✦ Palms protect valuable natural forests by providing income to forest communities.
- ✦ Palms will be "sustainably" harvested and managed protecting palm populations and the forests



Chamaedorea palms bundled from the forest ready for sorting

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