

A LENT WORSHIP SERIES



BECAUSE HE KNEW



HE WAS GOING TO DIE | HE WAS GOING TO LIVE

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME! Thank you for joining us for worship today. At Redeemer we believe that the gospel message, the good news that Jesus has won for us forgiveness and eternal life, is more than just words. It's the power God uses to create and strengthen faith in our hearts. Our worship focuses on the proclamation of this life-saving message as we respond with our prayers, praise, and thanksgiving. May you be richly blessed as we worship together!

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WORSHIP SERIES: **BECAUSE HE KNEW**

THE SEASON OF LENT

During the 40 days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus and follow him on his journey to the cross, where he would lay down his life for our forgiveness. It is a time of repentance and renewal, a time when we give special attention to bringing our sins before the Lord, receiving his forgiveness, and finding strength in his love to struggle against temptation and anything that would lead us away from his holy will for our lives. While our midweek services give special attention to our Savior's suffering and death and have a more solemn tone, the Sundays in Lent are meant to stand out as "little Easters," islands of refreshment in our Lenten walk.

WORSHIP SERIES FOR SUNDAYS IN LENT

Why did he keep moving toward the cross? Was it an accident that Jesus was crucified? The tragedy of the century? Surely, he should have known this was coming. Surely, he could have avoided the pain, the suffering, the death. But that's the point. Jesus knew all along he was going to die. That was the eternal plan of the Father, that the holy Son of God would suffer and die for a world of sinners. However, Jesus also knew that death would not be the end. The payment for sin would be accepted and he would rise to life again and defeat death itself, for us. This Lenten season we once again join our Savior as he walks relentlessly toward the cross, *because he knew that he would die and rise again.*

BECAUSE HE KNEW

He preached the good news (February 21st)

He prepared his disciples for the cross (February 28th)

He put his house in order (March 7th)

He promised salvation through faith (March 14th)

He drew all people to himself (March 21st)

He rode into Jerusalem (March 28th)



ORDER OF SERVICE

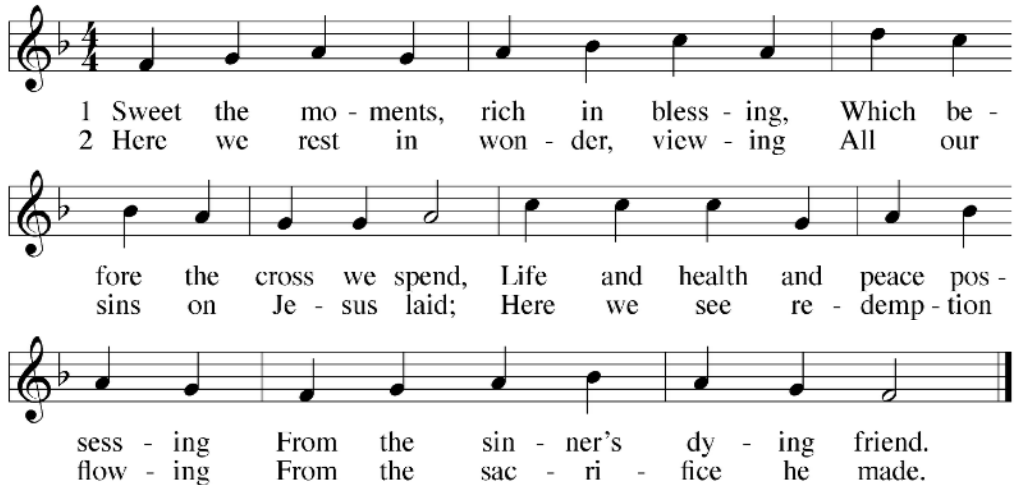
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INVOCATION

M In the name of the Father, who calls us his dear children, and in the name of the ☩ Son, who clothes us with his righteousness and calls himself our brother, and in the name of the Holy Spirit who brought us into God's family through faith.

C Amen.

The congregation sings:



1 Sweet the mo - ments, rich in bless - ing, Which be -
2 Here we rest in won - der, view - ing All our

fore the cross we spend, Life and health and peace pos -
sins on Je - sus laid; Here we see re - demp - tion

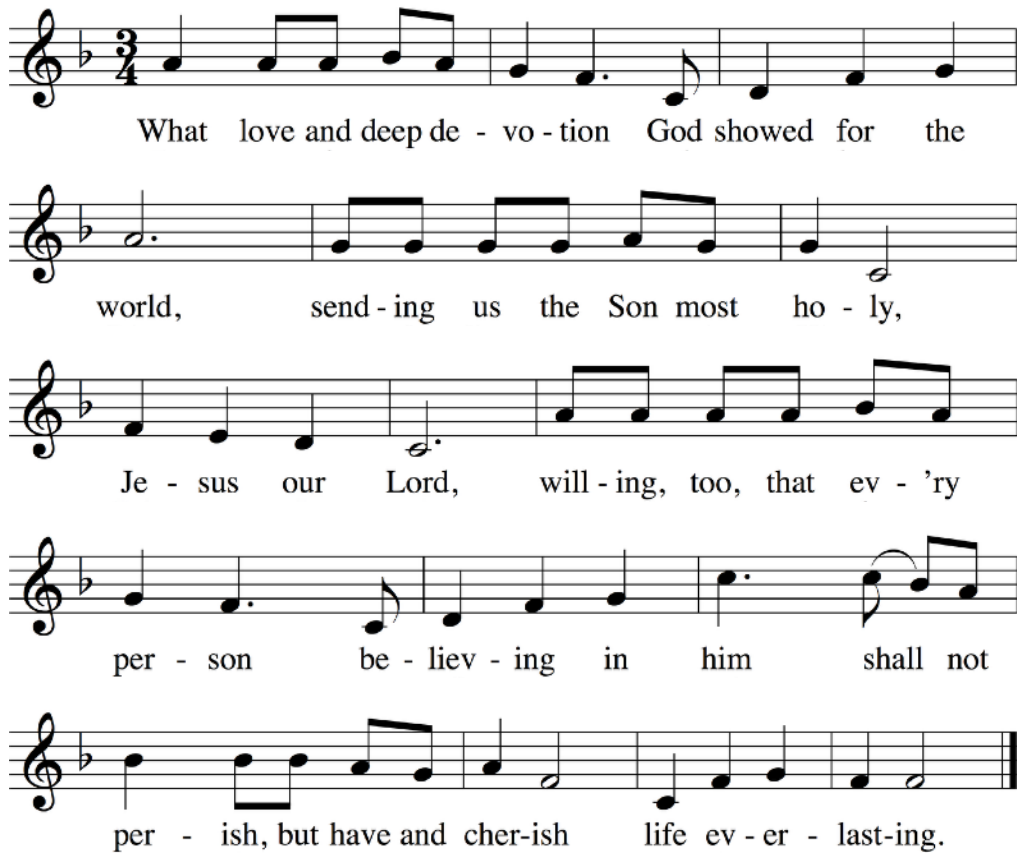
sess - ing From the sin - ner's dy - ing friend.
flow - ing From the sac - ri - fice he made.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M Brothers and Sisters: As those who have been baptized in the name of our triune God— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— let us confess our sins.

C Heavenly Father, I confess my sins to you. In so many ways, I have failed to love you with my whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. At times, I place my own wants in front of your perfect will for my life. I give in to temptation and sin. I have earned your punishment and deserve to be forsaken forever. In Jesus' name, hear my cry for mercy, and give me the comfort of your forgiveness.

The congregation sings:



What love and deep de - vo - tion God showed for the

world, send - ing us the Son most ho - ly,

Je - sus our Lord, will - ing, too, that ev - 'ry

per - son be - liev - ing in him shall not

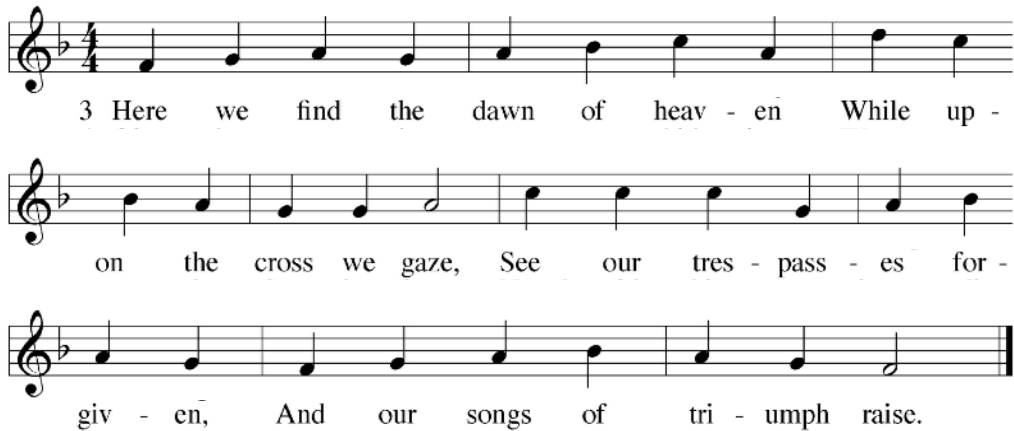
per - ish, but have and cher-ish life ev - er - last-ing.

ABSOLUTION

[M] For all who trust in his only begotten Son, God will not withhold his forgiveness. Instead, he richly pours out his grace upon everyone who believes. Having heard your confession, I announce the grace of God to you for the sake of Jesus Christ, our eternal Savior. All your sins are forgiven; your guilt is taken away. Serve the Living God in peace, joy, and everlasting thanks for his undeserved kindness to you.

[C] **Amen.**

The congregation sings:



PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M] Heavenly Father, as we continue our Lenten journey with your Son to the cross, focus our hearts on the amazing love that drove him to sacrifice himself in our place. In all humility, we admit that was our failures for which he suffered. Forgive us. Fill our hearts with thankfulness and joy because of the love we see in Jesus' suffering and death.

[C] Amen.

**THROUGH THY CROSS AND PASSION
O LORD + DELIVER US**



THE WORD

LESSON

Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 3

[M] O LORD, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me!

[C] Many are saying of me, God will not deliver him.

[M] But you are a shield around me, O LORD; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.

[C] To the LORD I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill.

[M] I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

[C] I will not fear the tens of thousands drawn up against me on every side.

[M] Arise, O LORD! Deliver me, O my God!

[C] From the LORD comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people!

The congregation sings:

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss

and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one

That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old
 Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,

e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,

Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;

On earth is not his e - qual.
 He holds the field for - ev - er.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, ¹³ and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"



1 Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it I am at
 2 There's noth - ing that can sev - er Me from the
 3 Yes, nei - ther life's temp - ta - tion Nor death's so
 4 Nor an - y crea - ture ev - er Shall from the



peace with God; What, then, can daunt my spir - it,
 love of God, No want, no pain what - ev - er,
 try - ing hour, Nor an - gels of high sta - tion,
 love of God This child of heav - en sev - er,



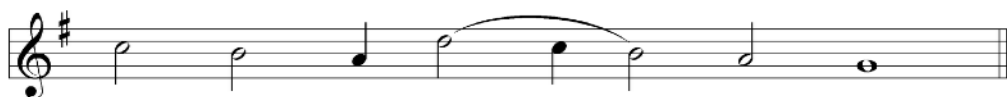
How - ev - er dark my road? My cour - age shall
 No fam - ine, dan - ger, sword. Though thou - sand foes
 Nor an - y oth - er pow'r, Nor things that now
 For in my Sav - ior's blood This love has its



not fail me, For God is on my side;
 sur - round me, For slaugh - ter mark his sheep,
 are pres - ent, Nor things that are to come,
 foun - da - tion— God hears my faith - ful prayer—



Though hell it - self as - sail me,
 They nev - er shall con - found me—
 Nor height, how - ev - er pleas - ant,
 And as his new cre - a - tion



Its rage I may de - ride.
 The vic - t'ry I shall keep!
 Nor depth of his deep - est gloom,
 Keeps me his child and heir.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

We All Believe in One True God | **270**



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa-ther, Son, and
 2 We all be-lieve in Je-sus Christ, Son of God and
 3 We all con-fess the Ho-ly Ghost, Who from both for -
 Ho - ly Ghost, Ev - er - pres - ent help in need,
 Mar - y's Son, Who de - scend - ed from his throne
 e'er pro - ceeds, Who up - holds and com - forts us
 Praised by all the heav'n - ly host, By whose might - y
 And for us sal - va - tion won, By whose cross and
 In all tri - als, fears, and needs. Bless - ed, ho - ly
 pow'r a - lone All is made and wrought and done.
 death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
 Trin - i - ty, Hear our praise e - ter - nal - ly!

THE OFFERINGS ARE BROUGHT FORWARD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

In the Bible, God gives us instructions for Communion. He says, "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat the bread and drink of the cup," and that, if you don't fully understand what Communion is, you could bring spiritual harm upon yourself (1 Corinthians 11:28,29). Those who receive Communion today confess they hold the following convictions:

- *I repent of all my sins, holding nothing back from God (1 John 1:9).*
- *I believe that Jesus took away my sins through his death on the cross (1 John 3:5).*
- *I believe that in Communion I receive Jesus' true body and blood along with the bread and the wine (Matthew 26:26-27, 1 Corinthians 10:16).*
- *I agree with all the teachings of this church family, as I have learned to know them through their instruction classes.*

If you have any question or are interested in taking our Bible Instruction Class, please speak with one of our pastors after worship.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

[M] Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ☩ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ☩ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C] Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

*This is my body. This is my blood.
GIVEN FOR YOU.*





1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
 2 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need
 4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;
 5 Too soon we rise; the ves - sels dis - ap - pear.



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,
 Here is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.
 An - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.
 Mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.



Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;
 Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:
 The bread and wine re - move, but you are here,



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.
 My strength is in your might, your might a - lone.
 Your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.
 Near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

[M] We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

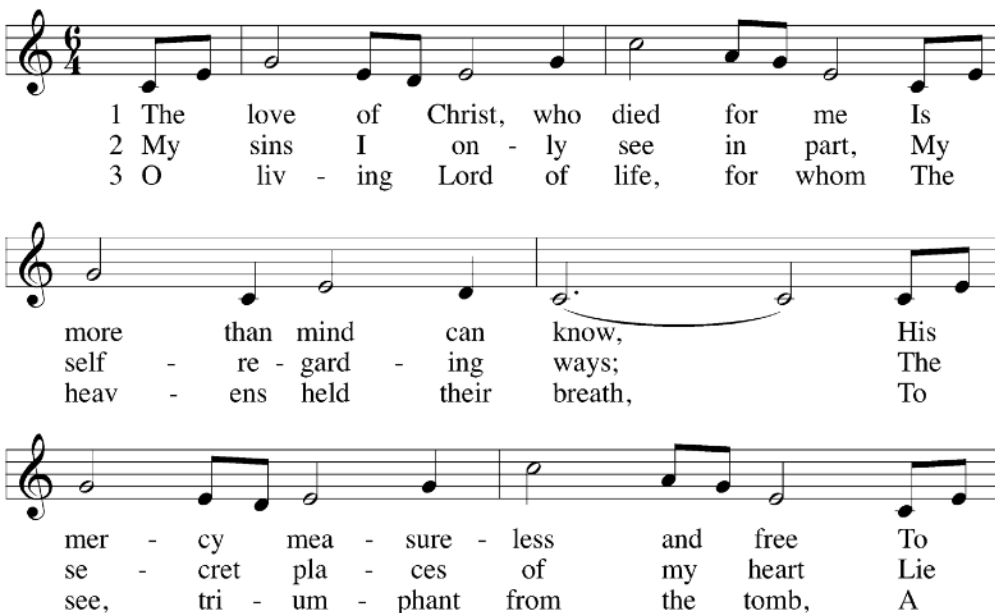
BLESSING

[M] The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

[C] Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

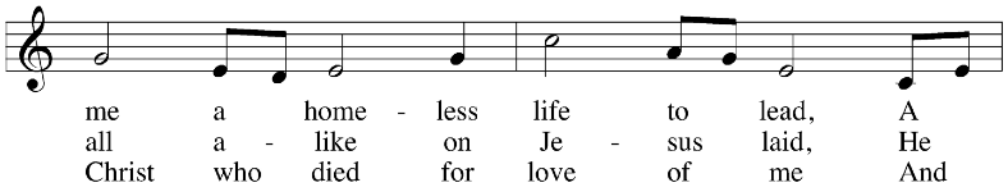
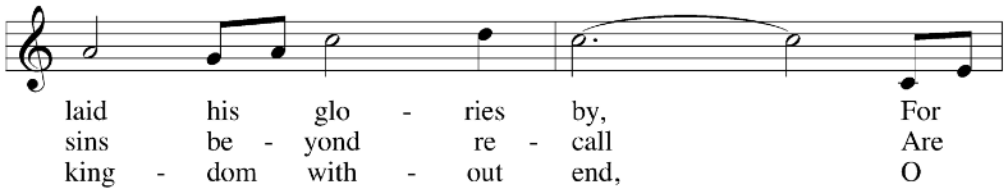
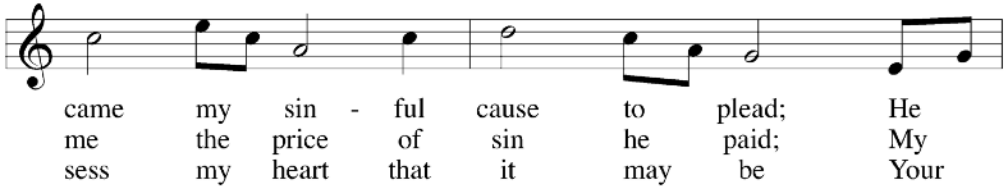
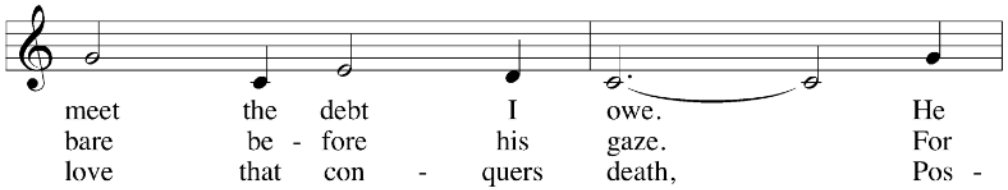
The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me | **749**



1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is
2 My sins I on - ly see in part, My
3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The

more than mind can know, His
self - re - gard - ing ways; The
heav - ens held their breath, To

mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To
se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie
see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A



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*WE EXIST TO GLORIFY GOD AS
WE GATHER, GROW, AND GO*
