

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

During Lent, Lord, help us grow in faith, hope and love — “and the greatest of these is love”
(1 Corinthians 13:13, NRSV).

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 6:30pm

Third Wednesday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Opening Song “How Great is Our God”

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice

(Chorus) How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God
And all will see how great How great is our God

And age to age He stands And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb *(Chorus)*

(Bridge) Name above all names Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing How great is our God *(Chorus twice)*

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Litany

We are a questioning people.

Through questions we make sense of the world around us.

Questions challenge the way that we think.

Questions reveal our deep longings.

Questions leave us vulnerable

And reveal the things we do not know

Some questions are more difficult than others.

Jesus disrupts our comfort with uncomfortable questions.

Who do we say that Jesus is?

Why do we sleep, failing to pay attention to where Jesus is calling us?

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Why do we sit in fear even as we proclaim Jesus our comfort?

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

In the questions, we experience Jesus in new and unexpected ways.

In the questions, Jesus is present.

As we struggle with the questions Jesus asks...

We trust that Jesus leads the way.

Prayer of the Day

Jesus, you are our God. You challenge us with difficult questions. Help us to listen to the ways and places the Holy Spirit is leading us. Teach us to listen and learn. Embolden us to understand the world in new ways, in the ways that you reveal through your love, your mercy, and the giving of yourself for the sake of the world. In your name we pray, Amen.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Who do you say I am?”

Who is Jesus to you?

Jack Holmquest

Song "Light the Fire"

I stand to praise You But I fall on my knees
My spirit is willing But my flesh is so weak

(Chorus) Guys Girls
Light the fire So light the fire
In my soul In my weary soul
Fan the flame Fan the flame
Make me whole Make my spirit whole
Lord You know Lord You know
Where I've been Where I've been
All So light the fire in my heart again

I feel Your arms around me As the power of Your healing begins
Your spirit moves through me Like a mighty rushing wind (Chorus)

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Offering & Offertory Response "Prince of Peace" Text to Give: 605-250-6765
Lenten Offering will be divided between the Sandwich Ministry and ELCA World Hunger.

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: Diane Hane, Starr Cole, Drake Rounds, Carmen Bakken,
Stan Peterson, Kathy Hibbert, Christine Walraven, Eric Meyer,
Sheila Bretschneider, *daughter of Russ & Joan Porath*
Brent Ireland, *nephew of Phyllis Bowersox*
Nancy Hauck, *mother of Jesse (Rachel) Hauck and Rachele (Brandon) Johnson*
Josh Anderson, *grandson of Terri Bruner*
John Lahey-Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) Lechner*
Jim Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) Lechner*

Deaths: Dianne Bohls, *mother of Todd (Brooke) Bohls*
Cathryn Borgen, *mother of Melissa (Craig) Meidinger*
Lori Liligren, *sister of Lesli (Todd) Jutting*

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing of Prayer Shawls, Infant Blankets & LWR Quilts

Benediction

Sending Song "To Be Alive"

(Chorus) To be alive is to live the love that is alive in God's saving Son
who brought us back from a life of death to be alive.

There is nothing I can do to save me Only God carries us home
So we live mercy, hope and freedom Loving another to be whole. (Chorus)

Join the singing, join the celebration Jesus lives, we are restored
Love alive, giving and forgiving Loving another to be whole. (Chorus)

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Call to Service Go in peace. Love and serve one another!
Thanks be to God.

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Serving This Evening

Thank You to the Youth Music Team and Leaders

Head Usher: Mike Butts, Darwin Brinkman

Acolytes: Jonathan Fisk, Austin Redfield

Ushers:

Sound & Projection: Robyn VanMeter

Sound Amplification Devices
and Large Print Bulletins
are available for your use.
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Wednesday during Lent

4:30pm Traditional Worship

4:55 – 6:15pm Family Meal served

6:30pm Worship led by Youth Music Team

March 27 "Why are you afraid?" Mark 4: 35 – 41 and Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32

Q: **What are you afraid of?**

April 3 "Were not 10 made clean? Where are the other 9?" Luke 17:11-19

Q: **Whom would you like to thank, that you never did?**

April 10 "Can you see anything?" Mark 8: 22 – 26 and Psalm 34

Q: **How do you see differently because of your faith?**