



## Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

2001 2<sup>nd</sup> St NW, Watertown, SD 57201

March 6, 2019; 4:30pm and 6:30pm

**Welcome to worship on this somber first day of Lent. We humbly remember our broken human condition while trusting confidently in Christ's salvation already won for us.**

**I am marked with your cross, Jesus, and sealed with your life-giving Holy Spirit.**

There are welcome pads at the end of each pew; please sign your name and pass it along.

### Prelude

### Welcome

Mission Opportunities

### Greeting

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Opening Hymn

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

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### Prayer of the Day

**Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10

<sup>20b</sup>We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. <sup>6:1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

**Gospel**

Luke 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup>Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" — <sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

**Sermon**

"What is your name?" Pastor Dan Ofstehage  
Without using your name, who are you?

**Hymn**

"Be Thou My Vision" # 793

**Offering****Offertory Response**

"Create in Me" # 186

**Confession**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Most holy and merciful God,

**we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgements, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

**Psalm**

Psalm 51 and Psalm 103

## Imposition of Ashes

After those who desire ashes have received them, the minister continues...

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation.

**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal love.

**Amen.**

## Prayers of the Church

*Hospitalized/ill:* Starr Cole, Lois Bateman, Jill Schmig, Cal Wiesner, Drake Rounds, Kathy Hibbert, Renee Hoover, Eric Meyer, Stan Peterson, Carmen Bakken, Carol Hinderaker, Christine Walraven, Nancy Hauck, *mother of Jesse (Rachel) Hauck and Rachelle (Brandon) Johnson*, Josh Anderson, *grandson of Terri Bruner*, John Lahey-Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) Lechner*, Jim Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) Lechner*

*Death:* Nova Nelson

## Holy Communion

Words of Institution – The Lord’s Prayer - Distribution

*Before or after you receive Holy Communion, you may go to the Prayer Area in the southwest corner of the Sanctuary for individual prayer.*

## Lent Challenge

LCOOR Youth Group

## Benediction

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sending Hymn

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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## Call to Service

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

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## Serving This Afternoon and Evening

**Presiding:** Pastor Kent Stillson

**Preaching:** Pastor Dan Ofstehage

**Organist:** (4:30) AJ Sherrill; (6:30) Amber Dahl

**Head Ushers:** (4:30) Chuck Langner; (6:30) Burt Andersh

**Acolytes:** (4:30) Jayden Fischer; (6:30) Jonathan Fisk, Karter Kohlenberg

**Sound & Projection:** (4:30) Lisa Carrico; (6:30) Joel Anderson, Robyn VanMeter

**Lector:** (4:30/6:30) Terry VanConant

**Ushers:** (4:30) Diane Hane, Clea Urvig; (6:30) Denise Schmahl, Brian & Rachel Kohlenberg

**Imposition of Ashes:** (4:30) Pastor Kent Stillson, Pastor Dan Ofstehage, Pastor Kathy Hibbert, Cathy Zubke; (6:30) Pastor Kent Stillson, Pastor Dan Ofstehage, Todd & Julianne Decker

**Communion Assistants:** (4:30) Brooklyn Gronau, Emmi Ebsen, Diane Hane; (6:30) Miranda Falconer, Hayden Thomas, Ashley Richter, Ellery Stark, Stacey, Hannah & Hailee Greve

Sound Amplification Devices and Large Print Bulletins  
are available for your use. Just ask an Usher.

## 2019 Lenten Worship

### Questions Jesus Asked?

Wednesdays March 13 – April 10

4:30pm Lenten Worship

6:30pm Lenten Worship led by Youth Music Team

*Meal Served 4:55 – 6:15pm | Free-will Offering Accepted*

**Lenten Offering** will be divided between the Sandwich Ministry and ELCA World Hunger.