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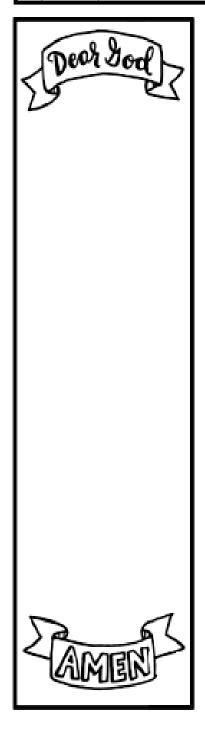
Dear Friends in Christ

We are delighted to have you worship with us today. If you are a guest, we'd love to meet you, so please feel free to introduce yourself to the Pastor and congregation members.

> **"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."** 1 Corinthians 1:18

AS WE GATHER

Jesus demands a lot from us to be his disciples: bearing our own crosses. In other words, being a Christian doesn't just mean we believe the right things about Jesus, or even claim to love him. He demands a life of sacrificial, sometimes even suffering, service—not to gain his favor, of course, but out of gratitude for what he has gained for us—forgiveness of sins and eternal life. On this third Sunday in the season of Lent, we are at a good starting point to learn about deny-ing ourselves, taking up our own crosses, and following Christ. Jesus came to give us real life, and we can find that by turning our lives over to him. Getting in spiritual shape to follow Christ takes daily discipline, "crucifying" (or, dying to) our selfishness to be freed to serve Him.



WEEKLY PRAYER

Our weekly prayer gathering is EVERY TUESDAY MORNING from 7:15am-8:15am. Yes, it's early, but it's needed and is intentionally early for those who need to be at work. Come and spend an hour or any part of it with members of your Redeemer family in the chapel.

PRAYER CHAIN

Redeemer's prayer chain numbers more than 70 people and our prayer support has been very fulfilling to families that need intercessory prayers on their behalf. We welcome prayer requests anytime day or night at:

prayers@redeemerjackson.org

If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, simply send your email address and name to the email address above and you can help those needing prayer support.

NEWS AND NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL EASTER PROJECT

You're invited to join in for a fun and socially-distant project on Sunday, March 28 (Palm Sunday) at 9:30 am in lieu of classes. Each person will receive a square to complete in the allotted time which will be a part of a large piece that will be revealed Easter Sunday. All are encouraged to participate!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING =

Anyone interested in being involved with VBS this year, please plan to attend a meeting this Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30pm in the Connection Room. Save the dates for VBS: June 21-23 in the evenings.

SCHEMPF FAMILY

One of the missionaries that we support, Rev. Michael and Karen Schempf, are ending their service with the LCMS due to the declining health of his aging parents. The leadership board has decided to redistribute their financial support equally between our Jackson missions which are SOAR, Together We Can Make a Difference, and Trinity Lutheran School. These mission funds are already budgeted for and will not change the overall percentage of our budget for missions as approved by our congregation at the December voter's meeting.

FAITHFUL FAMILY

A new source for articles about living as God's people. Featuring topics such as discipleship, Godly grandparenting, and living faithfully in the world with more content being added weekly. Visit <u>redeemerjackson.org/faithfulfamily</u>.

HIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is a "parament"?

A parament (pronounced PAIR-uhment) is a colored peice of cloth that hangs on the important items of furniture in the sanctuary. **Can you**



find the altar? You may see a colored piece of cloth hanging on it. This parament is called the "frontal" or "superfrontal." Can you find the pulpit? The pulpit has a parament, too, as do many of the important furniture items in the sanctuary. Look around to see how many paraments are in your church.

Why do we use paraments?

Paraments honor God and beautify His sanctuary based on the seasons of the Church Year. For example, during the season of Pentecost, the paraments are green. During Lent, the paraments are purple. The word "parament" comes from the Latin word "parare" which means "to decorate or adorn." The paraments are not silent decorations. Each parament helps to proclaim the wonderful news of salvation through Jesus Christ!

> **Parents:** Before or after worship, allow your child to get a closer look at the paraments in the sanctuary. (Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places.) Instruct them that the colors might be different than what they would expect at certain times in the Church Year. For example, the paraments are red on Reformation Day even though it falls during the season of Pentecost.

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CALL COMMITTEE CORNER

- The final touches are being put on the Mission and Ministry Inventory to send to the District office this week.
- PRAYER NEEDS: Pray for wisdom for President Maier and his team as they begin reviewing our information and the information of pastoral candidates

redeemerjackson.org/news/pastoral-call-updates/

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Date: March 27 **Time:** 9:00am-12:00pm Place: Trinity Lutheran Church, Downtown Jackson

Donations Needed for Upcoming Events:

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, and Floss

Please place in bin in the narthex.

GIVING

The offering plate will not be passed, there are two ways to support our ministries financially:

•Give as you exit the sanctuary or

•Online at redeemerjackson.org/give

MARCH 7 TODAY Sunday Worship-8:00am • Sunday School/Adult Bible Study-9:30am

Sunday Worship-10:30am

8 MONDAY

Women's Bible Study-10:00am

MARCH

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- 9 • Hour of Prayer-7:15am-8:15am
- VBS Planning Meeting-6:30pm

10 MARCH

WEDNESDAY

TUESDAY

- Quilters-9:00am-12:00pm
- Mid-Week Lenten Worship-6:30pm

MARCH

- 11 THURSDAY
- Bethel Bible Study-6:30pm

14 **NEXT WEEK** MARCH

- Sunday Worship w/Communion-8:00am
- Sunday School/Adult Bible Study-9:30am
- Sunday Worship w/Communion-10:30am

READINGS

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED

FOR 2021 BUDGET

\$9,398.38

OFFERINGS RECEIVED 2/28/2021

Budget-\$6,907.75 Non-Budget-\$0.00

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Sunday Worship

Sunday Communion Schedule

Worship Services 8:00am and 10:30am Second, Fourth and Fifth Sundays 8:00am and 10:30am Service

Children and Adult Bible Study Classes

9:30am-10:15am

Receiving Communion

The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians11:28. "Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup." When you examine yourself before Communion, ask yourself these questions.

- 1. Have I confessed and repented of my sins?
- 2. Do I believe that the Blessed Sacrament I receive is the true Body and Blood of Jesus, in, with and under the elements of bread and wine?
- 3. Do I share in the confessional and doctrinal unity of this Christian Congregation?
- 4. Will I, with the Lord's help, amend my sinful life?

Please speak with the Pastor or an Elder prior to service if you have further questions.

Our Ministry Team

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

sday Friday

8:00am-4:00pm Office Closed - Remote work day-Available by appointment only

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