

Redeemer REVIEW



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from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

WHERE CAN I FIND A GOOD CHURCH?

Many people do not attend nor do they seek out a church where they can attend services and participate in the life of the church. It is a fact that church attendance is decreasing rapidly in our country.

Others go church shopping and seek a Christian church, but how can they know they are really in a Christian church? People might be impressed with the building, the programs, the music program, the pastor, or some other factor. But none of these constitutes the Christian church here on earth.

If we raise the question of what constitutes the church, we have a good answer from the Bible and one which Martin Luther confessed rightly.

Luther indicates seven distinctive marks which identify the Christian church. In a section of Luther's famous work, *On the Councils and the Church*, which first appeared in 1539, he wrote on the church and referred to the church as "A Christian Holy People."

Simply put, the church is Christ's holy people because the Holy Spirit is present in and among believers in Jesus Christ. These Christians are and will remain sinners until they die, but they live a new life in the Holy Spirit, born again in holy baptism. They receive the forgiveness of sins in the blood of Jesus, but also have a desire to overcome sin and to fight it each day.

Our Lenten devotions, sermons, and meditations will focus on Jesus Christ for the next forty days as we engage in repentance, sorrow over sin, fasting, prayer, meditation, reception of forgiveness in the means of grace, and in taking up our cross to follow Jesus.

Lent is a rich time of the church year and brings into clear focus the redemptive work of our Savior. As we engage in special devotions, attend Wednesday Evening Prayer, and consider what our Lord gives us in the Gospel and sacraments, we are filled with great joy and gladness as we follow Jesus in this life and into eternal life.

In the meantime, consider these seven marks of the church as we learn from our Savior and Luther's right confession of pure Christian doctrine.

The first mark of a holy Christian people is the possession of the holy Word of God. Yes, it is often mixed with human opinion and false doctrine. But, the pure Word of God always remains and is a mark that is evident. God's Word cannot be without God's people and it

always remains among them in preaching, teaching, and studies.

The second mark of the holy Christian people is the sacrament of holy baptism, whereby we were born again of the water and the word. Baptism saves us, forgives our sins, and unites us to Jesus and all his promises.

The third mark of the holy Christian people is the holy sacrament of the altar where we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the miracle of the Lord's Supper, all for the forgiveness of our sins. It is a public sign left for us by Jesus whereby our Lord distributes his precious gifts to sinners.

The fourth mark of God's Christian holy people is the public use of the office of the keys. Jesus instituted this in Matthew 18:15-16. When a Christian sins, he is to be rebuked and called to repentance. If there is confession, the absolution is to be granted. Both public and private confession and absolution is to be maintained.

The fifth way God's Christian holy people is recognized outwardly is by the calling and consecration of pastors who administrate the Word and sacraments of Jesus. The holy ministry is not optional, but commanded by our Lord. He gives the gift of qualified, skilled men who fill the office of pastor as a gift of Jesus (Ephesians 4:11)

The sixth way the Christian holy people is recognized is by public prayer, praise, and thanksgiving to God. Where you have the prayers of the church, the Psalms and hymns, the creed, the liturgy of the church, the praying of the catechism, there you have a mark of the church, for prayer sets apart all things and makes them holy.

The seventh way the Christian holy people is recognized is by the relic of the holy cross. This does not mean a piece of wood, but is indicated by suffering, misfortune, persecution, and assaults from the devil and world. Christians are opposed and suffer in this world for the sake of Jesus.

Therefore, as we journey with Jesus this holy Lenten season and anticipate the celebration of his resurrection from the dead for us, consider these seven marks of the church. Take your confidence and joy in knowing that where these marks are evident, there is the holy Christian people of God with Christ as the center.

A blessed Lent.



Pastor Jordan

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2017 – January 31, 2017

INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

TOTAL INCOME: \$16,414.80

EXPENSES:

Administration \$11,660.70

Christian Education 245.59

Evangelism 167.98

Fellowship (surplus balance) -60.50

Stewardship 0.00

Trustees \$2,194.88

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$14,208.65

NET ORDINARY INCOME: 2,206.15

CHURCH FAC. RENT INCOME 0.00

TOTAL INCOME 2,206.15

RETAINED EARNINGS \$34,374.57

FINAL INC./EXP. BALANCE \$36,580.72

ASSETS/LIABILITIES:

CHURCH

Directed Funds (TCB) \$83,922.49

Operating Funds (TCB) \$36,580.72

Mission Trust Fund (Thornburg) \$242,709.86

Scholarship Fund (Stifel Nicolaus) \$287,146.23

TOTAL CHURCH ASSETS/LIAB.: \$650,359.30

TOTAL SCHOOL ASSETS: \$24,408.66

TOTAL ASSETS/LIABILITIES: \$674,767.96

SCHOOL INCOME \$2,850.00

35% to Miss. Trust Inc. 3,000 Miss. \$997.50

30% to Scholarship Fund \$855.00

20% to Facilities Reserve Fund \$570.00

10% to School Reserve Fund \$285.00

5% to Musician & Concert \$142.50

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS

Each Thursday, 9:30 - 11:00, in the Fireside Room, we are learning from I John. This epistle, written about 85-95 A.D. was authored by John, apostle and evangelist, sometimes called “the elder.”

The believers are called children, fathers, and young men and opponents of the church are called antichrists, false teachers, spirits, and deceivers.

The purpose of this Scripture is to establish and encourage faithfulness to Christ in the wake of false teachers, especially the Gnostics.

Come and learn as we apply this Word of God to our troubled situation today in our churches and world, taking hope and security from the true Gospel of Jesus. Find the study guide at www.whatdoesthismean.org

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The next men’s Bible class is Saturday, March 4, 8:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Chapter Seven - *Concerning Me and Other Christians*. Our studies come from the book “On Being a Christian” by Henry Hamann.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

Each Sunday, 8:45 – 9:45, Parish Hall, we are engaged in learning from God’s Word on the topic of John the Baptist. His birth, the preaching of John, the baptism of Jesus, and the death of John will be covered.

John preached the severity of God’s Law, railing against sinners and washing away their sin in holy baptism. He preached repentance and hope in Christ. He preached his cousin, Jesus Christ.

Come and learn from God’s Word as we take great lessons for today from this, the greatest of prophets who pointed to Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God.

COLLEGE STUDENTS/YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, March 12, 5:00 p.m. is our next dinner and study. All college students at Chico State/Butte College and young adults are welcome to attend.

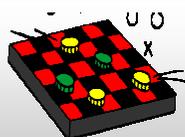
YOUTH GROUP

Higher Things Youth Conference "Here I Stand" in Bozeman, Montana, July 18-21, participants are Emma Eastman, Yuhuan Wenslaff, Yufei Wenslaff, Monica Jordan, and Pastor Jordan. See www.higherthings.org for information.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

for the April Redeemer Review is
Tuesday, March 21, 4:00 p.m.

Your articles and photos are welcome and encouraged!



Game Night!

Friday, March 17, 7:00 p.m.
Bring your favorite game!

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- 06 ROY HOLDERBEIN
- 08 PEGGY FRERICHS
- 09 ANN CARNEY
- 23 KARL WEINREICH, III
- 25 LACEY VANGARMO
- 25 JILL WILLIAMS
- 26 BELLA THORSON
- 29 JIM CARNEY
- 29 ANITA WEINREICH
- 31 PATRICIA BODI



MARCH BAPTISMAL DATES

- 01 LINDA ALLEN
- 01 ALLEN THOMPSON
- 09 CAROLYN MARTIN
- 20 DAVID SWEET
- 24 MARNE' SIVESIND
- 31 NICOLE MARSHALL
- 31 ALEX WOOLERY

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TECHNOLOGY

Last month's article ended saying that we would look at some more resources, and that

is precisely what we will do. Some of the resources have been listed before, though just briefly, but this month we will go into a little more depth as well as share some additional resources.

First let's look at a resource recently uncovered through searching the internet and some ways to use this new jewel. The site is, "Five Minutes a Day with Luther" and the link will take you to the current day's reading. <http://lcmssermons.com/5mins>

Take time to browse this site. One of the things you will learn if you go to the "About" tab is that this is the result of the work of Pastor Robin Fish. His work was to preserve a book originally published in 1926. It is available as a print-on-demand book from Lulu.com; however, you are also able to download a free pdf copy of the book at this site.

The book is a daily devotional. If you download the pdf file you will need Acrobat Reader to access the file. The book, both in the printed copy and as a pdf file, contains an index of subjects as well as an index of passages at the end of the book. It is also possible to copy the pdf file to Google Drive or another cloud storage application where you can read this on any of your mobile devices. Also if you make personal annotations on a page they will update across platforms. (If you can't annotate in your version of Acrobat you may need to upgrade.)

A site that has been mentioned before, but not necessarily as a devotional site, is steadfastlutherans.org. This site is a wealth of resources, comments, discussions, what's happening, etc. If, however, in the search box you type in "devotionals" you will come up with a variety of resources. A new one is "Lambs at Pasture" which premieres the first Sunday of Lent. While this follows the one-year lectionary rather than the three-year it might be a good resource for families with children still at home, or when you have visiting grandchildren or nieces and nephews. Check out more information about it at Steadfast Lutherans.

Do you ever lament the fact that a daily devotional is just not quite enough? One answer to that is addressed by utilizing the site "Rightly Divided." Here is the link: <https://rightlydividedbible.wordpress.com/>

Use this link or you will end up at places different from this excellent site. You can either create a shortcut on the home page of your tablet or smartphone or sign up to have the daily (except for Saturday) blog delivered to your email. In the "about" tab this is what is said:

"In the Daily Bible Meditation blog you will find encouragement, insight, teaching, and conversation about the Scriptures."

There are three sections to each day—Old Testament, New Testament and Psalms. The writings contain the following divisions: Read, Learn, Mark and Meditate.

Clicking on the "Read" section will take you to an online Bible where you can read it yourself, listen, or read and listen. The "Mark" section points out specific verses to pay attention to. "Learn" is a teaching section and sometimes "Mark and Learn" are grouped together. "Meditate" is the section that directs you to various thoughts to consider more deeply or it can be a prayer or perhaps a hymn. For those who need and crave pondering time this gives you great input. You might even want to respond to ongoing conversations on the Facebook site.

Many have used, or currently are using, "Treasury of Daily Prayer" for their devotional times. This volume contains a wealth of daily readings, writings, hymnody, orders for daily prayer, etc. meeting not only devotional needs, but worship, study and suggested optional readings. However, this is a sizeable volume and not conducive to carrying around.

The electronic version of this is available as an app. Unlike most of the apps recommended before, this is not a free app.



The cost of the app is \$8.99 and the easiest way to find it is to go to cph.org and then enter "pray now app" in the search box on the home screen. This will bring up the links for both Android and iPhone.

You have many options once you enter the app. Pay attention to the selections at the bottom of the app and explore what is there.

The "table of contents" will give you choices of the Daily Readings, Psalms, Selected Canticles, Prayers and Thanksgiving, Short Orders of Service and Orders of Daily Prayer. The bottom bar has a calendar where you can go to a specific date, the various tunes used for the psalmody and the ability to bookmark a particular day. There is also a "settings" tab where you can toggle on or off various aspects as well as indicate font and size, etc.

Once again space has been used up. As various confessional devotional resources are found they will be shared.

*Make Your Word my joy,
Your counsel my guide,
Your presence my peace;
in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

— Martin Luther (from *Lutheran Book of Prayer*, 5th edition, a Tuesday morning prayer)

LWML NOTES

At our last meeting we opened with a Bible Study led by Linda Allen and then moved into the reading of correspondence, minutes, and the treasurer's report. Committee reports and other business were conducted as well.

Coins for Christ are collected each Sunday for our seminary student, Joshua DeYoung, who is currently on vicarage. Place spare coins in the offering plate.

Diakonia Compassionate Ministry, Rev. David Chuchu helps orphan students get into schools in Kenya, Africa.

The LWML sponsors a child for \$30.00 a month. We invite the congregation to help us by placing a contribution in the basket in the narthex on the fourth Sunday of each month.

On the first Sunday of the month, mites are collected to help fund mission grants at the district level. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Our next LWML event is the viewing of "The First Rosa," (Rosa Young*) We invite all to come enjoy the movie along with snacks on Saturday, March 4th at 9:30 a.m.

Life in the Dark Belt tells the inspiring story of Rosa Young, who labored tirelessly to establish Christian schools throughout the Deep South in the first half of the 20th century. She influenced the founding of 30 LCMS Lutheran schools, 35 Lutheran congregations, and Concordia College - Alabama. To read Rosa Young's inspiring story, contact Dianne Wilkinson, 345-1019, for the book-loan program.

MERCY IN KENYA

The annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon will follow worship on Sunday, March 5th. The menu includes corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, salad, bread, and dessert. There is a suggested donation of \$8.00. The proceeds will go toward the mercy trip to assist Rev. Dennis and Deaconess Lorna Meeker at Point of Grace Lutheran Academy in Kenya in 2018.

There is a signup sheet in the parish hall at Redeemer for those planning to attend. It helps to know how much to purchase. There is a signup sheet for anyone who would like to help with the event as well. Please contact Kathy Sweet at (530) 520-5714 or Linda Allen at (530) 891-0489 for information or to help.

Your Sister in Christ, Kathy Sweet

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LENTEN, HOLY WEEK, EASTER SCHEDULE 2017

LENT

Wednesday, March 1
Ash Wednesday Divine Service - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5
Evening Prayer - 7:00 p.m.

March 8, 22, April 5
Soup Supper - 6:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 9
Palm Sunday Divine Service - 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 13
Holy Thursday Divine Service -
7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 14
Good Friday
Chief Service - 12:00 p.m.
Tenebrae Service - 7:00 p.m.

EASTER

Sunday, April 16
Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Day
Easter Breakfast/Flowering of the Cross
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Divine Service - 10:00 a.m.

HEALTH MINISTRY

After nearly a dozen blood drives over the past years, I feel it is time to offer the chair duties to another member of Redeemer. No medical background is necessary and either a woman or a man can do this coordinating. Mentoring will be available. Blood Source locally has us scheduled for Nov. 12, 2017. It is held after service on a Sunday and goes for approximately 3 hours. Please speak to me if you are interested in heading the next drive. We feel it is a worthwhile endeavor for Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church to sponsor this faith-based blood drive.

Blood pressure screening is available upon request.
In His service, Shirley Wilson 864-0022

HYMNS THAT SING OF CHRIST: LSB 453
 “UPON THE CROSS EXTENDED”

Upon the cross extended
 See, world, your Lord suspended.
 Your Savior yields His breath.
 The Prince of Life from heaven
 Himself has freely given
 To shame and blows and bitter death.
 Come, see these things and ponder,
 Your souls will fill with wonder
 As blood streams from each pore.
 Through grief beyond all knowing
 From His great heart come flowing
 Sighs welling from its deepest core.
 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You?
 Who has so sore abused You
 And caused You all Your woe?
 We all must make confession
 Of sin and dire transgression
 While You no ways of evil know.
 I caused Your grief and sighing
 By evils multiplying
 As countless as the sands.
 I caused the woes unnumbered
 With which Your soul is cumbered,
 Your sorrows raised by wicked hands.
 Your soul in griefs unbounded,
 Your head with thorns surrounded,
 You died to ransom me.
 The cross for me enduring,
 The crown for me securing,
 You healed my wounds and set me free.
 Your cords of love, my Savior,
 Bind me to You forever,
 I am no longer mine.
 To You I gladly tender
 All that my life can render
 And all I have to You resign.
 Your cross I place before me;
 Its saving pow'r restore me,
 Sustain me in the test.
 It will, when life is ending,
 Be guiding and attending
 My way to Your eternal rest.

This hymn by Paul Gerhardt has been described as "A profound meditation on the Lord's Passion." Originally it had 16 stanzas. We have seven of them in our hymnal. It was written while Gerhardt was studying at Wittenberg University toward the end of the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). This was a time when the destructive and miserable consequences of this horrifying war were ever on his mind. For that

reason he calls the suffering world, of which he is a part, to the cross and to Christ's sufferings for the world's salvation. His preaching of repentance is not over against the world, but it is such in which he accuses also himself for having caused the Savior's sorrows and woe. Having begun this hymn as a song of dying, he concludes it on a joyful note of eternal rest in stanza 16, below.

Your groaning and your sighing
 Your bitter tears and dying
 With which you were oppressed,
 They shall, when life is ending,
 Be guiding and attending
 My way to your eternal rest.

This hymn was a favorite of J. S. Bach and he used two stanzas of this great hymn in his *St. Matthew Passion* and *St. John Passion*. The translation in *Lutheran Worship* (1982) was an altered and updated form by John Kelly.

Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676) was born in Grafenhainichen, a small village between Halle and Wittenberg. His father, Christian, was mayor of the village. His mother a Lutheran pastor's daughter and pastor's granddaughter.

We have written another hymn review about the life of Paul Gerhardt so will give a brief commentary here. He suffered terribly in his youth because of the Thirty Years' War. He was ordained in 1656 as a Lutheran pastor. He later came in conflict with the Calvinists because he refused to compromise his faith. He was deposed from office and prohibited from conducting any function of his office as pastor, even in private. Just prior to this, he had lost four of his five children, and his beloved wife was seriously ill. Charitable members of the congregation now constituted his sole support. In 1668, his wife Anna died. Now only a young son remained. In 1669, he was appointed archdeacon of Lubben where he spent the closing years of his life in much unhappiness, the result of family affliction and the unkindness of rude and unsympathetic people. The inscription on his portrait in the Lutheran church at Lubben reads, in English; "A divine sifted in Satan's Sieve." Gerhardt wrote 133 hymns. We have several in our hymnal.

The tune *O Welt, Ich Muss Dich Lassen* is a traditional German tune dating perhaps to the 15th century. The tune is also called *Innsbruck*. It was considered originally to be a secular folk song, later turned into a Christian hymn. The authorship is uncertain. This was another of J.S. Back's favorite tunes as he used it frequently. The same tune is used for *Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow* and *Arise and Shine in Splendor* in our hymnal.

Lent 2017 Service Plan

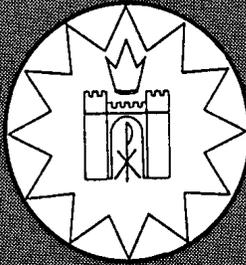
The Seven Marks of the Church “A Christian Holy People”

From Martin Luther’s *On the Councils and the Church*

How can the Christian Church be found or discovered? Usually by marks or signs: Relevant preaching, substantive worship, and friendly people. But are such things truly the marks and signs of the Christian church? If they are not, what are? This short work by the great Reformer Martin Luther (1483-1546) answers these questions, offering a list of seven marks, or signs, that should be found in every Christian congregation. What is more, Luther describes how individual Christian congregations should relate to and interact with other congregations. This is truly a must read for anyone who has ever had doubts about where they go to church and why.

Our Lenten midweek services will include a sermon series on “The Seven Marks of the Church,” based upon Luther’s writing “A Christian Holy People – On the Councils and the Church.” The devotion guide on this is available for your daily reading.

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| Ash Wednesday | March 1 |
| <i>“Public Use of the Office of the Keys”</i> | |
| Midweek 2 | March 8 |
| <i>“Possession of the Holy Word of God”</i> | |
| Midweek 3 | March 15 |
| <i>“The Holy Sacrament of Baptism”</i> | |
| Midweek 4 | March 22 |
| <i>“Consecrates or Calls Ministers”</i> | |
| Midweek 5 | March 29 |
| <i>“Public Prayer, Praise, and Thanksgiving to God”</i> | |
| Midweek 6 | April 5 |
| <i>“The Relic of the Holy Cross (Suffering)”</i> | |
| Maundy Thursday | April 13 |
| <i>“The Holy Sacrament of the Altar”</i> | |



About Being Lutheran

IV: Expressing Our Faith

Q: *Why does Lutheran worship have so much “getting-up-and-down” in it?*

A: Compared with many denominations, Lutherans do seem to engage in a great deal of “liturgical calisthenics”. Our liturgies are filled with action and movement because common gestures in our worship are a way to let the *whole person* pray, as well as a way of expressing the unity in prayer of the *whole people of God* — the Church. We use gestures and movements because of a deep respect within the Lutheran Church for the Incarnation — theology comes off the page and becomes a matter of the heart and body.

It is not, of course, a matter of just any gestures performed in just any way. Certain actions convey special meanings for Christians. Some of these include:

SITTING: Sitting is the easiest posture to explain in worship, perhaps because we do so little of it. We sit to listen (at the first and second readings and the homily) and to watch (during the distribution of Communion).

STANDING: We rise to greet the clergy as they enter the Church (Entrance rite), to express our joy (Hymn of Praise, Offertory, Post Communion), to honor Christ (Verse and Gospel), to voice our beliefs (Creed), and to welcome the Christ who is in our midst (Great Thanksgiving).

KNEELING: We kneel to express sorrow and humility (Confession), and to show adoration (Eucharistic Prayer/Consecration).

BOWING: Bowing is an action of reverence. We bow our heads in prayer to show respect for God, toward the altar and the cross because they represent Christ’s presence among us, at the words “and became incarnate . . .” in the Creed to express our thanks and humility, at the “Holy, Holy, Holy” to express our awe in the presence of God, and when the Name of Jesus is mentioned as a sign that we accept Him as Lord.

These, along with making the sign of the cross, folding the hands, genuflecting, taking Communion, exchanging the Peace, processing, and many other gestures, are ways of expressing our faith, showing deep adoration and heartfelt praise, and being people who can fully pray.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is actively pursuing lessees for the back portion of Redeemer's school classrooms. The front portion is currently leased to Head Start Pre-school.

QUILTERS' JUMP START - SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

Women gathered to put together quilts so that the women who meet every other Tuesday would have quilts to tie. Pictured are Barbara Thomas, Bri Lofink (top) Carol Varley, Barbara Thomas, Blanche Schaffer, and Bri Lofink (center and bottom)



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WOMEN'S KAFFEEKLATSCH

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Lent

Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday

The Theme

The term “Lent” comes from the old English word for “spring” because it always occurs in the spring time.

Lent’s overarching theme is the battle waged by Christ against Satan, in which we are not spectators but participants. There are forty days in Lent, excluding Sundays, recalling Jesus’ forty days in the wilderness as he was tempted by the Devil. The weekdays concentrate on the suffering of Christ, while the Sundays show various victories along the way to the final victory over Satan at Christ’s resurrection.

Each Sunday is not a “Sunday of Lent” but a “Sunday in Lent,” reminding us that though there is a certain emphasis on repentance, meditation, and confession of sins, there is still joy and gladness in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus that is always believed and celebrated.

In past centuries, the purpose of Lent was obscured by over-emphasis on penitential exercises, some often very severe. Lent is about what Christ did and does for us, and then, secondarily, as we receive the forgiveness of our sins, we strive, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to overcome the sins which beset us.

The Mood

The mood of Lent is deep penitence. While our eyes are fixed upon Christ and His suffering for us, we must at the same time see how we have been the cause of that suffering. Lent can be seen as divine drama, in which we are on the stage, both as the sinful members of the crowd shouting to “Crucify Him!” and as the disciples who were weak of faith and despaired at His death. At the same time, we see the cross as victory, not defeat.

To emphasize the penitential mood, certain changes are made in the liturgy. The Gloria in Excelsis and Alleluias are eliminated. It is customary that flowers not be placed at the altar. In addition, the *Gloria Patri* is omitted from the 5th Sunday until Easter.

All crucifixes in the church may be veiled in violet or unbleached linen. The veils indicate that Jesus hid His divinity behind the veil of His flesh in order to suffer and die for us. They also serve to dim any glitter of metal or gems, if any, to deepen the penitential mood.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It began as the day that penitents who had been excommunicated from the church came to be enrolled for reinstatement, which would take place on Holy Thursday. They would lie on the ground, wearing sack-cloth garments, and after an exhortation from the bishop, ashes would be sprinkled upon them. This Biblical gesture came to be embraced by all Christians as a sign of repentance. It is now administered by applying a cross on the forehead with ashes accompanied by the sober reminder “Remember, O man, that dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return!”

Seeing, then, that Christ has taken our sin upon Himself, how are we to live? During Lent we look to Christ also for guidance and help to overcome our vices. The three Lenten disciplines recommended by our Lord are given in the 6th chapter of St. Matthew: almsgiving, praying, and fasting. These three address the major sins of greed, spiritual apathy, and fleshly indulgence. The change in our lives is meant to be permanent, and not just a “giving up something for Lent.” The “something” we give up is the vice which besets us. It may well be represented by some particular food or past-time. The object is to bring our glees under control of our spirit. By saying “no” to those things which in themselves may not be sinful, we are strengthened to say “no” to those which are.

As St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 9:25-27: “Every athlete exercises self control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Well, I do not run aimlessly, I do not box as one beating the air; but I pommel my body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.”

Lent is God’s gift to us and helps us to depend upon Christ for all things and not to trust in ourselves. In this season we consider our frailty and mortality, as we look to Jesus for forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation from hell.

Although certain disciples are part of our forty days of Lent, the emphasis is upon what Christ has done for us and our salvation. In our congregation we will emphasize the benefits and blessings of the Lord’s Supper, as we esteem this blessed sacrament by offering it each Lord’s Day during the season of Lent.

The Color

The color for Lent is purple, suggesting penitence, royalty of Jesus, and reminiscent of the purple robe he wore as the soldiers mocked him.

THANK YOU

Bill Baving thanks God and one and all for your prayers, well wishes, good will, and blessings, before, during, and after the passing of his beloved brother and friend, Ron Baving on December 7, 2016.

"Thanks be to God through Jesus our Lord and blessings to our family here at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church and especially to Rev. Donald A. Jordan for his guidance during this stressful period in life. Thank you." Bill Baving

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- 2Q RADIO SERMONS/LUTHERAN HOUR/ISSUES, ETC.
- 3Q DISTRICT MISSION: Christ Lutheran, Mt. Shasta;
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- 4Q INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS: Pastor Rabe, Ethiopia;
Pastor Meeker, Kenya; Pastor Conrad, Mexico

ASLEEP IN CHRIST

BRITA K. BESNARD

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MAY 2, 1936 - JANUARY 20, 2017



BEVERLY JOAN MILLER

JANUARY 29, 1936 - FEBRUARY 10, 2017



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4
1st Sunday in Lent (V) Mile Box Sunday 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 5:00pm College/Young Adult	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	(C) Perpetua and Felicitas, Martyrs 9:30am Matins (Sanctuary) 10:00am Circuit Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room)	Ash Wednesday (Bk/V) 10:30am Insurance Rep 7:00pm Divine Service (Sanctuary)	9:30am Bible Class (Fireside Room) 4:00pm Youth Catechism Class (Pastor's Study) 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	Office Manager's Day Off	8:00am Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
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2nd Sunday in Lent (V) Daylight Savings Time 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class (Parish Hall) 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish)	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	(C) Perpetua and Felicitas, Martyrs 9:30am Matins (Sanctuary) 10:00am Circuit Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room)	6:00pm Chili Supper (Parish Hall) 7:00pm Lenten Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)	9:30am Bible Class (Fireside Room) 4:00pm Youth Catechism Class (Pastor's Study) 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	Office Manager's Day Off	9:30am LWML Mary/Martha Opt. Bus. Mtg. (Fireside) 10:30am LWML Mary/Martha 11:00am LWML Mary/Martha 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
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8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class (Parish Hall) 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish)	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	9:00am Quilters (Parish Hall)	8:30am Lifeline Screening (Parish Hall) 7:00pm Lenten Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)	9:30am Bible Class (Fireside Room) 4:00pm Youth Catechism Class (Pastor's Study) 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	(C) Patrick, Missionary to Ireland Office Manager's Day Off 7:00pm Game Night (Parish Hall)	1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
3rd Sunday in Lent (V) St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon	(F) St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus (W) Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off 10:00am Women's Kaffeeklatsch (Station)	4:00pm Newsletter Deadline	6:00pm Taco Supper (Parish Hall) 7:00pm Lenten Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)	9:30am Bible Class (Fireside Room) 4:00pm Youth Catechism Class (Pastor's Study) 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	Office Manager's Day Off	(F) The Annunciation of Our Lord (W) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
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4th Sunday in Lent (V) 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	9:00am Quilters (Parish Hall)	7:00pm Lenten Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)	9:30am Bible Class (Fireside Room) 4:00pm Youth Catechism Class (Pastor's Study) 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	(C) Joseph, Patriarch Office Manager's Day Off	

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