



**1st Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**  
**Redemption Lutheran Church**  
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**Philadelphia PA 19152**  
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## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

(The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God)

*The assembly stands.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:  
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:  
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.  
Through faith, the free gift of God,  
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead  
dwells in you,  
pours God's love into your hearts,  
and gives you life and peace.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** – *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days - ELW 319*

### **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

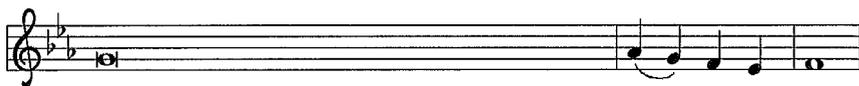
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



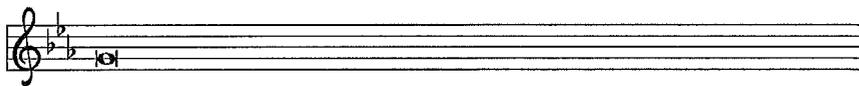
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



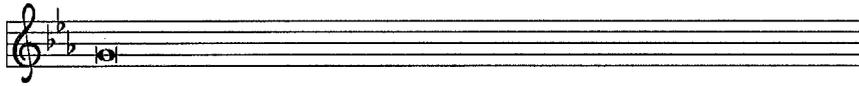
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

P: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

(God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.)

## FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

A: A reading from Genesis

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you

shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: 32

*The Psalm is read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,  
and whose sin is | put away!

<sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,  
because of my groaning | all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer. R**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you forgave  
me the guilt | of my sin.

<sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of**

**trouble;**

**when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;  
I will guide you | with my eye. R**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you.”

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. **R**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19**

A: A reading from Romans

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup>for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

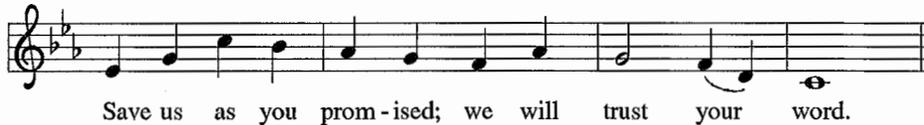
<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as

through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



**GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’ ”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**Rev. Ron Wesemann**

*The assembly remains seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God - ELW 504*

## CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.\* On the  
third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right  
hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each prayer ends with the words, “Hear us, O God” and the congregation  
responds, “Your mercy is great”.*

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you", or similar words.*

## **MEAL**

(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.)

### *The Assembly Stands*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
your steadfast love embraces all creation.

You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.

Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

## **DIALOGUE**

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

*The presiding minister continues:*

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of". The second staff continues: "pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff continues: "san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the". The fourth staff concludes: "name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he

took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**C: Amen.**

P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**C: Amen.**

P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

*The assembly may be seated. The bread is broken for communion.*

## COMMUNION

*You may come to the rail to receive communion. The bread is gluten free, and you may dip it in the wine or grape juice. If you can't come to the rail communion will be brought to you.*

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The assembly stands.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

P: God of our salvation,

we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.

Through the body and blood of you Son,

may we become Christ's body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

(God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.)

### **BLESSING**

**P:** Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
✠ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen**

**SENDING HYMN** – *Jesus, Still Lead On* – ELW 624

### **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in Peace. Believe the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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### **Our Prayer List**

**Our Community:** Bob Conn, Mabel Turner, Ethel Metz, Doris LaMar.

**Our Friends:** Terry Gara, Lea and Paul Ressler, Melissa Kuchler, Linda Moore,  
Robert Donnelly and Family, Patricia Weiser, Kathy Schultz, Shannon Puitro, Josh,  
Sue & Dave Goldstein, Jack Horvath, Joe Wolf, Mason Family, Nina Liptak, Barbara  
Laudenbacker, Mark Strenger, Freddie Schrat, Karen Giampietro, Dave Speece.

## **Announcements**

During this time of pastoral transition, we want to share our financial status with the congregation by reporting the amount budgeted for monthly offering income, versus actual monthly offering income. Budgeted monthly offering income for February is \$5,800, and to date we have received \$6,243.

**Feast of Justice Collection** – Personal Care items are needed. Full-sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Soap, toothpaste, deodorant and especially feminine products would be greatly appreciated. You can place the items in the box in the Narthex.

**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** – We will be holding a Bingo Fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. (Snow Date: March 1<sup>st</sup>) \$25 per person at the door. Invite your family and friends!

The theme of this year's NE/NW Philly Conference Midweek Lent Supper and Worship is Forgiveness. Supper at 6:00p.m., Worship at 7:00p.m. on the following Wednesdays:

**Feb. 25** - Prince of Peace, 6001 Colgate Ave.

**March 4** - St. John, 3101 Tyson Ave.

**March 11** - St. Paul, 5918 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St.

**March 18** - St. David, 9169 Academy Rd.

**March 25** - Redemption, 8001 Bustleton Ave.

Pastor Ron Wesemann will lead worship for Redemption on March 25. A sign-up sheet for soup, salad, bread and dessert contributions will be available soon.

In conjunction with the Midweek Lent Supper and Worship, St. John will present a Book Study on Forgiving. You will read the Book of Forgiving by Desmond and Mpho Tutu. Monday's at 7:00p.m., starting February 23. In person or on-line. Instructions are:  
Meet.google.com/yvo-bysa-pgu  
#515-890-5268 PIN: 952 621 452#

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** – We will complete the rescheduled MLK Day service project after worship. We will prepare snack bags for the non-profit “Caring for Friends”. Our goal is 40 bags.

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** – Rescheduled Congregational & Transition Meeting. We will approve the second half of our fiscal year 2025/2026 Budget (January - June 2026). The Transition Team will hold an information meeting. Pizza will be provided.

### **Save the Date**

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** – Join our inaugural Book Club Meeting at 12:00p.m. We will discuss “The Book Club of Troublesome Women” by Marie Bostwick. Light Refreshments. Invite family and friends.