

Service of
C o m p l i n e

For Lent ~ April 1, 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

REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

P 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.

P 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.

Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Silence for reflection.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

P I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

P I Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

C O Lord, hear my voice!

P Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

C If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

P But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

C I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

P my soul waits for the Lord

C more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

P O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

C And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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.

P I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

Hymn: Chief of Sinners Though I Be, #611, Verses 1-3



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.

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John 3:13-17

No 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.

Silence for reflection.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Chief of Sinners Though I Be, #611, Verses 4-5



4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,

All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of

hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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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: Abide with Me, #878

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
 I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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Schedule for online services for the coming weeks:

Wednesday April 1, Streaming, 7 pm

Sunday April 5 (Palm Sunday), Streaming, 10 am

Maundy Thursday April 9th, Streaming, 7 pm

Good Friday, April 10th, Streaming, 7 pm

Easter Sunday, April 12th, Streaming, 10 am

Wednesday, April 15th, Streaming, 7 pm

Sunday, April, 19th, Streaming, 10 am

You may connect to online 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.

Serve one another in love. Pray for one another and for all in need. Reach out in whatever ways you can. Feed yourself with God's Word. The Lord is with us!

God continues to provide for Redeemer's financial needs through your faithful giving to His work at Redeemer. Thank you for continuing to make your regular giving during this unsettling time in our lives, our church and our world.

Options for making your 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. Or you can use the **Tithe.ly** app as outlined below:

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>
Follow the instructions to give either a one-time donation or a recurring gift for every week or month.

