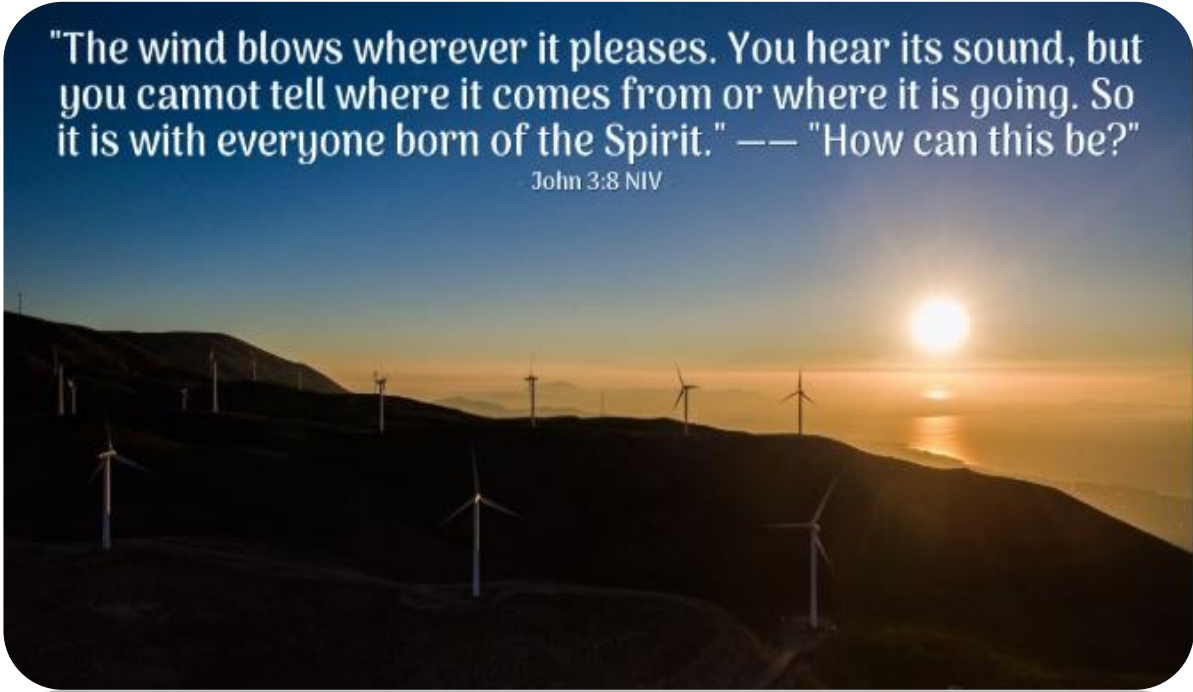


SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2026

"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." — "How can this be?"

John 3:8 NIV



John 3:1-17

Redeemer Lutheran Ministries

Church, School, & Child Care

Englewood, Florida

Sunday Divine Service: 9:15 a.m.

Vicar *Collins Sita*

PRELUDE – GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may remain seated until the Invocation.

God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571 sts. 1, 3–4, 6



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all
△ 6 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens-Opffer, c. 1778, Stettin; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93
Text and tune: Public domain

Please Stand - The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

V Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of 'God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 105:4-7; antiphon: v. 8

V He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

C **Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

V Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

C **O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

V He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

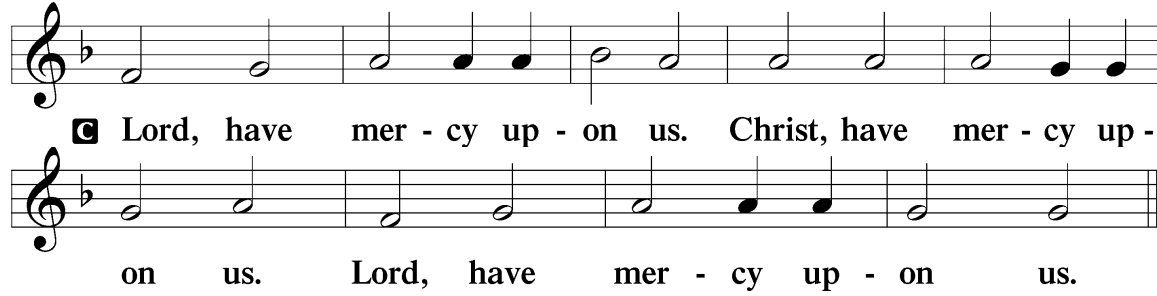
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

V He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

V Glory be to God on high:



C and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

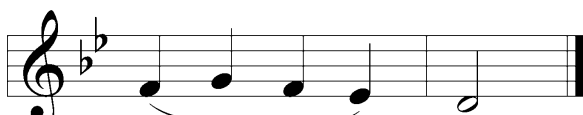
V The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spirit.

V Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please be Seated

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

V This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

²Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,

and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . .

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

V This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

V The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



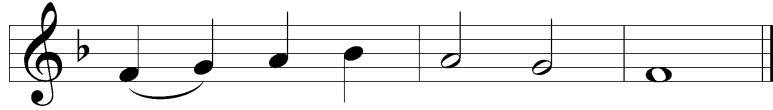
C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

☐ **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Please be Seated

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB 918

1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious
bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,
Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,
bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to
more; Feed me till I want no more.
shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717-91, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Peter Williams, 1722-96, alt.; (sts. 2-3): tr. William Williams, 1717-91
Tune: John Hughes, 1873-1932
Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon

V The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Please Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

V Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response following each petition

V Lord, in Your mercy,
C ...hear our prayer.

V All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

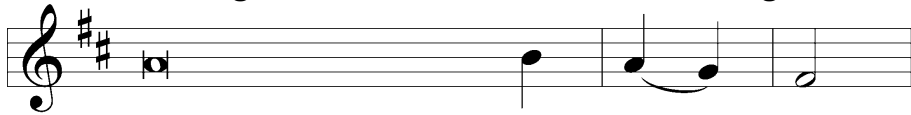
V Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

V O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

V The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

V Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

V The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555 sts. 1, 3-4, 8



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -
8 The Law re - veals the guilt of sin And makes us con - science -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our
strick - en; But then the Gos - pel en - ters in The



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's
sin - ful soul to quick - en. Come to the cross, trust



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our
Christ, and live; The Law no peace can



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.
ev - er give, No com - fort and no bless - ing.

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484-1551; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
Tune: Etlich Cristlich liden, 1524, Wittenberg
Text and tune: Public domain

Redeemer Lutheran Church News

Welcome, visitors and members! Please sign in using the red sign-in books at each pew.

Serving in our Lord's House today

Vicar.....Collins Sita

Healing Prayers for members:



Wayne Buel, Ed & Jan DeTrow, Bernadine Edwards, Pat Finkenbine, Judy Guastella, Jane Harty, Sherrie Keesee, Joyce Krug, Jerry Lindberg, Chuck & Elaine Malecki, Cathy Mielke, Tom & Sue Poyer, Randy Schaub, Jim & Bonnie Schluentz, and Pauline Vickey.

Prayers for Friends and relatives:

John Baldrige, Karen Bartram, Joseph Caivano, Michelle Cote, Ron Dozier, Paulette Gaines, Glenn Galway, Mikayla Hacksunda & family, Renee Hickman, Ann Ledesma, Esther Murphy, Helen Saterfield, Karen Wasson-Geis.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT REDEEMER

Easter Sunrise:

The church needs help setting up Easter Sunrise Service. This will include placing chairs outside and setting up for communion before services as well as cleanup afterward.

(Vicar Collins Sita 941-830-6020 or vicar@redeemerfl.com or Church Office 941-475-2410 or church.secretary@redeemerfl.com)

Lenten Wednesdays – Soup at Redeemer – Volunteers Needed:

The Chair of Community Parish and Fellowship invites everyone to gather after Wednesday Evening Services for **SOUP**. A simple offering, a shared table, and Christian fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sign up to volunteer to host and make soup in the Narthex or contact Catalina. (Catalina 207-752-7797 or CatalinaBakas@gmail.com)

Alter Guild:

The Alter Guild needs volunteers – Training by Catalina. Please let us know if you are interested.

(Catalina 207-752-7797 or CatalinaBakas@gmail.com).

Coffee Hour:

Thank you so much to everyone who helps! We have no volunteers for last Sunday or next Sunday. (Sign up sheet is hung by the kitchen door in the Narthex)

Wednesday Evening Services Car Pool:

We need passengers *and* drivers, so whether you want a ride or want to drive, please let us know! (Church Office 941-475-2410 or church.secretary@redeemerfl.com)

OTHER NOTICES AND UPDATES**Church History:**

On March 1, 1981, Redeemer's Church Building was dedicated. A new constitution and by-laws were adopted at the same time. Please let the office know if you'd like to participate in organizing a 45 Year Celebration!

Easter Lily Sale:

Easter Lily Season is here! Easter Lilies can be placed in the Narthex for a limited time – More information is in the Narthex, or check with Lana.

(Lana Garay: lanagaray@yahoo.com)

Sunday School:

Sunday school will be held after Divine Worship on Sundays.

(Yvonne Brussel: yayabrussel@yahoo.com)

Newcomers Class:

Classes for future members are being held on Thursday evenings from 5:00pm-7:00pm. To participate, please contact Vicar Collins Sita.

(Vicar Collins Sita: 941-830-6020 or vicar@redeemerfl.com)

Church Directory Notice:

It's time to check in and update our Church Directory! *Please make corrections/additions in the directory in the Narthex.*

Name Tags:

If you are a new or existing member of Redeemer and haven't gotten a name tag yet, or if yours has been lost, please let us know so we can get it ordered.

Ladies' Luncheon:

The next Ladies' Luncheon is scheduled for **March 17, 12:00pm**, at **The Boca Royale**.

Attendance Books:

The church has changed our sign-in process for Sunday Services. Please use the red attendance books located near the aisle at each pew, which can be passed down the pew and allow everyone to sign in after being seated.

Portals of Prayer:

The latest issue of "Portals of Prayer" is available in the Narthex, please help yourself. There is no charge, but a donation box has been provided should you feel moved to donate to the purchase of future issues.

Human Care: If you need emergency assistance, please contact Cathy Mielke at mielkeway289@gmail.com or 941-380-9433. This fund is only available through your generosity and donations specifically annotated for Human Care.

<u>MORE WAYS TO CONNECT WITH REDEEMER</u>	
Facebook:	Our Sunday Services are broadcast live on Facebook every week!
Website:	Check out our website at www.RedeemerFL.com
Monthly Email:	Not receiving our monthly email? Let us know at church.office@redeemerfl.com , or visit the office!

OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 02/22/26

Wednesday Lent Offerings.....	\$331.00
Sunday Lent Offereings.....	\$627.00
Total Offerings.....	\$958.00

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH 2026

(Calendars are available in the Narthex)

03/01/26	9:15 a.m.	Sun.	Divine Worship – Lent II
		Sun.	45th Anniversary of Dedication of Church Building & Adoption of Redeemer Constitution and Bylaws
03/04/26	12:00 p.m.	Wed.	Elders’ Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Wed.	ASC Student Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Wed.	Lent II Evening Service
	5:45 p.m.	Wed.	Lent Soup & Fellowship
03/05/26	8:45 a.m.	Thurs.	Student Chapel – All Students
	9:30 a.m.	Thurs.	Table Talk Bible Study
03/07/26		Sat.	School Open House for New Enrollment & Existing Families
03/08/26	9:15 a.m.	Sun.	Divine Worship – Lent III – Communion with Pastor Keisel
03/11/26	12:00 p.m.	Wed.	School Board Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Wed.	ASC Student Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Wed.	Lent III - Evening Service
	5:45 p.m.	Wed.	Lent Soup & Fellowship
03/12/26	8:45 a.m.	Thurs.	Student Chapel – All Students
	9:30 a.m.	Thurs.	Table Talk – Bible Study
03/15/26	9:15 a.m.	Sun.	Divine Worship - Lent IV – Communion with Pastor Mathews
03/16/26			Spring Break 03/16/26 – 03/20/26
03/18/26	12:00 p.m.	Wed.	Church Council Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Wed.	Lent IV - Evening Service
	5:45 p.m.	Wed.	Lent Soup & Fellowship
03/19/26	9:30 a.m.	Thurs.	Table Talk – Bible Study
03/20/26			Last Day of Spring Break
03/21/26	8:00 a.m.	Sat.	School Yard Sale & Car Wash
	10:00 a.m.	Sat.	Property Appreciation Day
03/22/26	9:15 a.m.	Sun.	Divine Worship – Lent V
03/25/26	4:00 p.m.	Wed.	ASC Student Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Wed.	Lent V – Evening Service
03/26/26	8:45 a.m.	Thurs.	Student Chapel – All Students
	9:30 a.m.	Thurs.	Table Talk – Bible Study
03/29/26	9:15 a.m.	Sun.	Divine Worship – Palm Sunday – First Day of Holy Week

PLEASE TEAR THIS PAGE OFF AND TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU.

From the Congregation Secretary

March Church Meetings

- March 4, 2026, 12:00 pm – Elders
- March 11, 2026, 12:00 pm – School Board
- March 18, 2026, 12:00 pm – Church Council
- March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2026 – Newcomer’s Class

March Gatherings

- March 17, 2026, 12:00 pm – Ladies Luncheon at Boca Royale
- March 21, 2026, 12:00 pm – Men’s Luncheon at Junior and Rosies
- Mid-week Lent Services followed by a Soup Dinner
- March 22, 2026 – Fellowship Meal following Sunday Service

Your Officers and Board Chairs for 2026

President	James Kruse	Vice President	Vacant
Parliamentarian	Stephen Dannewitz	Treasurer	Perry Koslowski
Congregation Secretary	Lori Wasson	Chair of Board of Human Care	Cathy Mielke
Chair of Board of Finance	Sherrie Keesee	Head Elder	Mike Nagel
Chair of Board of Stewardship	VACANT	Chair of Board of Christian Education	Yvonne Brussel
Chair of Board of Community and Parish Fellowship	Catalina Bakas	Chair of Board of Assimilation	VACANT
Chair of Board of Property Management	VACANT	Chair of School Board	James Kruse
Endowment Fund	Sherrie Keesee		

- If you have a background in Education and would like to help on School teams, such as:
 - **School Board**
 - **Handbook Review Committee**
 - **Curriculum Review Committee**Please let James Kruse or Lori Wasson know.
- If you would like to be on the **Constitution and By Laws Review Committee**, please contact James Kruse or Lori Wasson
- The positions of Vice President, Chair of Property Management, Chair of Stewardship and Chair of Board of Stewardship are all Vacant and offer an excellent opportunity for you to serve the Lord here at Redeemer. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact James or Lori
 - They may be reached at the following numbers: **James (765-404-2144), Lori (941-234-8901)**
- The **Board of Elders** could use a few more people. Please contact **Mike Nagel (989-475-8371)**.
 - The **Alter Guild** needs your help. Catalina has been handling the Alter Guild duties for the past five years with very little help. We need some more people to assist. The Alter Guild members can take turns setting up for communion, changing paraments, etc. which will only take up a couple Sunday’s of your time a year if we get enough Alter Guild Members. Please contact **Catalina Bakas at 207-752-7797** if you are interested.

Be a Superstar and join in helping YOUR church grow and operate effectively!

Redeemer Lutheran Ministries

Englewood, Florida

Church.....941-475-2410

School.....941-473-7998

Child Care.....941-475-2631

Vicar Sita.....941-830-6020

Please submit additions/corrections to the Bulletin no later than the Wednesday prior to Service.

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder ©