

Redeemer REVIEW



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD CHICO, CALIFORNIA MARCH 2022 Vol. 36 No. 3

from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

DOCTRINE IS LIFE

“Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.” – Proverbs 4:13

The Christian church always stresses the centrality of justification in Christian doctrine in teaching the people of God. This is the main teaching of the Bible. When we keep this doctrine of justification straight, we avoid legalism and antinomianism. It keeps us from separating faith from Christ and Christ from His teaching.

Jesus is the chief cornerstone of all apostolic and prophetic doctrine. Doctrine teaches the faith which clings to Christ and his saving work on the cross for our sins.

Pure doctrine helps us each day to distinguish the truth from error. It assists us in avoiding needless speculation which brings no certainty nor conviction of what is true.

The life and work of Jesus, his procuring our salvation and the preaching today of the same Gospel goes together. Today, we cannot go back to the cross on Calvary, but we receive the benefits of that cross in the Word and Sacrament of Jesus. In the church He distributes what he earned, giving you and me that forgiveness which was won on the cross.

Justification by grace through faith is not merely the center of our theology, it is the heart of our theology and the content of the Christian faith.

There are many threats to this precious doctrine of justification that impact us today.



There are false teachings of sects and cults. There are human customs and ideas prevalent in our culture. There are human actions and worldly ideas that impact us.

But, we cannot reject what our Lord has taught us to be popular in the world. Doctrine saves us not because of little details we are taught in the Small Catechism, but we say this because its central message is the justification of the sinner before God not because of his own merits but for the sake of Christ's obedient suffering and death through faith in Christ.

This article of justification unites all doctrine, all teaching together as one body.

So, keep hold of your instruction. Hang on tightly, for the sake of truth. Let no one dissuade you.

Special creation by God matters. The Holy Trinity matters. Baptism matters. The Lord's Supper matters. Holy absolution matters. All the Bible's teaching matter. You matter to God. He loves you and He teaches you from the Holy Scripture. Heaven and hell matter. God wants you to be saved. The church matters. It matters whether you stay away or partake in the Divine Service.

Doctrine is life. It is eternal life. Christ is life. The Bible is life.

A blessed Lent to all of you as we learn of Jesus and his great doctrine of life for you.

Pastor Jordan



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

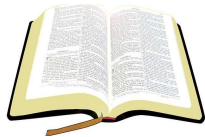
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 15 OLIVER FIORILLO
 18 EUGENE LOFINK
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Thursday Bible Study
 9:30 a.m.
 Book of Revelation



Sunday Bible Study 8:45 a.m.
 Ephesians

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 TBD

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DRIVERS:
 JAY ERWIN
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“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.” - C.S. Lewis

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Redeemer Review
 March 20

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Eternal Candle sponsors needed monthly
\$15

The 2022 sign-up charts are posted in the narthex.



Submit prayer requests to Pastor Jordan by email, text, voice mail, or in writing, using the form in the pew rack.

pastordonaldjordan@gmail.com

(530) 513-1284

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Ride Share

Drivers are available each Sunday morning to transport those who need a ride to Divine Service.

Call Jerry Brandt at 636-4392 before Saturday noon to arrange a ride for the following Sunday service.

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- Separate plastic bottles, with the lids removed, from aluminum cans and place in separate plastic bags.
- Opaque bottles should be separated from clear bottles.
- Place bags in the appropriate bins in the Parish Hall storage closet.
- No Glass or non-CRV.

Proceeds go to the Charity Fund.

Thank you for your support.



REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021 **Corrected**

INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

ORDINARY INCOME:	\$210,271.67
EXPENSES:	\$188,242.68
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$ 22,028.99
FACILITY RENT INCOME	\$ 800.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 22,828.99
RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ 36,532.42
BALANCE (Total Equity)	\$ 59,361.41

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2022 - January 31, 2022

INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

ORDINARY INCOME:	\$ 12,211.56
EXPENSES:	\$ 15,236.52
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$ -3,024.96
FACILITY RENT INCOME	\$ 0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ -3,024.96
RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ 59,361.41
BALANCE (Total Equity)	\$ 56,336.45

DIGITAL DAILY DEVOTIONS

Lutheran Hour Ministries:

<https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions>

Higher Things:

<https://higherthings.org/content/reflections>

Portals of Prayer:

<https://www1.cph.org/portals/default.aspx>

LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO

Listen to good Lutheran radio programs at Lutheran Public Radio, Issues Etc., KFUE, St. Louis. 94.3 The Bridge.

PASTOR ON THE RADIO

Pastor Jordan is a regular guest on "Live Talk with Jerry Olenyn" every Friday on KKXX radio. 8:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. AM 930, FM 103.9 www.tunein.com



PASTOR JORDAN'S SERMONS

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM
Saturday & Sunday 1:00 & 5:00 PM

MERCY/HEALTH MINISTRY



Blood donations are always needed. Appointments are to be made directly with VITALANT, 893 -5433 or www.vitalant.org. Donors must be in good health, weigh at least 110# and be well hydrated. There is no upper age limit.

FIRST AID/MEDICAL

Are you trained and certified in Basic Life Support, CPR, AED, or First Aid? We have a first aid kit in the narthex, parish hall, and van. There are two AEDs, one in the parish hall and one in the narthex. We are striving to improve our medical response and training by identifying those with these skills.



Contact Matthew Thomason

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“Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.”

— Augustine of Hippo, [Confessions](#)

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM
Saturday & Sunday 1:30 PM



TECHNOLOGY



Technology fading ...?

If you are having trouble with your cellphone recently it may be that your carrier will no longer be supporting older technology. For some phones a software update may be helpful, but for some much older models the end of their network connectivity may have been reached.

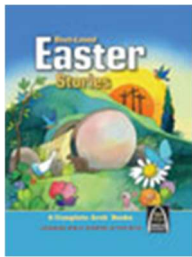
You may have the same brand phone as your friend and they are not having any problems but yours may be based on older technology that the carrier is currently phasing out or has already phased out.

Don't just assume that your phone is broken. It may be that your carrier no longer supports 3G networks and that is what your phone uses.

Check with your carrier either online or make a trip into the local store for your carrier. You may want to first check online and then actually view available phones at your carrier's local store. Don't just let somebody talk you into the latest and greatest. Check out the features of various phones and find out what help the local store will give you in transitioning to a new device.

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. (Deut 6: 6-7 ESV)

Thinking about Easter? It will be here soon. Ash Wednesday on March 2nd begins the season of Lent. Just as Christmas has many cultural and social customs so does Easter. As parents you may want to think ahead about some of the questions you may encounter about Easter and how you can explain to your children.



For your younger children Arch books can be a wonderful way to talk about various topics. This book about Easter contains: Jesus enters Jerusalem, The Week that led to Easter, Good Friday, Barabbas Goes Free, The Resurrection, and My Happy Easter (all available as individual Arch books)

Best Loved Easter Stories is available at Concordia Publishing House and at Amazon as either a hardcover book or an eBook. (Remember to use Smile.Amazon)

Another book about Easter is *Waiting in Wonder for Easter: Family Devotions for Holy Week* (also available at Amazon as hardcover or eBook as well as CPH).

From the Concordia Publishing House information about this book:

As your family waits for Easter, come together and focus on the real reason we celebrate this most wonderful, amazing day. This collection of fifteen illustrated daily devotions, all centered around common children's questions, let children 4 to 8 learn more about Easter and the traditions of the season. Each devotion includes a something to learn, something to say, something to do, and something to pray, encompassing everything that Lent is preparing us for.

These resources can help your family experience the Lenten Season in a more profound way and perhaps model a scripture-based Easter.

YOUR PHOTOS ARE NEEDED



Submit current photos of yourself or family for the directory to the office manager, at

[redeemerchicooffice@gmail.com](mailto:redemerchicooffice@gmail.com).

Or come by during office hours and Jackie will be happy to take your picture.

ASLEEP IN JESUS

PHYLLIS LORNA HEDSTROM



MARCH 25, 1923 - JANUARY 23, 2022

Phyllis and her husband Ralph were members of Redeemer from 1949 - 2003 at which time they moved to Rockwall, Texas to be near their daughter.

THANK YOU FROM ISSUES, ETC.

Dear Redeemer Lutheran Church members,
In the name of Jesus, greetings.

Remember the message of the angel at Jesus' Birth, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:1-11)

Jesus has been born, lived, died and rose FOR YOU!

Your generous gift to Issues, Etc. enables us to proclaim this "good tidings of great joy" to all people. Thank you!

May the Savior bless you during the Epiphany season.

Wir sind alle Bettler,
Todd Wilken, Host



SEMINARIAN ANDREW ESMAY

Greetings from CTSFW,

My time here at the seminary has been full and we are now nearing the end of the winter quarter. In a week I will be out of classes for spring break and plan to visit churches in Florida with two exchange students from Oberursel, the Lutheran seminary in Germany. It has been snowing a lot here leading to two snow days, which the other seminarians and I filled with hymns by the fire, wrestling in the snow, building snowmen, and other fun snow day activities. I'm still enjoying my time at my field work church, Redeemer Lutheran, in Convoy, Ohio and have been given the opportunity to join the pastor there at a church nearby this Sunday for the ordination of a new pastor at Zion Lutheran. I'd like to thank all of you for the prayer and support you have given me during my studies at the seminary and look forward to the next time I can visit you all in California again.

*Yours in Christ,
Andrew Esmay*



2022 MISSIONS SUPPORT

- 1Q Redeemer Charity Fund, Faith Lutheran Church, Ukiah, California
- 2Q Missionary Dennis Meeker, Kenya; Missionary Daniel Conrad, Mexico
- 3Q Lutheran Heritage Foundation; Lutheran Deaf Ministry, Pastor Seeger
- 4Q Women's Resource Clinic,; KKXX Sermons; The Lutheran Hour; Issues, Etc.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION (LSB 272)

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R *Yes, I believe 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.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, 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.*

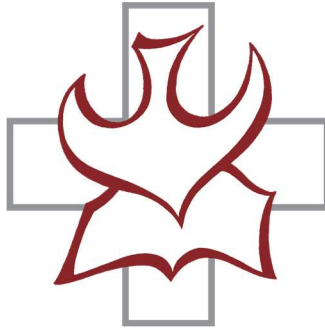
P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?



R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

P *[Name]*, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life T everlasting.

R *Amen.*

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LECTIONARY SUMMARIES

ASH WEDNESDAY

(2 March 2022)

Joel 2:12–19

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

Return to the Lord Your God with All Your Heart

On Ash Wednesday, we come down from the mountain with Jesus and set our face with His toward the cross in Jerusalem. We make our pilgrimage with Him by the way of repentance, and thus return to the dying and rising of Holy Baptism. For Christ Jesus, “who knew no sin,” became our sin, so that by His death we are released from sin, and in His resurrection we “become the righteousness of God” (2 Cor. 5:21). Since God has thereby reconciled the world to Himself in Christ, “now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor. 6:2). He summons you to return to Him with all your heart because He is “gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love” (Joel 2:13). Do so in faith and confidence before Him, and pray to Him as your Father. Give to the needy from a heart of love, and fast for the sake of repentance (Matt. 6:3–4, 6, 17–18).

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

(6 March 2022)

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Romans 10:8b–13

Luke 4:1–13

Jesus Christ Is Our Champion Against the Devil

Jesus Christ, our champion against the devil, endures and overcomes “every temptation” (Luke 4:13) on our behalf. He worships the Lord, His God, and serves Him only by trusting the Word of His Father: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (Luke 3:22). Jesus’ victory is now ours through His gracious Word, which is not far away but near us — in our mouth and in our heart, in the proclamation of repentance and faith. For “with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved” (Rom. 10:10). Our confession of Christ includes the prayer of faith, which is not disappointed, “for ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved’” (Rom. 10:13). The Lord is not oblivious to “our affliction, our toil, and our oppression” (Deut. 26:7), but has mercy upon us. He has brought us out of bondage through the “signs and wonders” of Holy Baptism, “with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm” (Deut. 26:8), and now He leads us by His Spirit even in the wilderness.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

(13 March 2022)

Jeremiah 26:8–15

Philippians 3:17–4:1

Luke 13:31–35

Jesus Rescues Us from Death and Brings Us into Heaven

The prophet Jeremiah faithfully preached “all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the

people” (Jer. 26:8). He called the people to repentance, lest the Lord’s judgment come upon them. The violence that Jeremiah suffered for this preaching foreshadowed the cross and Passion of Christ Jesus, who suffered the judgment of God for the redemption of all people. For Jesus “comes in the name of the Lord” (Luke 13:35) in order to lay down His life for the sins of the world. Earthly Jerusalem was blind to His gracious visitation, and it put Him to death like the prophets before Him. Yet, His sacrifice upon the cross became the cornerstone of the new Jerusalem, His Church. He visits us today in mercy with His preaching of forgiveness, to gather us to Himself within that holy city, “as a hen gathers her brood under her wings” (Luke 13:34), for “our citizenship is in heaven” (Phil. 3:20).

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

(20 March 2022)

Ezekiel 33:7–20

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Luke 13:1–9

Jesus Calls You to Repentance

“Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5). By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we would not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. As He lives, the Lord has “no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live” (Ezek. 33:11). So the Scriptures have been “written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come” (1 Cor. 10:11), that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His “spiritual food” and pours out His “spiritual drink” (1 Cor. 10:3–4).

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(27 March 2022)

Isaiah 12:1–6

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

Jesus Christ Has Reconciled Us to the Father

God the Father has opened His heart to us in love. While we were “still a long way off,” He saw us and “felt compassion” (Luke 15:20). Therefore, He gave His only begotten Son for us, making “him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Cor. 5:21). By the ministry of reconciliation, He runs to us, embraces us in mercy and clothes us with His glory as beloved sons in Christ Jesus. And so we give thanks unto the Lord our God, who has taken away our sins and turned His anger from us (Is. 12:1). Because He has become our salvation, our strength and our song, we “will trust, and will not be afraid” (Is. 12:2).



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE TIME OF EASTER - LENTEN SEASON

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2 - Divine Service, 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.



Sermon: "Return to the Lord"

Matthew 6

LENT MIDWEEK WEDNESDAY

12:00 Noon

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| March 9 | Sermon: "The Word is Near You" | Romans 10 |
| March 16 | Sermon: "Citizens of Heaven" | Philippians 3 |
| March 23 | Sermon: "Trust in Christ Alone" | 1 Corinthians 10 |
| March 30 | Sermon: "Jesus Calls You to Repentance" | Luke 13 |
| April 6 | Sermon: "Knowing Him and the Power of His Resurrection" | Philippians 3 |

PALM SUNDAY

April 10, Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

Sermon: "The Hour of Jesus' Glory"

Luke 22

HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY

April 14, Divine Service 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sermon: "Love One Another as I Have Loved You"

John 13

No Bible Class

GOOD FRIDAY

April 15, Chief Service 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sermon: "Behold the Lamb of God"

Isaiah 53

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - EASTER SUNDAY

April 17, Divine Service, 10:00 a.m.

Sermon: "The New Creation"

Luke 24



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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 27 First Sunday in Lent 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	28 Perpetua and Felicitas, Martyrs 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	Mar 1	2 Ash Wednesday 12:00pm Divine Service 7:00pm Divine Service	3 9:30am Bible Class	4 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	5
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13 Daylight Savings Begins Second Sunday in Lent 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	14 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	15	16 Second Wednesday in Lent 12:00pm Lent Matins	17 Patrick, Missionary to Ireland 9:30am Bible Class	18 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	19 St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus 3:00pm Board of Elders Fellowship
20 Newsletter Deadline Third Sunday in Lent 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	21 Johann Sebastian Bach, Kantor 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	22	23 Third Wednesday in Lent 12:00pm Lent Matins	24 9:30am Bible Class	25 The Annunciation of Our Lord 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	26
27 Fourth Sunday in Lent 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	28 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	29	30 Fourth Wednesday in Lent 12:00pm Lent Matins	31 Joseph, Patriarch 9:30am Bible Class	Apr 1	2

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Our Mission Statement

Welcome to Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, a community of believers saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

As a people enabled by the Spirit, we are committed to regular worship and the use of the sacraments, studying and teaching the Bible, praying, using our gifts and talents in God's service, for the caring and nurturing of others and sharing the message of God's salvation so that God is glorified and all people may know Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

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