

Redeemer Lutheran Church

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

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March 2019

I Need More... *Good News*

Indeed, we live in frazzled and frustrated times. Just turn on the nightly news. So frequently we are given reports of events that have devastated property and lives; are told about individuals that have deviated from law and order; and hear of other stories that dampen our spirits. On a regular basis, most of the news is not good news, and a depressed sigh first finds solace in the silence of a turned-off television.

Turns out, though, that we don't have to turn on a TV to know that. We don't even need to be near it. As our consciences rerun the past, we see where our own deviations have had a devastating impact. As a direct result, our spirits are dampened and depressed. Even life-long Christians feel the sting of past sins as their consciences cry a guilty testimony. That's the “news” we know by nature. That's God's Law on sinful hearts, and that's why stricken hearts crave more good news.

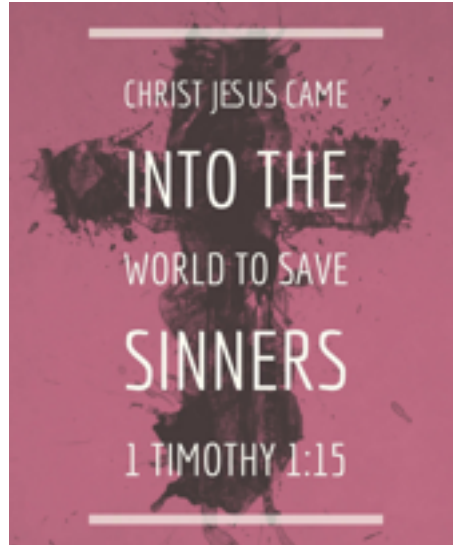
The calm to the craving is not attained by turning off; we get it by tuning in. The answer is not in blocking out God's Word or dulling our

consciences by making poor excuses. The solution is still found in what God's good news says to every individual—even to you. The calm, promise, and solution remains the message of the gospel! Hearts are calmed at the message of Christ for us! And it's in that message the apostle

Paul, a very real sinner, would have sinners still take comfort and confidence. As he lifted Timothy's eyes and heart to the grace of the cross, so he lifts ours: “**Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst**” (1 Timothy 1:15).

Craving more good news? Forgiven sinner, tune in to the Savior who carried your every sin! See Him in His Word!

Redeemed believer, tune in to the gospel—God's good news that quiets sin's accusations! Hear that saving message! Beloved child of God, tune in to the trustworthy message of the Bible and let your heart sigh with thanksgiving. Jesus came to save sinners. Jesus came to save you! That's the good news! Crave it. Enjoy it. And stay tuned in!



Lenten Worship

Midweek Lenten services begin with a communion service on March 6 at 7 PM. The theme this year will be: "Cross Words" Be sure to set this time aside.

March 6: Redemption — Pastor Weber
 March 13: Grace — Pastor Biedenbender
 March 20: Justification — Pastor Weber
 March 27: Vicarious — Pastor Biedenbender
 April 3: Atonement — Pastor Weber
 April 10: Peace — Pastor Biedenbender
 April 18: Covenant
 April 19: Death
 April 21: Resurrection

Soup/Sandwich Suppers

Before each of our mid-week services, there will be a soup and sandwich supper, beginning at 6 PM. There is a sign-up sheet to indicate what you would be able to bring for each supper.

Lord's Blessings to You

We join these members of Redeemer in thanking God as they celebrate their birthday or wedding anniversary.

- 08 – Stephanie Lintemuth
- 14 – Ollie Cummings
- 15 – Corky Hollister
- 20 – Jeff Nickols
- 22 – Karen Cushway
- 24 - Warren & Cindy Garvey
- 26 – Kamryn Cushway
- 27 – Fran Doerr
- 29 – Dolly Blankstrom

May the Lord's blessings continue to flow in your lives and homes as you live for Him. May

His presence, love, and goodness be with you in another year of life and marriage.

Women's Bible Study

On Monday, March 18, we will hold a Women's Bible Study. It will begin at 5 PM.

Upcoming Events

March 6 - Ash Wednesday communion at 7 PM
 March 10 - Church Council at 8:30 AM
 March 18 - Women's Bible Study at 5 PM

Attendance & Offerings

<u>Service</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>BS</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>SS</u>
1/27	45	\$1635.00	34	9	3
2/3	49	\$2129.00	30	7	
2/10	40	\$1266.00	19	11	
2/17	52	\$1611.90	25	9	6



"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"

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Come Worship With Us
Sunday Mornings at 10:00 AM



“Your word is a
lamp to my feet and
a light for my path.”

Psalm 119:105

Growing in the Word: Monthly Bible Reading Plan March 2019

March 1 - Genesis 6	March 20 - Luke 11:1-13
March 2 - Genesis 7:1-8:19	March 21 - Luke 11:14-36
March 3 - Genesis 8:20-9:29	March 22 - Luke 11:37-52
March 4 - Genesis 10:1-11:9	March 23 - Luke 11:53-12:12
March 5 - Genesis 11:10-13:4	March 24 - Luke 12:13-34
March 6 - Genesis 13:5-14:24	March 25 - Luke 12:35-39
March 7 - Genesis 15	March 26 - Luke 13:1-17
March 8 - Genesis 16, 17	March 27 - Luke 13:18-35
March 9 - Genesis 18	March 28 - Luke 14:1-24
March 10 - Genesis 19	March 29 - Luke 14:25-35
March 11 - Genesis 20:1-21:21	March 30 - Luke 15
March 12 - Genesis 21:22-22:24	March 31 - Luke 16:1-31
March 13 - Genesis 23	
March 14 - Genesis 24:1-60	
March 15 - Genesis 24:61-25:34	
March 16 - Genesis 26	
March 17 - Luke 9:57-10:12	
March 18 - Luke 10:13-24	
March 19 - Luke 10:25-42	