



The Voice

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Healing • Growing • Serving • Going

Our Mission

Jesus said

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 28:18 –19

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Reflections from Pastor John

Every year as we enter into the season of Lent we encourage one another to refocus our hearts on the grace that Jesus Christ opened to us by His incarnation, life, death and resurrection. The Lenten journey directs our attention to the cross of Good Friday where we recognize our need for a Savior. Jesus is that Savior, and trusting in Him is the source and beginning of “Life” eternal. As the apostle Paul wrote in Romans, “If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, ‘Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.’ Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’” Romans 10:9-13

This year our Lenten journey will be guided by the stories of the apostles in the book of Acts. It is properly called “Acts of the Apostles” because it is the witness of their faith expressed in their obedient action of taking up their cross daily and following Jesus, joining Him on His mission. For their Lord and Savior “wants all people to be saved.”

“But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him

unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, ‘How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!’” Romans 10:9-15

One of the early stories in Acts is of Peter and John as they went to the Temple in Jerusalem. They saw a fellow who had for his whole life been crippled by legs and feet that were malformed. When Peter and John saw him, since they were seeking the Kingdom they knew that Jesus was ready to redeem and restore this man. So, they did some good. They spoke the name of the healer, Jesus, and in the power of Jesus’ name invited the man to stand. He did! His legs and feet were made whole and he went running and leaping and praising God! Check out the story in Acts chapters 3 and 4.

When you read this story you will notice that the man who was healed was known as the guy who always sat by the “Beautiful Gate” of the temple. Beautiful, in the original language of Greek, is a word that means vital, whole, flourishing, like a fruit tree bearing fruit is “beautiful.” The crippled man’s feet were not beautiful until Jesus healed his feet through the obedient good deeds of Peter and John. Then, with beautiful feet, he began praising God, letting everyone know how the “Good News,” the gospel of Jesus Christ, had restored him. This man became a messenger of good news with beautiful feet.

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In chapter four, Peter and John are recognized as unlearned, ordinary men who had been with Jesus. Now this formerly handicapped man had become an ordinary disciple of Jesus by clinging to, staying close to, Peter and John, disciples of Jesus. We see how the Kingdom grows as disciples make disciples. Ordinary people join Jesus on His mission to redeem and restore the lives of those who are otherwise trapped in their brokenness. Jesus commissions and empowers His disciples with His own Holy Spirit (Acts 1-2) so that they, as everyday, ordinary missionaries, can join Him on His mission (Acts 3-4), so they can seek and proclaim His kingdom which is for ALL people (Acts 9-11). They do

so with boldness (see Acts 17) and without hindrance (see Acts 26).

As we journey through the 40 days of Lent, which will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6th, and run through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, April 18, 19 and 20 respectively, we will be collectively considering how God is using our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ to write the 2nd book of Acts. We will have weekly Wednesday evening services in the chapel for the whole congregation that will focus on these weekly themes.

Ash Wednesday - Beautiful Feet...
March 13 - Jesus calls and equips...

- March 20 - everyday, ordinary disciples...
- March 27 - to seek and proclaim the Kingdom of God to ALL people...
- April 6 - with boldness...
- April 13 - and without hindrance.

I hope you will commit to walking this 40 day journey with our faith community, that you will practice the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and that you will make space in your weekly schedule for worship each Wednesday evening through the season of Lent. I look forward to hearing from many of you about the second book of Acts God

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writes with your life. May God bless us all to prepare for the celebration of His victory over sin, death and the devil through His resurrection on Easter Sunday!

Peace,
Pastor John



**Join Jesus
on His mission
in Mexicali, Mexico!**

April 13 - 20, 2019

Over the last 14 years Redeemer has developed a neighborhood of friends and contacts in Mexicali. The Holy Spirit invites us to join Jesus the week before Easter. Questions? Contact Pastor Ray at 301-253-3000 or Laurie & Elliotte Want.

**Welcome
to our new members!**

*We thank God for bringing
you to our faith family!*

- Josh & Jennifer Beck
Weston, Clara
- Gisselle Grzymala
- James & Lynda Hudmon
- Tony Maczisz & Beth Burns
- Sonja Overeem
- Annie Owen
- Rebecca Sylvers
- Rob & Nicole Toczyłowski
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PANCAKE SUPPER

March 5

4:30 - 7:00 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

March 6

9:30 am & 6:45 pm

Chapel

**MID-WEEK
LENTEN SERVICES**

Wednesdays

March 13 through April 10

6:45 - 7:45 pm

Chapel



**Annual Women's
Breakfast & Fellowship**

The Power and Goodness of Confession
The Sacred Space

Saturday March 9

8:00 - 11:30 am

RSVP by Sunday March 3

Free Will Offering



Join us for breakfast, fellowship, teaching and inspiration as we learn about God's power and goodness through confession. For more information contact Janet Stephens at 301-672-0160 or jls3943@comcast.net.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY



Father / Daughter Dinner Dance

Saturday March 2

5:00 – 8:00 pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church

\$30 per couple

(\$5 for each additional daughter/girl)

Seating is limited, so get your tickets early!

Register online at www.waterboyz.org/maryland

Important Information About First Communion: Note changes below!

We are excited to be making preparations for those who will be making their first Communion! This is such a special time.

First Communion education is offered to those young people in 2nd grade. If you have a child in a class above 2nd grade that has not received their 1st communion please contact Kathie Zimmerman or Val Bartel with your child's information

It is very important that you and your child are able to attend all the meetings. That is why we wanted to make sure that you had the dates for the upcoming Easter season early so that you are able to plan ahead. The "short" list of dates are:

Parents first meeting:
Thursday February 28
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Parent/Child first meeting:
Saturday March 2
9:25 am – 12:15 pm

Parent/Child second meeting:
Saturday April 13
9:25 am – 12:15 pm

**Maundy Thursday
First Communion Service:**
April 18.



YOUTH ministry

Lent Instagram Challenge

This year during Lent, we will be facilitating an Instagram Challenge for the Youth. Each week we will present a new challenge, based on the Acts scripture that Redeemer is studying for Lent, that will imitate what some teens from around the world go through every day; from sleeping on the floor for the night to wearing the same clothes two days in a row. Then we will encourage everyone to post updates on Instagram to support each other and encourage our friends to join with us.



Follow us @rlcyouthgroup

Remarkable Girls Conference

Saturday March 16

5:00 – 9:00 pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Speaker:

Leah O'Brien Amico

**Register online at
fcamidatlanticwomen.org**

\$25 before March 1

\$35 after March 1

**For more information contact
Denise Ginsburg at dginsburg@fca.org or 301-514-5796**



Beacon House Saturday March 9

Provide food - A food sign-up and recipes for the month's menu are hung in the Lobby. Food is to be delivered to Redeemer by 9:45am on serving day.

Serve - Adults and children 12 and older are needed to heat and serve the meal. The team gathers at Redeemer for prayer, departing at 10 am to travel to Beacon House to complete the preparing and serving of the meal. Typically we finish by 1:30 pm.

Sign up on Serving Opportunities Board in Lobby. Questions? Contact Paul Schweitzer at pcschweitzer@gmail.com.



Women's Prayer Retreat 2019 Women's Prayer Retreat "Praise His Holy Name"

The ancient Christian practice of retreat has always been understood as time set aside for the purpose of being with God. It's a time we can give our full attention to our Lord, speaking to Him and, more importantly, hearing from Him. This spring will you accept Jesus' invitation?

Thursday May 9 through Friday May 10

Bishop Claggett Center
Buckeystown, MD

Cost \$115

Covers overnight accommodation, dinner Wednesday, followed by breakfast and lunch Thursday.

Don't forget to invite a friend or family member to this special retreat.

Register online at redeemer.us.onrealm.org or use QR Code.

Questions?

Contact Valerie Hobbs at 301-253-3000
or Kristen Neuberger at
443-298-0011



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IT'S TIME TO TAKE
Financial
PEACE!

Join the millions who never worry about money!

Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past! Listen — there's a better way!

Save the dates!

Financial Peace University
Thursdays April 4 - June 6
(No Class on April 18)

This nine week course will teach you how to beat debt and make a plan for the future.

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Cost approximately \$110.00
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Register online at fpu.com/1086627

For more information contact Doug Ochs at redeemer316.onmicrosoft.com or 240-994-3303



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Sunday Worship
8:00 & 11:00 am

Sunday School for All Ages
9:40 – 10:40 am

G.R.O.W. Wednesdays
Dinner – 5:30 pm
Activities – 6:15 – 7:45 pm

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter electronically or receiving this newsletter in error, please contact the church office at 301-253-3000.



Mid-Week Lenten Services

How beautiful are the feet of those
who bring good news!

Wednesdays

March 13 - April 10

6:45 - 7:45 pm - Chapel

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

These services are for everyone! Join us this Lent as we journey alongside the early church apostles through Acts and watch where their feet are taking them as they join Jesus on His mission. We will apply these principles where Jesus takes our feet each week!

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” - Romans 10:14-15