

Our Mission

Inspire

We believe that Jesus has called us to Inspire faith in others.

Psalms 119:105

Grow

We seek to Grow followers of Jesus.

Matthew 28:19-20

Change

We follow our mission to allow Him to Change the world!

Acts 2:42-47

Our Vision

Redeemer Lutheran Church is fully committed to meeting the needs of families with young children in our neighborhood.

We know that, "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to Me." (Matt. 25:40) We are called to nurture children inside our Little Steps Daycare ministry and Lincoln Elementary, providing social and spiritual support systems.

Our ambition is to be a church where children's lives are elevated through ministries that support parents, teachers and education programs.

Today is Ash Wednesday ~ which leads us into the penitential Season of Lent, a Season marked by stripping away the non-essential and the unimportant, by listening in quietness to the groaning of all creation as it twists in sinfulness, by reflecting on our own sinfulness and on God's gift of forgiveness which comes through Jesus.

We begin this Season, and our worship tonight, with a powerful act of Confession. We stand before God with contrite hearts, knowing our weaknesses and failings.

Please pray for ~ Albert Esterline, Larry Evans, Evanley Hisey, Jim & Carol Lohse, Lucille Mikeal, Janet Oberlin, Dave Sees, Scott Schaffer, Wendy Schroeder, Tyler Sherrill, Dave Sivicek, Joe Streeter, Rick Timmons and Lea.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO OUR

Ash Wednesday

SERVICE

Redeemer Lutheran Church

A Member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

+Ash Wednesday Service+

Prelude

Psalm 51 ~ *Read Responsively*

Forgiveness ~ *Confession and Absolution*

Imposition of Ashes ~ *During Opening Hymn*

Opening Hymn ~ *Savior, When in Dust to Thee (LSB 419)*

Prayer of the Day

Readings ~ *Joel 2:12-19*

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 & Mark 15:16-20

Sermon Hymn ~ *O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken (LSB 439 vs. 1-3)*

Sermon ~ *Mocked*

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

Prayers of the Church

Words of our Lord

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn ~ *From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee (LSB 607)*

Distribution Hymn ~ *Lord, to You I Make Confession (LSB 608)*

Distribution Hymn ~ *Lord Jesus Think on Me (LSB 610)*

God's Benediction

Closing Hymn ~ *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness (LSB 563)*

Postlude

Imposition of Ashes, Those who wish to receive ashes, or a blessing, are invited to come forward during the singing of our opening hymn. As Pastor Carney approaches you please point to your forehead, if you wish to receive ashes, or fold your hands, and he will pray with you.

Pastor Carney will apply ash to the forehead of each person desiring them with the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

For Communion, we believe that when Jesus said, "this is My Body," and "this is My Blood," we are actually receiving Him in the bread and wine. Please see the pew book, or seek out Pastor, for further explanation. There is white grape juice in the center of the trays for those who would prefer.

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Joel 2:13b

Stewardship

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:19-21

What more is there to say about stewardship beyond this? These are the words of our Lord Jesus, and we would do well to heed them, for they flow from His heart of love..

Serving Today

March 2

6pm Service

Pastor ~ Rev. Bill Carney

Organist ~ Cherylyn Trier

Acolyte ~ Gabe Veit

Ushers ~ Brent Beery, Mike Embury, Jim Mazer, Don Wiesehan, Eric Gilbert

Elder ~ Greg Oberlin

AV ~ Billy & Hallie Brinkerhuff, Maggie Barnett

Serving Next Week

March 9

6pm Service

Pastor ~ Rev. Bill Carney

Organist ~ Cherylyn Trier

Acolyte ~ Makayla Riley

Ushers ~ Brent Beery, Mike Embury, Jim Mazer, Don Wiesehan, Eric Gilbert

Elder ~ Travis Schroeder

AV ~ Billy Brinkerhuff, Blake Schroeder, Mike Embury

Where do we get our ashes from: On Ash Wednesday the ashes are a very important part of this service. But where do we actually get these ashes from? Well that is the interesting part.... We actually save the palm branches that we use on Palm Sunday that the people of Jerusalem laid on the ground as Jesus walked into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. So we will save the Palm Branches and burn them and use them as the ashes for next years Ash Wednesday Service.

The Lent Season resembles the 40 days that Jesus fasted in the desert. The ashes not only help us remember that we are all dust and that when our time on Earth is done that we will ultimately return to dust, but the ashes also symbolize grief, the grief that we have that we are not able to resist temptation as Jesus did.

Tonight we hear the words:

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

In our confessions, we usually receive the absolution of forgiveness, but tonight we hear these words and are marked with the dust of ashes.

Absolution does not come tonight, our whole season of Lent will be one of repentance. Absolution will come with the Maundy Thursday supper of love. And yet, God would not leave us without an encouraging word, "the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ does not desire the death of sinners..."

We ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for true repentance.