

WE WELCOME YOU TO
**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF
THE REDEEMER**

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Scripture Alone

The Sower sows the seed of His Word (Luke 8:4-15). This Word is living and powerful (Heb. 4:9-13) to conceive new life in those who hear it. But the planting of Christ is attacked by the devil, the world, and the flesh. Satan snatches the Word away from hard hearts. The riches and pleasures of this life choke off faith. Shallow and emotional belief withers in time of temptation and trouble. But see how Christ bears this attack for us! Christ's cross was planted in the hard and rocky soil of Golgotha. A crown of thorns was placed upon His head. Satan and His demons hellishly hounded and devoured Him. Yet, through His dying and rising again, He destroyed these enemies of ours. Jesus is Himself the Seed which fell to the ground and died in order that it might sprout forth to new life and produce much grain. In Him, the weak are strong (2 Cor. 11:19-12:9). He is the Word of the Father which does not return void (Is. 55:10-13) but yields a harvest hundredfold.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

OPENING HYMN – #923 – Almighty Father, Bless the Word

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT – Ps. 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 44:23. 25a, 26a

Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?*

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!

For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.*

Rise up; come | to our help!

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,*

what deeds you performed in their days, in the | days of old:

you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you |

planted;*

you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set free.

But you have saved us | from our foes*

and have put to shame those who | hate us.

In God we have boasted con- | tinually,*

and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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OLD TESTAMENT READING – *Isaiah 55:10–13*

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

GRADUAL

[Let your enemies] know that you alone, whose name | is the
LORD,*
are the Most High over | all the earth.
O my God, make them like | whirling dust,*
like chaff be- | fore the wind.

EPISTLE – 2 Corinthians 11:19–12:9

¹⁹For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! ²⁰For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. ²¹To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. ²²Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. ²³Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. ²⁴Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; ²⁶on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own

people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; ²⁷in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. ²⁸And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? ³⁰If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. ³¹The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³²At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, ³³but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. ¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he

said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

TRACT – *Psalm 60:1–2, 5*

O God, you have rejected us, broken our de- | fences;*
you have been angry; oh, re- | store us.
You have made the land to quake; you have torn it | open;*
repair its breaches, for it | totters.
That your beloved ones may be de- | livered,*
give salvation by your right hand and | answer us!

HOLY GOSPEL – *Luke 8:4-15*

⁴When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” ⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’” ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who

have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

HYMN OF THE DAY – #583 – God Has Spoken by His Prophets

SERMON

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: *Let us pray to the Lord* C: **Lord have mercy**

We pray for our Shut-ins –
Elwood Kaminsky, Kathy Krahenbil & Kathy Shurvell
Also Eileen Wiens and others we know to be in need.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

If you are not a member of Lutheran Church Canada or a sister church, please feel welcome to come up during the Supper to receive a blessing.

Indicate you would like a blessing by crossing your arms over your heart.

If you would like to commune with us in the future, please speak to the Pastor after the service and express your holy desire.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – #585 – Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

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BENEDICTION – page 164**

CLOSING HYMN – #655 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

POSTLUDE

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LENTEN SERVICES:

Shrove Tuesday (Feb.17) 5.30pm
(followed by pancakes and fellowship)

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18th) 7pm

Vespers 7pm every Wednesday in Lent
(followed by Pastor's Class until 8:30 pm)

PASTOR'S CLASS:

As of Lent 2026, beginning in the middle of February, Pastor will be offering a class on the Basics of the Christian Faith, starting Wednesday, February 25th at 7 pm *and subsequent Wednesday until Easter*. It will be a refresher for the regular growth for the fringe, and an introduction for the new. The call here is to bring yourselves and someone with you. *Of course, there are no strings attached but the offer will be to re-affirm a baptized person's faith or be baptized, if they so desire, at the end of the course.*

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

Friday, February 27th at 1.30 – 3pm.

Discussions may include future dates, times, activities and friendships.

BIBLE STUDY:

Church History *(and why it's relevant)* is back on at 10am Sundays.

PRIVATE CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION:

This is offered on Saturday mornings 10am-11am at the church.