

WE WELCOME YOU TO  
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THE REDEEMER**

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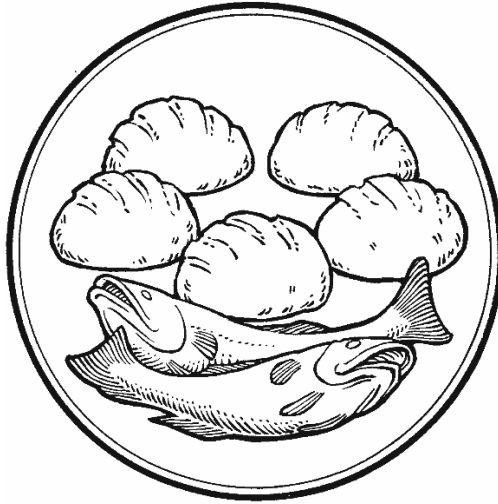
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# LAETARE

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



### The Lord Feeds His People

The Lord provided bread from heaven for His people in the wilderness (Ex. 16:2-21). Now He who is Himself the living bread from heaven miraculously provides bread for the five thousand (John 6:1-15). This takes place near the time of the Passover, after a great multitude had followed Jesus across the sea, and when He went up on a mountain. Seen in this way, Jesus is our new and greater Moses, who releases us from the bondage of Mount Sinai and makes us free children of the promise (Gal. 4:21-31). Five loaves become twelve baskets—that is, the five books of Moses find their goal and fulfillment in Christ, whose people continue steadfastly in the doctrine and fellowship of the twelve apostles, and in the breaking and receiving of the bread of life, which is the body of Christ together with His precious blood, and in the prayers (Acts 2:41-47). So it is that God’s people “shall not hunger or thirst” (Is. 49:8-13). For He abundantly provides for us in both body and soul.

# DIVINE SERVICE, Setting One – (LSB pp 151ff)

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

OPENING HYMN – #655 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT – Ps. 122:1-2, 6,8; antiphon: Is. 66:10a, 11a

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,\*  
all you who | love her;

that you may nurse and be | satisfied\*  
from her con- | soling breast.

I was glad when they | said to me,\*  
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

Our feet have been | standing\*  
within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!

Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!\*

May they be secure who | love you!

For my brothers and com- | panions' sake\*

I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”

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.  
Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,\*  
all you who | love her;  
that you may nurse and be | satisfied\*  
from her con- | soling breast.

## **KYRIE – page 152-153**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY – page 156**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING – *Isaiah 49:8–13***

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD:  
“In a time of favor I have answered you;  
in a day of salvation I have helped you;  
I will keep you and give you  
as a covenant to the people,  
to establish the land,  
to apportion the desolate heritages,  
<sup>9</sup>saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out,’  
to those who are in darkness, ‘Appear.’  
They shall feed along the ways;  
on all bare heights shall be their pasture;  
<sup>10</sup>they shall not hunger or thirst,  
neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them,  
for he who has pity on them will lead them,  
and by springs of water will guide them.  
<sup>11</sup>And I will make all my mountains a road,  
and my highways shall be raised up.  
<sup>12</sup>Behold, these shall come from afar,  
and behold, these from the north and from the west,

and these from the land of Syene.”  
<sup>13</sup>Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
break forth, O mountains, into singing!  
for the LORD has comforted his people  
and will have compassion on his afflicted.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL

I was glad when they | said to me,\*  
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”  
Peace be with- | in your walls\*  
and security within your | towers!

### SECOND READING – Acts 2:41–47

<sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**TRACT** – *Psalm 125:1-2 5b*

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,\*  
which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his | people,\*  
from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon | Israel!

**VERSE** – page 157

**HOLY GOSPEL** – *John 6:1-15*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup>Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup>Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed

the Prophet who is to come into the world!”<sup>15</sup> Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – #743 – Jesus, Priceless Treasure

**SERMON**

**APOSTLES CREED** – page 159

**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** – pages 159-160

# 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 – #729 – I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus**

**COMMUNION LITURGY – pages 160-163**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENEDICTION – page 166**

**CLOSING HYMN – #672 – Jerusalem the Golden**

**POSTLUDE**

At the Voters' meeting on February 1st, the Building Committee provided a services proposal from Relèven. The proposal is for assisting Lutheran Church of The Redeemer with the first phase of the Building Committee's work to meet the mandate given to it by the Voters at the meeting held May 25, 2025. The purpose of the first phase is to help the congregation understand, agree and activate a new property strategy roadmap, in the context of our wider missional, neighbourhood and charitable objectives. The proposal from Relèven was approved by the Voters on February 1st.

We have executed a service contract with Relèven and have begun working with them to help us envision the next phase of our life together as a congregation. This process will help us more clearly connect our mission and vision with the assets we have been entrusted with, so that we can steward them wisely and ensure the long-term sustainability and impact of our ministry in the community.

Relèven's consultants Dave Harder and Mike Wood Daly will be leading a congregational workshop designed to help us reflect on who we are, what we are called to do, and how our buildings, land, and resources can best support that calling. Through a series of creative and engaging exercises, they will listen carefully to the congregation, challenge our thinking, and help us explore practical possibilities for aligning our assets with our mission and future direction.

Your voice in this process is important and valued. The strength of this conversation comes from hearing the hopes, insights, and perspectives of the congregation.

Date: April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Time: 12:30pm to 2:30pm

*Should you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Barrie Davidson (Chair, Building Committee) or any other member of the Building Committee (Pastor Manning, Doug Ross, David Borger, Bonnie Kletke, Tim Lach).*

# REDEEMER REPORTER

## CONGREGATIONAL WORKSHOP:

As mentioned inside of back cover of Bulletin:

Date: Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Time: 12:30pm to 2:30pm

## EVANGELISM WORKSHOP:

Evangelism Workshop to help God's people grow in sharing Jesus with others. Using 'Every One His Witness', a Lutheran Evangelism Program, attendees will be trained by the circuit pastors in how to listen, ask, seek, share, invite and encourage those the Lord has put in their lives.

Location is here @Redeemer

Dates: Two Saturdays 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of April

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm (with lunch provided).

## LENTEN SERVICES:

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

## 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.