

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

743 East Magnolia Road, Salina, KS 67401

785-827-8195

Worship Time: Sunday 8:00 & 10:30




2nd Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

Welcome!

May our hearts be open to our Creator and to one another as we share in worship together.

Worship at Redeemer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church in the hope that you truly experience God's gracious presence through the joy and celebration of our worship and fellowship together. We are glad that you have decided to worship with us and invite you to join us for refreshments following our service.</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Redeemer is a family friendly congregation, encouraging children and youth of all ages to join us in worship. We are delighted to offer a fully equipped Cry Room located on the north wall of the sanctuary to the far left of the altar.</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Restrooms are located at the west end of our Gathering Space and are wheelchair accessible. If you need a wheelchair during worship, an usher may assist you. We also have hearing devices.</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>If you would like to receive more information about Redeemer or if you desire to be contacted by our pastor, please indicate so as you write your name and contact information in the visitor's book located in the gathering space.</i> <i>Please silence your mobile devices. Thank you.</i> 	
Liturgy is Sitting 1 Altar Guild: Kathy Heinrich & Debbie Beckman	
Last week's attendance: in person attendance: 8:00 – 12, 10:30 – 33, On-line - 294 Rejoicing Spirits in person 42; On-line 277	
<p>Pastor: Rev. David Strommen (785)827-8195 (785) 275-2247 mobile phone dstrommen@redeemer-elca.org Administrative Assistant: Volunteers Tuesdays 9am-12pm Office: 785-827-8195 Email: redeemer@redeemer-elca.org Website: redeemer-elca.org</p> <p> Like us on Facebook</p>	<p><u>Music Staff</u> Organist: Ruth Mirtz (rmirtz@redeemer-elca.org) Choir & Bell Choir Director: Ann Metcalfe</p>

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PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

We oppress others,

even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.
Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.
Amen.

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

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1 My hope is built on nothing less than
 2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I
 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood, I
 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

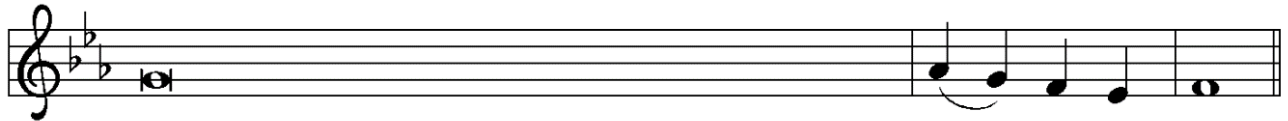
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



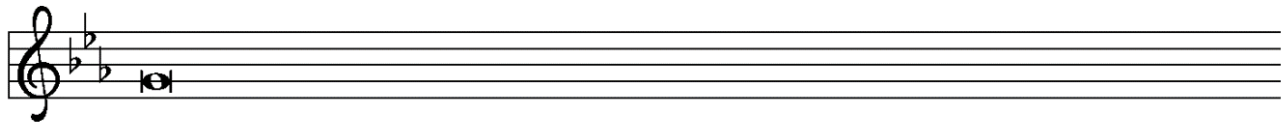
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



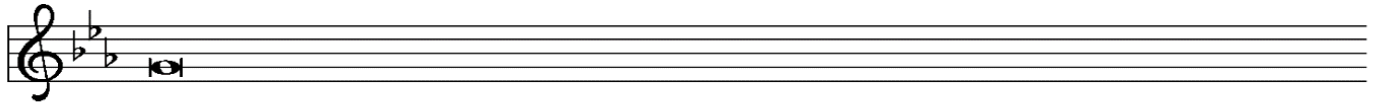
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

† WORD †

Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young

pigeon.”¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

Psalm: Psalm 27

In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² **When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,**

they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart I will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will I not be shaken.

⁴ One thing I ask of the LORD; one I thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God I in the temple. R

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will I give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- I on a rock.

⁶ Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies I who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music I to the LORD.

⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, I when I call; have mercy on me and I answer me.

⁸ My heart speaks your message— I “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I I will seek. R

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- I vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of I my salvation.

¹⁰ Though my father and my moth- I er forsake me, the LORD will I take me in.

¹¹ Teach me your I way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of I my

oppressors.

**¹² Subject me not to the will | of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false
witnesses | breathing violence.**

¹³ This I believe—that I will see the goodness | of
the LORD

in the land | of the living!

¹⁴ Wait for the LORD | and be strong.

Take heart and wait | for the LORD! R

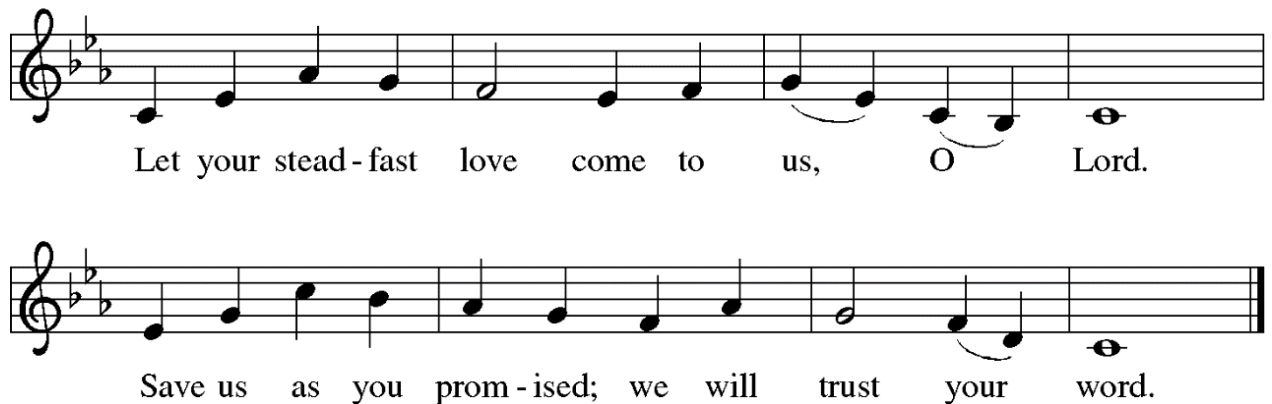
Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his

glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to

be killed outside of Jerusalem.’³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

SERMON

PASTOR DAVID

THY HOLY WING

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1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite
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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need (*especially*). May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may

set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us (*especially*). Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

† **MEAL**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our

commitment to sharing those treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful
God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.....
and so with the whole church on earth and the hosts of
heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

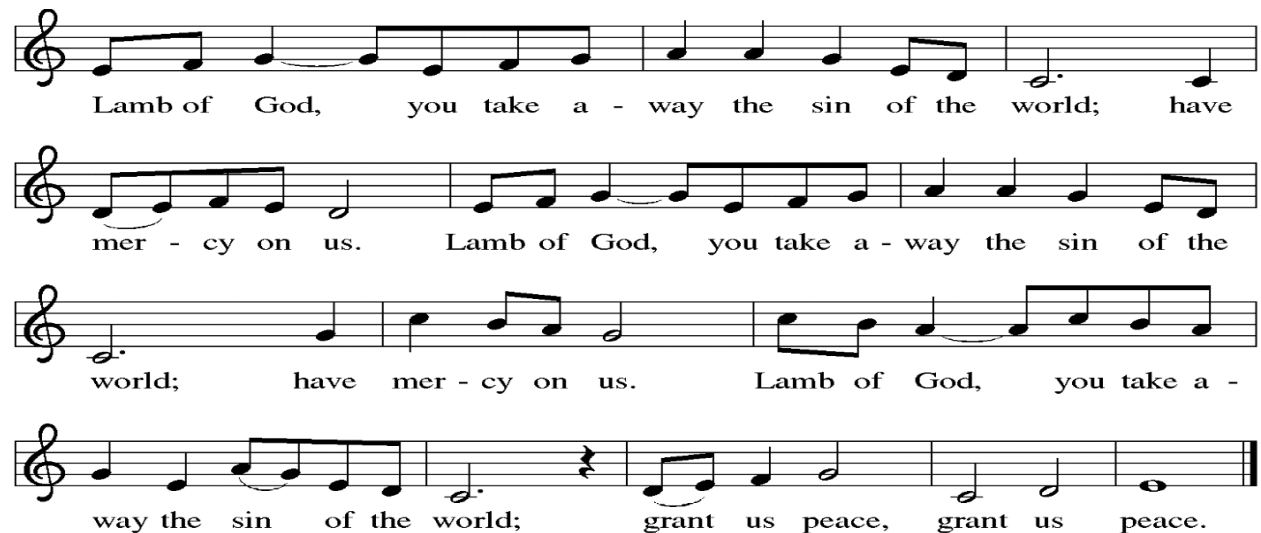
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those

who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love

might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of
the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

† SENDING †

BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and
forever.

Amen.

O BEAUTY EVER ANCIENT

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1 O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,
2 O beau-ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,
3 O beau-ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,
4 O beau-ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,



di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,
O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark-ness as in light,
O beau - ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,
O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,



in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

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Music: ANCIENT BEAUTY, Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments and fellowship

Announcements

The Lenten season is upon us. We will be having a soup supper before each weekly Lenten service at 5:30. A signup sheet to help provide soup, cheese, and bread/crackers is on the worship center. At 6:30 we will have a weekly service using the Holden Evening Prayer Service. The Stations of the Cross will be available every day during Lent.

Souper Sisters meets Tuesday March 18 at 11:30 at Burger Theory. This is open to all the women in the congregation.

If anyone is wanting to volunteer to help with the mowing and trimming of the church grounds this summer, please let Mike Ramage (785-452-0769) know ASAP so he can get a schedule made up.

Church clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 5 beginning at 9:00 am. There will work available outside and inside. Please bring appropriate tools and supplies to help. Refreshments will be available.

Working together to support our rural congregations and communities in our efforts to Care for Creation we are invited to “Renewing The Face of the Earth” at Salemsborg Lutheran Church March 29 from 4:00- 6:00. This will be led by Bishop Susan Candea and Rev. Noni Strand. Thanks to the generosity of the Salemsborg Lutheran Church a meal will be provided. RSVP for a meal at <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/9804699>.

Immanuel Lutheran Church will be celebrating their 155th Anniversary on May 4th. They will have a church service at 9:30 am followed by tours and dinner. Please RSVP to the church office at 785-825-4750 or email at Immanuel.anniversary@gmail.com. If you would like to eat dinner which is provided.

We are in need of a volunteer to do the monthly newsletter. Mary Mertz has done this for the past two years with the help of Kris Johanson. Mary is willing to train. This position requires 10-12 hours/month, mostly at the end of the month to do.

Up Coming Events for March

Tues. 18th – Souper Sisters at Burger Theory – 11:30

Wed. 19th – Godly Play/Connect - 5:30

Soup Supper – 5:30

Lenten Service – 6:30

Bells – 7:15

Wed. 26th – Godly Play/Connect -5:30

Soup Supper – 5:30

Lenten Service – 6:30

Choir – 7:15

Fri. 28th – Friday Fun Night

April

Tues. 1st – Council – 5:30

Wed. 2nd – Godly Play/Connect – 5:50

Soup Supper – 5:30

Sat. 5th – Church clean-up Day – 9:00

This Week at Redeemer		
Sunday (16 th)	8:00 10:30 11:30	Worship in person and on-line Worship in person and on-line Fellowship
Monday 17(th)	6:30	Silver Needles Meeting
Tuesday (18 th)	11:30	Souper Sisters at Burger Theory
Wednesday (19 th)	5:30 5:30 6:30 7:15	Godly Play/Connect Soup Supper Lenten Service Bells
Thursday (20 th)	9:30	Silver Needles Sew-in
Saturday (22 nd)	9:00	Silver Needles workshop
Sunday(23 rd)	8:00 10:30 11:30	Worship in person and on-line Worship in person and on-line Fellowship

Partners in Ministry

Altar Guild Kathy Heinrich & Debbie Beckman

This Sunday March 16		Next Sunday March 23	
8:00		8:00	
Greeter/Usher	Jan Jackson	Greeter/Usher	Cheryl Itschner
Lector/Communion	Mary Shaffer	Lector	Kathy Lowman
Sound	Perry Jurgensen	Communion	Gary Mettlen
10:30		Sound	Perry Jurgensen
Greeters	Sam Neff & Janet Whitaker	10:30	
Ushers	Ray & Debbie Beckman	Greeters	Kris & Grant Johanson
Lector	Kris Neff	Ushers	Phil Sedo & Joe Plummer
Communion	Lana Jordan	Lector	Sam Neff
Sound	Kyle Tonniges	Communion	Debbie Beckman
		Sound	Ray Beckman

Fellowship Henderson	Betty & Rick	Fellowship Anderson	Rosemary & Rod
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~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

MEMBERS: Diane Conover, Rylee Koers, Brock Alstatt, Sandi Drown, Mikayla Knipp, Wally Koers

REDEEMER FRIENDS:

Family of Patrick Herrman (David Herrman's Brother)
 Ben White (Father of Mary Mertz)
 Dennis Hansen (Pastor David's Brother)
 Wayne & Dorothy Hanke (Parents of Debbie Beckman)
 Pastor Tim Leaf (Pastor at Trinity Lutheran in McPherson)
 David Ascher (Friend of Mary Shaffer)
 Joe Metzen (Friend of Tom & Mary Mertz)
 Joyce Kraus (Mother of Alicia Miller)
 Douglas Strohmer (Brother-in-law of Wally Koers)
 Sandra Anderson (Daughter-in-law of Cecelia Anderson)
 Eva Decker (Friend of Mary Mertz)
 Dina Tannous Vega and family and friends of Hope Lutheran Church
 in Ramallah (Friend of Mary Bridges)
 Susan Burklund (Sister of Kathy Heinrich)
 Mike Holmes (Nancy McDonald's Brother-in-law)
 Tanner Conrad (Friend of Kyle & Eugene Hale-Hanson)
 Donnie Butrea (Friend of Kyle & Eugene Hale-Hanson)
 Jerome Herrman (Nephew of Charlotte & Dave Herrman)
 Janie Morris (Friend of Mary Mertz)
 Patricia Beaver (Friend of Carol Keeler and Mary Mertz)
 Zach Swanson (Grandson of Sandi and Tom Drown)
 Carissa Carlson (Niece of Tim and Anna Prockish)
 Brenda Busch (Aunt of Jon Stohs)

Rich Novotne (Brother of Anita Hartley)
Dannie Tillberg, (Friend of Mary Shaffer)
Christal Lantz (Friend of Mary Shaffer)
Keith Smith (Husband of Debbie Smith)
Bryan & Therese Sisler (Brother & Sister-in-law of Kathy Lowman & Diane Conover)
Echternkamp Family (Friends of Viv & Jim Cook)
Judy Bloyd (Former member & friend of Denise Dusin)
Randall Cunningham (Cousin of Anna Prockish)
Crystal Kubar (Stepdaughter of Diane Conover)
Joann Singer (Mother of Carol Kuhlman)
Carrie Ryan Wilson (Friend of Mary Shaffer)
Phil Rankin (Father of David Rankin)
Tisha Berns (Friend of Mary Shaffer)
Dean Yantes (Brother to Jean Sedo)
Wilma Beckman (Mother to Susan Ramage)
Frank Ewing (Family friend to Nancy McDonald)
Melinda Melhus (Family friends to Nancy McDonald, Aunt of Spencer Melhus)
Jeni Blair (Friend of CeCelia Anderson)
Beverly Alstatt (Mother of Craig Alstatt)

MILITARY & AMERICORPS

Tanner Gibson (Great-nephew to Cecelia Anderson)
Eric Blomberg, USS Laboon, (Nephew of Mary Shaffer)