

Service of
C o m p l i n e

For Lent ~ March 25, 2020

**For
God**
so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that
**whosoever
believeth in
Him should
not perish,
but have
everlasting
life.**
JOHN 3:16

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P The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C **Amen.**

P It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C **to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**

P To herald Your love in the morning,

C **Your truth at the close of the day.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

Silence for self-examination.

L Holy and gracious God,

C **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deed of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

L By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 107:1-32

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! ²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble ³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

⁴Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; ⁵hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. ⁶Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. ⁷He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in. ⁸Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! ⁹For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

¹⁰Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons, ¹¹for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. ¹²So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help. ¹³Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. ¹⁴He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart. ¹⁵Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! ¹⁶For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.

¹⁷ Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction; ¹⁸ they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. ¹⁹ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. ²⁰ He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction. ²¹ Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! ²² And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

²³ Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters; ²⁴ they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep. ²⁵ For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. ²⁶ They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight; ²⁷ they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end. ²⁸ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. ²⁹ He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. ³⁰ Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. ³¹ Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! ³² Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Silence for reflection.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

John 3:13-18

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that 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. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

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Hymn: Christ the Life of All the Living, #420, Verses 1 and 7

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows
death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,
To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'ings,
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy
death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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Sermon: God So Loved the World

Prayer

P Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C **listen to my cry.**

P Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

C **hide me in the shadow of Your wings.**

P In righteousness I shall see You;

C **when I awake Your presence will give me joy.**

Various collects will be prayed.

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.**

P Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping

C **that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.**

Benediction

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

C **Amen.**

Hymn: The Day Thou Gavest, #886 *Verses 1, 4-5*

1 The day Thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed,
4 The sun, that bids us rest, is wak - ing
5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall nev - er,
The dark - ness falls at Thy be - hest;
Thy saints be - neath the west - ern skies,
Like earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way;
To Thee our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed,
And hour by hour, as day is break - ing,
Thy king - dom stands and grows for - ev - er,
Thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
Fresh hymns of thank - ful praise a - rise.
Till all Thy crea - tures own Thy sway.

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The schedule for online services for the coming week:

March 29 Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

April 1 Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

You may connect to these services via Redeemer's website (www.redeemercatawba.com) or Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/RedeemerCatawba>) 5-10 minutes before the service begins. If you have questions speak with Pastor Alms or Fran Little.

Stay in touch by checking your email, www.redeemercatawba.com and Redeemer's Facebook page for update concerns for Redeemer and the coronavirus outbreak.

How can I make my regular Offering to Redeemer?

There are several ways to continue to give your regular offerings to Redeemer and are outlined on the following page. Thank you for your continued support of the Lord's work here at this beautiful place we call Redeemer.

1. You can bring your offering to the church. The building will be open from 9 to 5 p.m. and there will be a small table in the front of the sanctuary with an offering plate there for you to give your offering.
2. You can mail your offering: Redeemer Lutheran, PO Box 187, Catawba, NC 28609.
3. You can give to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Catawba through your smart phone, through the Redeemer Website or through a simple web link. Here are instructions.

SMARTPHONE

1. DOWNLOAD Tithe.ly app. (Search for "Tithe.ly" in the app store.)
2. Follow the instructions to set up an account with Tithe.ly
3. In SEARCH box enter "Redeemer Lutheran Catawba".
4. CLICK the "Give Now" Button.
5. You may give a one-time donation or setup recurring gift for every week or month.

WEBSITE

1. Go to redeemercatawba.com
2. CLICK "Online Giving" icon in top right hand corner of page
3. Follow the instructions to give either a one-time donation or a recurring gift for every week or month.

WEB LINK

1. SEARCH this link: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=836363>
2. Follow the instructions to give either a one-time donation or a recurring gift for every week or month.