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DEVOTION

*“He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

*Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.*

*But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.”*

Isaiah 53

The day of the Lord, was unlike any other day in history. It started with the celebration of the Passover with his disciples gathered around and sharing a meal. It is then that Jesus instituted the meal that would be shared with the people of God from that day onward.

Isaiah predicted this day centuries before. The Messiah would find himself alone, rejected by the chief priest and the elders and placed before the judgement of the Gentiles. Jesus was flogged and beaten, not for his own sins, for he was sinless, but to save us from our sin. He has brought us peace by removing the sin we are not capable of removing on our own.

Sin has stained each one of us. Jews, Gentiles, every man woman and child cannot escape this judgement, since by our sin we all die.

But here is what's different about this day. On Good Friday a criminal, one convicted of actual crimes, is placed next to the Holy Son of God. Christ is the only true innocent man.

*“But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.”*

Barabbas is set free! Jesus took Barabbas's rightful place between the other two criminals. His sins, were paid in full, he did not receive his righteous judgement.

You and I are set free too! For all who repent and call on His name will be saved. We deserve to face the punishment of our sins, but we place our trust in His Holy One. Like the criminal Barabbas, we don't get what we deserve. Jesus gets what he doesn't deserve. But that's the good news! He is the great Passover lamb. Jesus searches us out finds us, and pays for our sins. He pays for our thoughts, our words and our deeds with his life, death and resurrection.

This Good Friday, though we are sitting in our living rooms, bedrooms or Lanais, let us ponder the great gift Christ made for us so that we could have peace with God through His Son, Jesus.

Pastor Christian



PRAYER LIST

****We pray for those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic:***

- for those who have lost their jobs
- for all first responders, doctors and nurses
- for the university students who have returned home to finish their studies, especially Katy Koopman, Samuel Krakowiak and Alex Knudson
- we pray for protection of the elderly and those with underlying health conditions

We pray for the sick, hospitalized, injured and those undergoing and recovery from surgery:

We continue to pray for: Randy Spangler, Betty Scholl, Nellie Miller, Pat Giustra, Ruby Hodel, Monica Landers, Cal Couillard, Sara Jane Lisowski, Peggy Pridgeon, Gabi Katt, Vivian Wright, Karen Fischer, Joyce Tirbak, Linda Weinsteger, Gertraud "Trudy" Lau

We pray for those facing long term illnesses:

Bill Rappuhn, Scarlett Adams, Tom Owskey, Laurie Arie, Audrey Fink, Dan Maerten, Linda Roth, Heather Marler, Try Wolfe, Peter Pranschke, Parker Kindred, Annie Olsen, Summy Kruithof.

We pray for God's protection for all military personnel throughout the world:

Phillip Rappe, Roger Koopman, Andrew Casey, Dylan Kinsella, Scott Walls, Antonio Phillips (great grandson of Jerry Bruhnke), Scott Bloom.

We pray for these and all our brothers and sisters in Christ!

PLEASE PHONE OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST. Phone: 946-4223 Email: office@ourredeemerlutheran.us

CHURCH OFFERING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church depends on regular offerings in order to keep up with the operating expenses. Thank you in advance for any offerings you decide to mail to the church:

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PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Portals of Prayer for the 2nd quarter is available. If you desire a copy, please call the church office (leave message) or send an email. The Portals of Prayer will be mailed to you; let me know if you prefer the digest or small size.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Good Friday

April 10, 2020 7:00 pm
Worship via Zoom



Easter Sunday



April 12, 2020
9:00 am
Worship via Zoom

**Pastor Rasmussen will email the Zoom link
for each service.**

Wishing you a joyful and blessed Easter.

READINGS FOR April 12, 2020

OLD TESTAMENT

Acts 10:34–43

Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

Preserve me, | O God,*
for in you I take | refuge.
I say to the LORD, “You | are my Lord;*
I have no good a- | part from you.”
As for the saints | in the land,*
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all | my delight.
The sorrows of those who run after another god shall | multiply;*
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names | on my lips.
The LORD is my chosen portion | and my cup;*
you | hold my lot.
The lines have fallen for me in pleasant | places;*
indeed, I have a beautiful in- | heritance.
I bless the LORD who gives me | counsel;*
in the night also my heart in- | structs me.
I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;*
my flesh also | dwells secure.
For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.
You make known to me the | path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1–4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Due to the Coronavirus and the Governor’s state-wide “Stay at home” mandate the following activities are cancelled:

- Breakfast Fellowship – April 4
- Worship Care meeting and cleaning of church – April 4 ***Postponed**
- Palm Sunday Brunch – April 5
- Family Promise committee meeting – April 7
- Breakfast Fellowship – April 11
- Hosting Family Promise families - April 12-April 19
- Breakfast Fellowship – April 18
- Town Hall Meeting – April 19 ***Postponed**
- Breakfast Fellowship – April 25

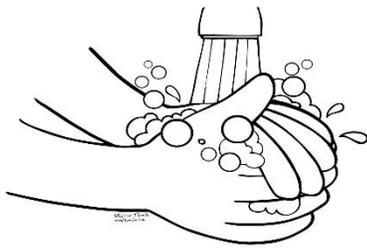
MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Finance Management, Board of Property Management, Board of Spiritual Life and the Board of Directors monthly meetings will continue with Virtual Meetings. Should you have any questions or concerns you wish to bring to the boards, please contact the following:

Board of Finance Management – Hank Kuhn
Board of Community Life -Stephen Okumura
Board of Property Management – Michael Riess
Board of Spiritual Life – Jerry Groth

Board of Directors President – Karl Bachman

DON'T FORGET TO WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS!



How do you time yourself for 20 seconds?

Say the Lord's Prayer

Or

Sing the Doxology

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL



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| Stuart Peace | Pat Giustra |
| Betty Scholl | Nancy Beadle |
| Lauren Walls | Lana Kuhn |
| Pastor Christian | |

ANNIVERSARY FOR APRIL

Richard and Masami Lachmann



WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| May 2, 2020 - Board of Community Life | 10:00 am | Aloha Room |
| May 4, 2020 - Board of Finance Management | 6:30 pm | Aloha Room |
| May 5, 2020 - Family Promise Committee | 5:00 pm | Aloha Room |
| May 11, 2020 - Board of Spiritual Life | 6:30 pm | Aloha Room |
| May 12, 2020 - Board of Property Management | 10:00 am | Aloha Room |
| May 14, 2020 – Women’s Fellowship | 11:00 am | |
| May 17, 2020 - Board of Directors | 12:00 noon | Aloha Room |
| May 21, 2020 - Ascension Service | 7:00 pm | Church |
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| June 1, 2020 - Board of Finance Management | 6:30 pm | Aloha Room |
| June 2, 2020 - Family Promise Committee | 5:00 pm | Aloha Room |
| June 6, 2020 - Board of Community Life | 10:00 am | Aloha Room |
| June 8, 2020 - Board of Spiritual Life | 6:30 pm | Aloha Room |
| June 9, 2020 - Board of Property Management | 10:00 am | Aloha Room |
| June 11, 2020 - Women’s Fellowship | 11:00 am | |
| June 14, 2020 - Board of Directors | 12:00 noon | Aloha Room |
| June 21, 2020 - Annual Voters’ Assembly Board Reports, Election | 10:45 am | Auditorium |

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION

Subscriptions for Lutheran Witness magazine are discounted if ordered through Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. The cost for one year (11 issues) is \$15.96; the first issue is sent in August; the June and July issues are combined. If you are interested in receiving the Lutheran Witness, please call the office or email Sharon. (Phone 946-4223 email office@ourredeemerlutheran.us) Please make checks payable to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church; note Lutheran Witness in the memo section of check. Deadline – April 30, 2020



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