

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 116 YEARS OF MINISTRY



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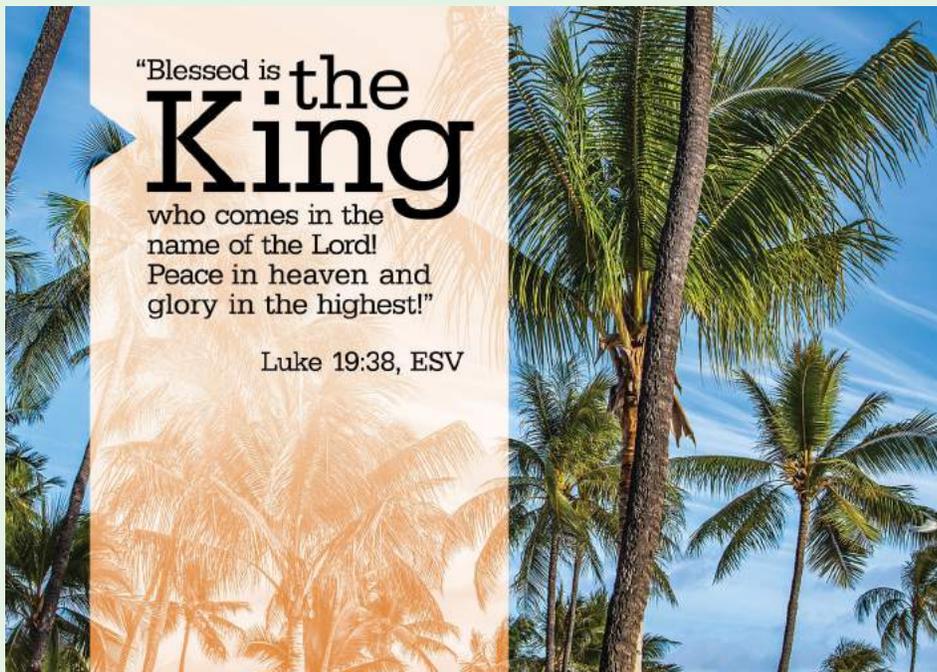
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Pastor's Page

Grace and Peace to you from God the Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Well with Covid 19, Zoom meetings have become part of my daily life. One meeting I attend weekly is offered by the ELCA coaching ministry for ELCA coaches (I am an ELCA Level 2 Discipleship coach). This weekly online gathering is designed to provide encouragement and support for ELCA leaders across the church. Participants hear topical presentations related to how we are called to be Church, as well as have an opportunity to be in small group discussions with other ELCA leaders.

It is here where I met retired Pastor John-Otto Liljenstoppe. In our last meeting, John has shared with me and others in our small group discussion, a wonderful piece he has wrote concerning sin and the call to repentance. With his permission, I thought I would share it with you as you travel and spend time in reflection on this year's Lenten journey. So here it is.

"Lent we are told is a time to concentrate on repentance. For most of us, it seems, this means we are to concentrate on our personal sinfulness and work on repenting from our own failings. While it is not my intention to dissuade anyone from this traditional Lenten concentration, I have become aware of late that there is another way to look at sin and repentance that I think we all would do well to consider.

Sin, the Scripture teaches us has two dimensions, one internal, the other external. The sin we as the Body of Christ are called to deal with is not simply the sin (the alienation) rooted within us that we ourselves have caused. For there is also the alienation we encounter round about us in our daily life, sin which often we ourselves have not caused and are not personally guilty of.

Whenever we encounter barriers in our daily life that enforce estrangement and alienation, i.e. sin, between people and the groups people belong to, we are called by and should expect to be moved by the Spirit of God to CROSS through these alienating, sinful barriers. This crossing through is what the New Testament refers to as "martyria" or "witnessing." It is what Jesus called "taking up his cross." The result of such crossing through barriers can be and often is metanoia, the changing of minds and reconciliation between individuals and the groups they belong to.

When we, as the Body of Christ, assault the sin that exists between individuals or groups, we should not be surprised that the response we sometimes get is hostility. For crossing through barriers involves calling a person's or group's sense of self into question. For we humans tend to identify ourselves by thinking, I or we are who we are because we are not like "those others." And "those others" often return the favor by seeing us and the group we belong to in much the same manner. Thus, when we by word and action begin treating the "other" in a positive, affirming way, we are suggesting to those who identify with us as well as those who see us and our group as the "other" that they may be something more, something other than what they perceive themselves to be causing a dissonance that few of us can easily tolerate.

Such acts of martyrria or witnessing can at the same time make us aware of our own lack of trust in God and our idolatrous holding on to things, to a status, that we have come to think we need to be whole. For as I just mentioned, people whose sense of self is being questioned often verbally and sometimes physically assault those whose boundary crossing behavior is calling their identity into question. Thus, when we are trying to break through a boundary set in place by the Powers and Principalities of our world, we may well find ourselves being threatened; and in that threatening we may well discover that to continue our witness, we must risk losing things that are important to us, things we think we must have to live and succeed. It is then we may find ourselves, like Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, praying, "Lord, if possible, let this cup pass from me" (Matthew 26:39). So it is that in our very obedience to the Spirit's call to witness, we discover how we ourselves are being called to repentance.

So, in this time of Lent, I propose that we spend time focusing upon the sin that abounds around us, the sin that separates neighbor from neighbor, the sin that is hindering the coming of God's Kingdom into our world. In this manner, it seems to me, we will become more deeply aware of not only the meaning of the cross in the life of Jesus but also the meaning of the cross in our own lives.

Blessings and know that the Good Lord is always near beside us, travelling with us not only on this Lenten journey but on all of LIFE'S journey.

Pastor Mukesh

Prayer Concerns

Members: Dee Grover, Lois Hershberger, Winnie Ferguson, Patti Paul, Aaron Winter, Beth Connolly, Linda Bartleson, Lynn Leppo, Lois Gradel, Jean Lippincott, Danny Vile, Marty Danielson, David Erdman, Edith Williams, Elizabeth Reinas, Linda Winter, Chris Ryan, Tim Kucey, Helen Susko, Don Farnham, John Schwenk, Trey Grover, Jim Reinas, Joanne Waldkoenig., Donna Kistner and family on the passing of her brother George.

Relatives and Friends of our Members: Luke Tynan, Jim McMullen, Joe Mellon, Colleen Quinn, Crystal Nystrom, Arlene Krajewski, Liam Schieber, Marie Armitage, Tom Gallagher, Tom Steele, Gary Thomas, Paul Robinson, Fred Winter, Alvora Hommen, Cheryl Winter, Marilyn Davis, Nellie Johnson, Kelly Baron and her daughter, Talyia, Steph Fuhrer, Leslie Ewen, Cheryl Hummell, Harry and Edith Gordon, Mary Sunday, John Burg, Violet Herbert, Jennifer Pacittom, Marie Delfin, Carol Ann Vogel, Harry & Carol Thompson, Henry Krajewski, Diane Van Hise, Connor Scott, Jean Sabalusky Brian Woodford Sr., Amanda Kelly, Mason Sredl, Valerie Mihalek, Mr. Finn, Yusuf K., Joe Garcia, John Shay, Paige Neal Jackson and her mother Latoya, Keith Russell, Bill Engle, Lynn and Mike Brad, Christinie Kosto, Linda Austin, Pastor Ron, Gloria Austin, Nikki Cancilla, Nathan Sredl, William Gardner, Tom Steele, Kaylee Schwenk, Donna Johnson, Robert Blinstrub, Sr., Gerald Grover, Jr., Donna Johnson, Britney Diabelko, the Dundee family for a speedy health recovery for the family, Irene Thomson, George Rehm, Ed McBlain.

Relatives and Friends of our Members Serving in the Military: Chad Durban, Joseph Piel, Mason Burgess, Kelly Cahill, Matthew Brandon Winter, Reid Furman, Julia Furman, Anne Furman, Matt Glaze, John Dichoso.

Remember in Your Prayers Pastor and staff of Redeemer, and our Nations Leaders:

Pres. Joe Biden, Vice Pres. Kamala Harris, Our U.S. Senators, The Supreme Court, and the House of Representatives.

Prayer Initiative for March

On March 14th we will pray for:

Arlene Shecter; David, Cindy, Jason, and Julie Short

On March 28th we will pray for:

John and Danielle Slaughter and children Tyler & Kylie;
Rebecca, Derek, and Jared Smith

Parish Register

Dear Friends at Redeemer,

Thank you so much for the cards, phone calls on the passing of Craig's mother, Naomi Rogerson.

We are so appreciative of your kind words and actions.

Thank you also to the church for our baked ziti dinner delivered as part of the Redeem a Meal Ministry. It was absolutely delicious and showed the church's love and caring of it's members and friends.

Love,

Craig and Holly Rogerson

Dear Members of Redeemer Lutheran,

Thank you for sending a Valentine's day basket and card.

Bill Clark

Dear Members and Friends of Redeemer,

Thank you for your beautiful Valentine's card and your prayers. I just had my number one shot and now waiting for number 2 shot so then this ninety four year old lady will be good as new again!

I truly miss you all and Redeemer church.

God bless you all and again thank you always.

Love,

Winnie Ferguson

Thank you!

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Stewardship Ministry

Stewardship News By Mike Burlingame
Discipleship through Stewardship

I have been blessed to be part of a prison Bible Study for many years. The men are all in for long terms and I've been able to get to know them. Many come from homes where there is no father, and the mother is only occasionally present. They have a need for someone who cares about them and so they turn to gangs. As a Bible Study volunteer, they greatly respect and appreciate me, and we have a bond in Christ that will keep us on the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Here's a story that has inspired me about a man who was a wise steward and servant to socially outcast young men. Edward Flanagan was born in Ireland in 1886. He immigrated to the US and became a priest in Nebraska.

Father Flanagan's heart went out to orphaned young men who were neglected by society. As he worked with such boys in his parish, he saw they often turned to crime. He understood that the boys needed love to be productive citizens.

In December 1917 he borrowed \$90 and opened a boys' home in an old Victorian mansion. The archbishop allowed him to work with the boys and assigned nuns to help. Many boys were sent to him by the court, but many came on their own.

In 1918, they moved to a larger building called the German American Home. There were then 150 boys. Knowing that education was important, Father Flanagan and the nuns would teach in the living rooms of the Home. To help support the Home, Father Flanagan's Boy's Home Journal was sold by the boys at the cost of 10¢ per issue. The Journal had news about the home's activities, recipes, jokes, home remedies, and commentary by Father Flanagan.

Within two years they outgrew the German American Home, so Father Flanagan raised money to buy a farm, 10 miles west of Omaha, in 1921. There the boys raised some of their own food, milked cows, and had baseball and football fields.

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Within a year, additional money was raised from business and religious leaders, and many residents, for a new, 5-story building with classrooms, dining hall, gym, dormitory, chapel, and hospital. By 1930, Boys Town was home for 280 boys, and a new \$400,000 building was underway.

So, here is a poor immigrant priest from Ireland, who used \$90 in borrowed money to help thousands of orphaned boys in the name of Christ. Faith and the giving of his time was all that was needed. I can hear the Lord, "Well done, good and faithful servant: you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter into the joy of your lord" (Matt. 25:21). For more about Boys Town history see: <https://vimeo.com/229760478>.

My Discipleship through Stewardship by Ilene Kersten

My stewardship growth began with my baptism at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Scranton, Pennsylvania in 1938.

When I was 3 years old my Mom began taking me to Sunday School. She went to her class and I went to the class for 3 to 5 year-olds. I loved it.

At 9 years old I was promoted to Mrs. Davies class. On our first Sunday with her, she invited us to come and sit with her at the church service. So, I went to church every Sunday. Mrs. Davies helped us learn the hymnal. After a while all the girls in the Sunday School class were attending church and sitting with Mrs. Davies in the third pew on the righthand side of the aisle. At 12 years old I was confirmed, I was so excited to receive Communion.

A few years later our new pastor introduced us to the new Altar Guild. All the members he chose were ladies, except for one 14-year-old, me. So, I learned about different paraments and what color is appropriate for each season of the church year. That learning went with me for many years. During my teen-age years, I helped teach the 3–5-year-olds. It was a good preparation for my college major.

After college graduation I got a job in the Pennsbury School District. A coworker introduced me to Trinity Lutheran Church in Fairless Hills. I joined the Altar Guild, the Women's Group and I taught Vacation Bible School. I was also a substitute for Sunday School.

I met my husband Lee when I joined the choir. We were the first couple married in the new church in 1963. I continued all the activities mentioned before, but in later years I also served on the Church Council. I was also President of the Altar Guild and Chairman of Education.

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We had left Trinity for some years, and when my husband passed away in 2007, I visited Redeemer. I made up my mind that this was the church for me, and I've been here ever since.

I served on the Altar Guild for many years. I now attend WELCA and Senior Bible Study. When Pastor Esther retired, I inherited the teaching of Senior Bible Study. I do enjoy teaching it, but I think I learn more when I prepare the lessons for all of us.

I have led a long life in the Lutheran Church, and I hope I've been a good steward. I have always embraced living a life of Discipleship through Stewardship.

Stewardship Word of the Month

Peace

For the mind sent on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace. (Romans 14:17)



**See the next page for a hidden word puzzle.
Enjoy!**

STEWARDSHIP - FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

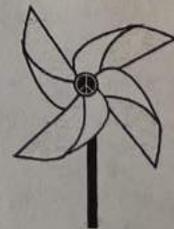
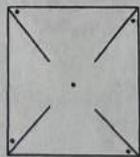
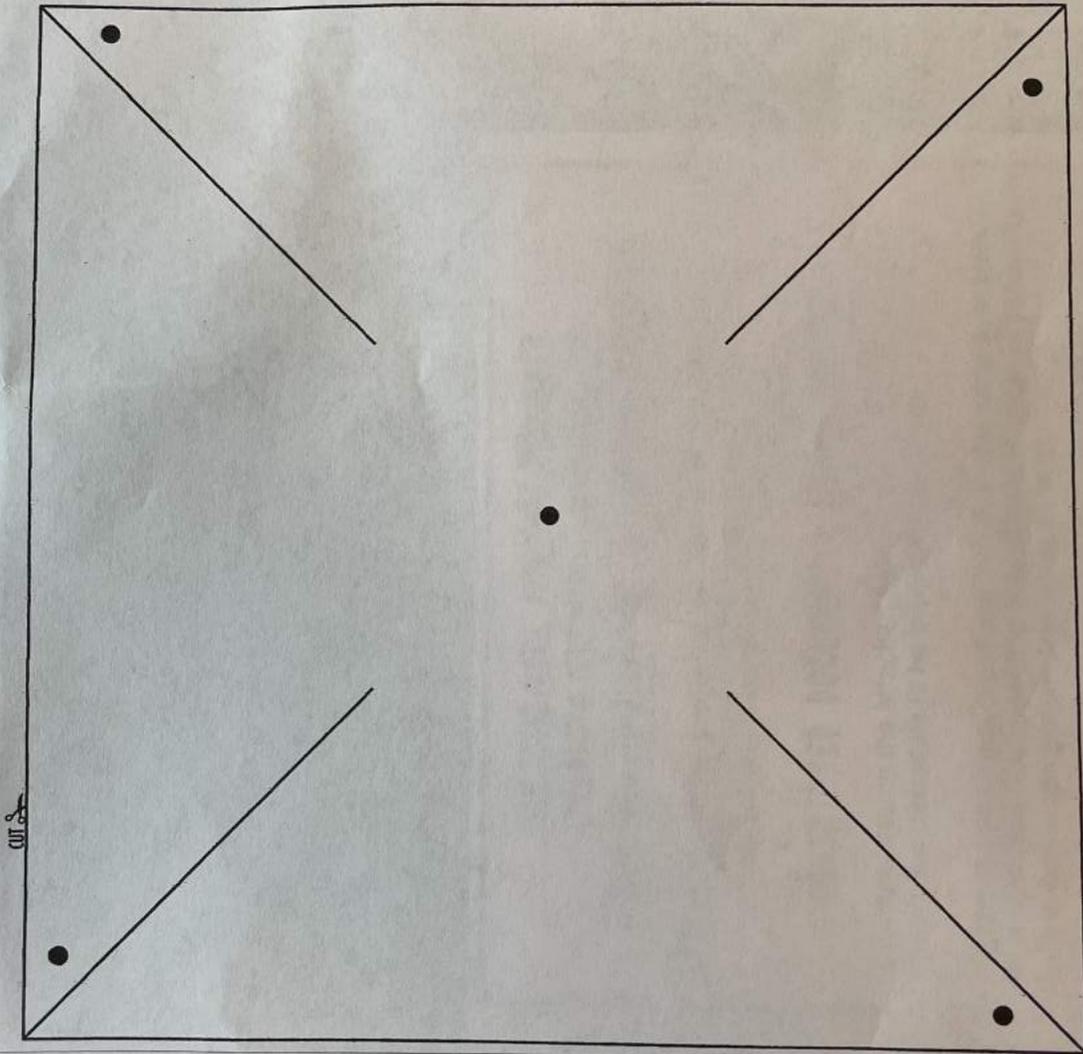
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PEACE, PEACE, PEACE, STEWARDSHIP, DISCIPLE, KINDNESS,
GENTLENESS, JOY, SPIRIT, FAITHFULNESS, GOODNESS,
SELF CONTROL, LOVE, PATIENCE

Pinwheels are sometimes associated with peace. This month create a pinwheel and let it blow during the March winds. As it spins, let it be a reminder of the peace we all seek for our world.

March Pinwheel (Materials: coloring supplies, pushpin or straight pin, pencil with eraser)

- Directions:**
1. Cut out the pinwheel square on the black solid line and the peace circle on the white solid line.
 2. Draw, color, decorate your pinwheel.
 3. Following the lines on the template, cut in from all 4 corners on the black solid lines, leaving about two inches of center uncut.
 4. To create the pinwheel, gently bend (don't fold) the paper and line up the dots on the outer edge of your pinwheel with the dot in the center.
 5. Stick the pin through all dots into the pencil eraser.



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Evangelism Ministry

We delivered Valentine's Day Care Packages with candy, cards, and other necessities of life to our college students, who are all working from home these days. The students and their families expressed their appreciation for the love and support that our congregation always shows to them. We also mailed out Valentine's Day cards to our shut-ins and others who may be feeling isolated.

This year we did some brainstorming to identify potential new Evangelism activities that both support our mission statement "Witnessing our faith through word and deed" and are feasible during this time of social distancing. One idea that we decided to get started on right away is to support Pastor in outreach to people living or serving in our community. Each month Pastor will bring gifts and a word of encouragement to those whom the committee selects for the month. In January, we honored the Penndel Police Department and the Borough with snacks and a "thank you" for the essential services they provide to our community. In February, Pastor came laden with cookies and chips and words of support and thanks for an appreciative crew at the Penndel Firehouse. Please let us know if you have any ideas or recommendations for individuals or groups that we may support with this outreach ministry.

We have a new information card available for download and printing, with some hard copies available at the church office. Copies of this card will be shared with visitors who come to the church office and will be used by Pastor for community outreach. If you have friends or know of someone who may like a personal invite and information to join us in virtual worship, please share.

See the next page for a picture that you can print and cut out if you would like to prepare some cards for distribution.



Redeemer Lutheran Information Card for distribution.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Penndel, PA

Come join us for Sunday worship on Facebook Live / Redeemer Penndel

Hymn Sing 9:00 to 9:20 Worship Service 9:20 to 10:30

Find our YouTube link on redeemerlutheranpenndel.org/Events

Pastor Mukesh Cheedie 267 391 8514 (cell)

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Council Highlights

Council met on January 12, 2021. In summary for our congregation members, the following items were discussed at this meeting.

We are happy to report steady attendance of Facebook live services throughout December. The Redeemer Committee chairs/representatives shared reports of committee activities which have been shared with congregation through various announcements and newsletter articles.

The council helped the Stewardship committee approve the annual commitment letter which will be sent to all members requesting gifts of talent/giving for 2021.

Council also discussed preparations for the upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting, sending out the annual report prior to the meeting and reaching out to members to join council for 2021. Our current council members said goodbye and gave a HUGE Thank you to members coming off council.

Redeemer will continue to run virtual Facebook live services as it is still recommended to remain closed to in person worship. We are hopeful for future discussions of in person worship possibilities starting in the spring. We will continue to monitor the Bishop's recommendations for worship and community status for guidance in our decisions.

Council would like to thank all members for continued active ministries here at Redeemer as we adapted well to all the changes in 2020.



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Stitching Angels Ministry

Stitching Angels knitting and crocheting group continues to enjoy meeting on zoom the second, third, and fourth Thursdays of each month beginning at 7:00 pm and ending at 7:40 pm. With zoom it is wonderful that Helen Susko from Florida and Ruth Gabel, from her South Carolina winter home, can attend. Our friend Ruth lives in Feasterville during the summer months.

The Zoom link is below if you are interested in joining us.

Topic: RLC Stitching Angels

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

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Shared Meal Ministry



Shared meal was entirely canceled for February because code blue was called and because our area had a heavy snow storm. Hopefully we will be back up and running in March.

WELCA Ministry

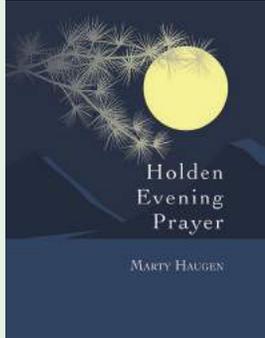
For the February 16 Welca meeting Lynn Engel gave, via zoom, an entertaining and informative presentation with pictures from her trip to Spain and Morocco. We are very grateful to Lynn for sharing her trip and her expertise with us.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM on zoom



Redeemer Lutheran Ministries Worship & Music

Lenten Offerings for Worship



Virtual Mid-week Worship Service
2/24—3/24/2021
at
7:00pm
Every Wednesday

Holden Evening Prayer (or "Vespers '86" as it is still known at Holden Village) was written during the winter of 1985-86 when I was living with my family at Holden. As each part of the vesper service was written it was prayed with the community as part of evening worship. The final version represents a very real collaboration with the winter community at Holden. I believe that one of the reasons it continues to be used is because it reflects the very real prayer of a particular community. Marty Haugen

Come join us virtually during Lent every Wednesday evening at 7pm beginning on Wednesday February 24th and experience the Holden Evening Prayer.

INSTRUCTIONS: (to access this worship service please go to our website: redeemerlutheranpenndel.org ; then go to Events on the far right of the black ribbon and Click on Events, then select the Midweek Service for the date you want to view, then click the link (it says click [here](#)) to go to You Tube to view the worship service) IT IS NOT A FACEBOOK LIVE SERVICE.

Each week Holly will send out the bulletin and scripture to be used during the virtual worship service on Tuesday.

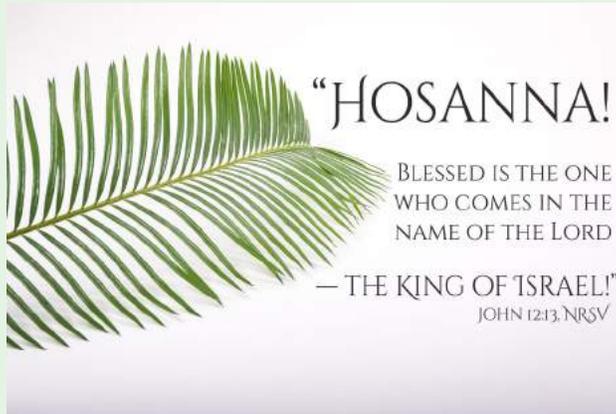
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Comments from our Viewers

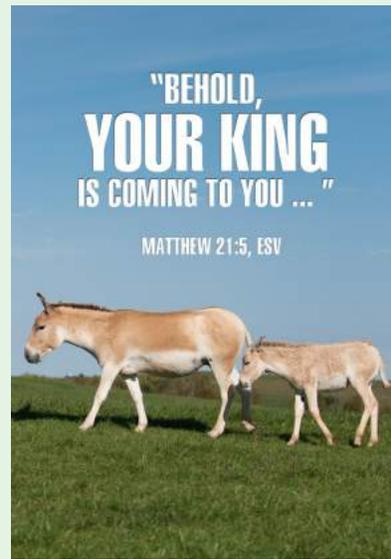
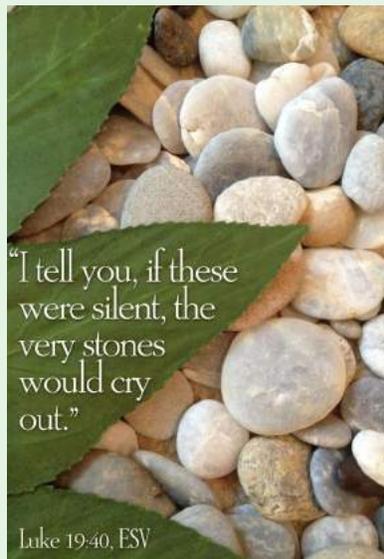
I want to let you know that my Soul rejoiced in God my Savior and my Spirit found joy in God. The service this evening brought tears to my eyes. I closed my eyes and just listened to the hymns that were sung. It seemed like the troubled world that we are living in was gone for this time in prayer at our Lenten Service. With my eyes closed I listened to the hymns and imagined a choir of angels singing praises to our God. I have not felt this close to God in a long time. I was overcome with such Peace and felt like I didn't have any fears, for God was at my side. We sometimes forget the power of prayer in lifting our minds and hearts to God. Especially during a difficult time. I definitely will listen to this service again this week and rejoice in God my Savior and my Spirit found in God. Thank you to all who have given their time and talent to make this evening possible. Dolores Danielson

All I can say is Absolutely Beautiful. I was so touched by the service and even had tears in my eyes. It was absolutely mesmerizing, and I felt such calm and joy and love! I just want to say thank you to all of you for sharing your gifts with all of us. Holly Rogerson

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Join us on Sunday March 28, 2021 for our
virtual worship celebrating Palm Sunday
Hymn Sing at 9am
Worship at 9:20am
Facebook Live



Sharing God's Bounty

March 2021

The Name that Is Above Every Name

Obedience has become an almost ignored concept. Some parents believe that requiring obedience from their children stifles their creative and emotional development. Many couples remove the word "obey" from the vows that brides give to their grooms. To expect employees to obey their employers is certainly not acceptable.

To God, however, obedience is not only acceptable, it is required. Disobedience to God is what is known as sin. And sin separates. Sin separates us from God and from each other. Sin prevents us from living the abundant life that Christ came to give us (John 10:10). On the other hand, obedience is proof of love: "If you love me, you will obey what I command," Jesus says (John 14:15).

Unfortunately, as sinful beings, we are unable to obey our Lord's commands fully. Even the great apostle Paul struggled with this reality. He confessed, "I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out" (Romans 7:18). As he relates his dilemma – the dilemma all Christians face – he asks, "Who will rescue me from this body of death?" (For as surely as day follows night, death follows disobedience) He answers exultantly, "Thanks be to God – through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:24-25)

Jesus has lived the perfect life in our place. Jesus willingly emptied himself, made himself nothing, "and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name" (Philippians 2:7-9).

Jesus did what we cannot do. Jesus triumphed over sin, death, and the devil. Jesus, dead and buried, would not stay there! Jesus has risen! He is exalted to the highest place! He has given us his Spirit, the Counselor, who lives with us and in us (John 14:16-17), to sanctify us for obedience to our Father and service to others. This Spirit equips and enables us to be faithful stewards of the Gospel and all his gifts. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Christian Stewardship is the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities, and material possessions based on the conviction that these are a trust from God, to be used in God's service for the benefit of all mankind in grateful acknowledgement of Christ's redeeming love.

Bible Quiz

As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt. Which foods were not mentioned?

A. carrots and potatoes
 B. onions and garlic
 C. fish and leeks
 D. melons and cucumbers

Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6.)

Puzzle!

Use the code to complete the blanks — and find out how God wants us to treat people.

CODE:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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EPHESIANS 4:32, NIV

Answer: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NIV

FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.

What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String

What you do:

1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, coat the roll again.

**Visitors and Neighbors:
Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church!**

*Our door is open to you!
We would be happy to have you join us as
a Partner in prayer, in song, and in the
hearing of God's word.*



Our Mission:

As a community of faith we worship the Triune God.
We are called to love and serve all God's people and
creation through word and deed.

