

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the "lectern"?

When the Lord calls us together for worship, He feeds us with His wonderful Word and Sacraments. In most churches, the Bible sits on a stand called a "lectern." The word "lectern" comes from the Latin word "lectio," which means "reading."



Why is the Bible read from a lectern?

For thousands of years, God's living Word has been read to His people. When this Word is read to us, we remember that God continues to deliver His promise of salvation to us through faithful preaching and teaching. With the help of the lectern, our church Bible is in a great place for reading to all of God's people!



Parents: Before or after the service, allow your child to walk up to the lectern in order to get a better look. Allow them to look at the church Bible. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During the service, before the readings, remind them that they are about to hear God's Word, and the lectern holds the Bible that they will hear God's wonderful promises from!



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Judica – The Fifth Sunday in Lent – Passion Sunday

March 18, 2018

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of Our Redeemer of Oakmont and Verona*

Welcome to God's House. We're glad to share this sacred place with you. For everyone's benefit: Enter silently. Before the Service, speak to God. During the Service, let God speak to you. After the Service, speak to one another. May God's Holy Spirit, through His holy Word, bless and inspire you, assuring you of His grace, forgiveness, and heavenly support.

SEASON THEME – Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin
of the world

SUNDAY THEME – The Great High Priest

PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

Almighty and Most Merciful God, Who has given Your Son to die for our sins, and to obtain forgiveness and redemption for us through His own Blood, we beseech You, let the merit of this spotless sacrifice purge our consciences from dead works, that we may serve You, the living God, and receive the promise of eternal inheritance in Christ Jesus, our Lord, to Whom, with You and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, Who through Your Son, our Lord and our Redeemer, did promise: If a man keep My saying, he shall never see death, we beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that, duly knowing Your Son, we may keep His Word, trust in it, comfort ourselves with it in the hour of departure, and enter into everlasting life; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

✠ **DIVINE SERVICE** ✠

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*we stand*)

“Just as I Am, without One Plea” – #570

1. Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy Blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, Whose Blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev’ry barrier down;
Not to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Amen.

[St. Matthew 28:19b, 18:20]

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. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

Our + Help is in the Name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

[Psalm 124:8]

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

And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

[Psalm 32:5]

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

(we kneel)

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

[St. John 1:12, Philippians 1:6]

(we stand)

INTROIT PSALM – Psalm 43

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
From the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

For You are the God in Whom I take refuge; why have You rejected me?

Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

Let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!

Then I will go to the Altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,

And I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my Salvation and my God.

KYRIE

[St. Mark 10:47]

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

[II Timothy 4:22]

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. We beseech You, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Your people that by Your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

(we sit)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 22:1-14 – *Abraham intended to sacrifice his only son Isaac on Mount Moriah, but a ram took Isaac's place. So God's Only-begotten Son sacrificed Himself to save us from everlasting death.* – 22 In those days God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a

burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.” The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – *Psalm 143:9a, 10a, 18:48*

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

Teach me to do Your will.

He delivered me from my enemies; yes, You exalted me above those who rose against me;

You rescued me from the man of violence.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:11-15 – *Thus says the Lord concerning the redemptive work of the eternal High Priest.* – ¹¹ *Brethren:* when Christ

appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. ¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(we stand)

TRACT – *Psalm 129:1-2*

“Greatly have they afflicted me

From my youth”—

Let Israel now say—

“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,

Yet they have not prevailed against me.”

HOLY GOSPEL: St. John 8:46-59 – *Christ reveals the “secret” of His highpriestly office. He speaks Who was with the Father as the “eternal Word.” He is “before Abraham was.” Whoever hearkens unto Him gains a share in that life which is stronger than death. But those who are blind to His divine majesty cast the true High Priest out of their temple.* – The Holy Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O**

Lord! – ⁴⁶ *At that time, Jesus said to the Jews:* “Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ *Whoever is of God hears the*

words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”
⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵² The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

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THE 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.**

(we sit)

Song: “He Is Lord” ~ Preschool Children

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Not All the Blood of Beasts” – #431

1. Not all the blood of beasts,
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.

2. But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.

3. My faith would lay its hands
On that dear head of Thine,
While as a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.

4. My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursed tree;
I know my guilt was there.

5. Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
And sing His bleeding love.

SERMON

THE OFFERING

(we stand)

THE COMMON DOXOLOGY – #805

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GENERAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” – #425

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His Blood.
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give + thee peace.

Amen.

[Numbers 6:24-26]

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Lift High the Cross” – #837

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
'Till all the world adore His sacred Name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*

3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him Who died. *Refrain*

4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*

5. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him Who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*

6. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

SILENT PRAYER
POSTLUDE

† Soli Deo Gloria †

Announcements

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY NOTES

Parent should meet their children in the Preschool Rooms following the announcements.

Pen-Pals should leave after the final hymn to meet their Little Lamb for pictures in the Preschool Room.

All are invited to join in a 'bagged lunch.' Each classroom will have a part of your lunch, including the toddler room downstairs which has dessert. Make sure you visit each classroom to get a complete lunch.

Thank you for your support of the Christian education of our children.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS TODAY!

So that we may get to know you, please complete one of the “visitor” cards in the pew holder, and/or sign our guestbook in the narthex or vestibule. **Come again soon!**

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God by the Shibata family in celebration of Jaclyn’s birthday.

SERVING THE LORD THIS MORNING

Organist: Charles Wilson

Deacon: John Driscoll

Sound Operator: Jim Ostrosky

Ushers: Norman Auvil, Clair Beckwith, Dave Bernhardt, Ray Dinkfelt

Greeters: the Bodnar family

Acolytes: Sam Wilshire (Capt.), Cody Beckwith, Carl Bucholtz III,
Nicholas Bucholtz, Jacob Limbert, Zachary Pugliese

TODAY March 18 ❁ Lent V & Preschool Sunday❁

9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Class

10:45 am Worship

12 pm Second Year Catechism Class

LOOKING AHEAD TO THIS WEEK...

Mon, Mar 19 7pm Adult Bible Study

Wed, Mar 21 5/7:30pm Lenten Services

6pm First Year Catechism Class

Fri, Mar 23 8:30am Woman to Woman Study @ RLS

5pm RLS Education Fair

Sat, Mar 24 10am LWML Breakfast Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY March 25 ❁ Palm Sunday ❁

9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Class

10:45 am Divine Service with the Sacrament of Holy Communion
Mission Offering for Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

March 11 ❁ Lent IV ❁

SERVICE: 90 COMMUNED: 66

March 14

5:00pm: 20; 7:30pm: 7

EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS

Please mark Saturday, April 14, 9-4, on your calendars! Pastor Derek Mathers, Assistant to Bishop Hardy and English District Mission Executive, will be here to take us through the new personal evangelism program from our Missouri Synod, called “Every One His Witness.” Please see the flyers on the bulletin boards and in the bulletin. There’s a “soft” RSVP deadline of April 4 to give us time to order materials from CPH. Sign up at church or call/email the church office. Learn more at <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/national/witness-and-outreach-ministry>.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Redeemer Lutheran Church Youth Group & Sunday School invite you to our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast Saturday, March 24, 9-11am. The event is for ages 0-8 and includes devotions, story time, crafts, and of course an egg hunt! Please visit the table in the hallway to pick up an RSVP sheet, which needs to be returned by 3/20.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily, please speak to a member of the Sunshine Club (Laura Adams, Jann Bernhardt, Pat Feidt). The cost is \$8.75/plant. They can be picked up after church on Easter.

RLS EDUCATION FAIR

Redeemer Lutheran School will host its 5th annual Education Fair and Dinner this Friday, 5-7pm – Open House style. The International Café will be open until 6:45PM, and the exhibits until 7pm. The goal of the fair is to show and share what our students have been learning about a specific country. In addition, there will be a competition between classes for a \$125 prize to buy resources for their classroom! You will be asked to cast a vote in both the upper and lower hall that evening.

LUTHERAN ONLINE LISTENING

Listen to **Worldwide KFUO.org**, your radio station for practical Lutheran talk, daily Bible and Confession studies, daily worship opportunities, and current issues from a Lutheran worldview. Programs are archived at KFUO.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. You can also find our programming wherever you get your podcasts! Have a

question or comment? Find us at @KFUOradio on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

This week on KFUE.org, learn about Lutheran summer camp options for your kids during Camp Week on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 10am), begin studying 1 Thessalonians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at noon), and continue studying the Gospel of Mark on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9am). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org.

PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY... You're invited to attend the Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9 in Collinsville, IL, about 15 miles east of St. Louis. Topics include: Islam, The Prosperity Gospel, Godliness, Religious Truth Claims, The Centrality of Justification, Abortion and Scientism. Speakers include: Hank Hanegraaff, Rev. Hans Fiene, Rev. Will Weedon, Scott Klusendorf, Dr. Angus Menuge, Rev. Jonathan Fisk and Craig Parton. Attendance is limited to 400. For more information, visit www.issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

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PALM Sunday Appeal

Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries (PALM) supports regional missions that unite local congregations of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. PALM supports student, homeless, blind, and children’s ministries, and others. PALM also publishes every month (now via email) *The Pittsburgh Lutheran*.

Last August PALM organized a community fair in the Hazelwood neighborhood to touch that community with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since then we’ve begun the Holy Cross Mission which has held Lenten services there, and we plan to do the community fair again. We pray this is the beginning of a growing LCMS presence in that community.

We are appealing directly to the members of our congregations to help PALM establish a solid financial base in order to impact our region with the Gospel. **Please consider a 1-time or recurring gift to support PALM. One half of all monies raised from this appeal will be directed toward the Hazelwood Project. The second half will help to establish an endowment fund to support future mission work in our region.**

Donations may be directed to PALM through your congregation on Palm Sunday, March 25. Or they may be sent directly to PALM, with “PALM Sunday Appeal” in the memo line. **THANK YOU!**

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