

**LITURGY AT REDEEMER-ST. JOHN'S
and OUR SAVIOUR'S**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP**



Sunday, February 22, 2026

10:30 A.M.

Gathering

PRELUDE

EXPRESSION

O Jesus, My Savior from Two Appalachian Hymns by Gladys Jameson

Gathering Hymn

Great Litany

Hymn#238

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. *Please be seated.*

Word

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

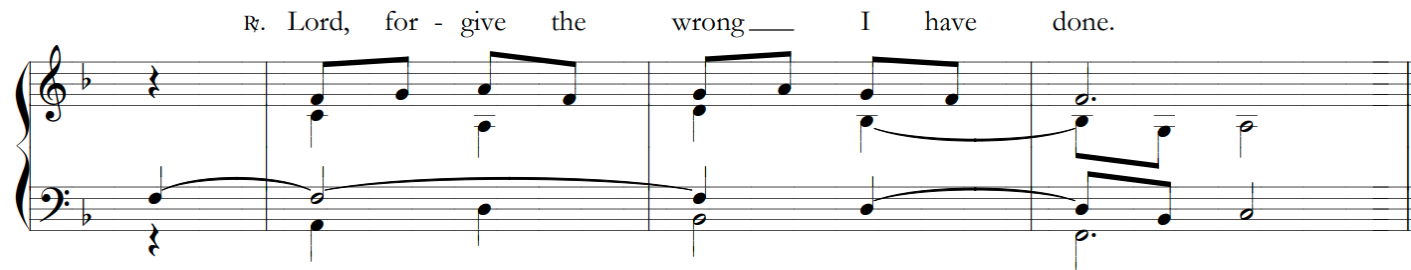
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11

Tone VI

Ps 32: 5 v. 1-2, 5, 7, 11



R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

Blessed is the one whose fault is taken away,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt,
in whose spirit there is no guile.

R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

I acknowledged my sin to you,
my guilt I covered not.

I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD,"
and you took away the guilt of my sin.

R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

You are my shelter; from distress you will preserve me;
with glad cries of freedom you will ring me round.

R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just;
exult, all you upright of heart.

R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lenten Acclamation

Please stand.



V. "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." (*Mt 4:4b*)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Homily

Silence for reflection

Rev. Khader Khalilia

Hymn of the Day The Glory of These Forty Days

Hymn #320

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. *The assembly sits after exchanging the peace.*

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, Peace be with you. You may consider a gesture without physical touch, perhaps a slight bow, or crossing over the chest, as a symbol of an embrace.

**Please consider an offering to Redeemer-St. John's and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church by clicking at this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YQ3P/home> or scan the*



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Offertory Music From Deep Distress and Troubled Thoughts Alice Parker

Offertory Verse Now Behold the Lamb

Now Behold the Lamb



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| 1 | Now | be - hold | the Lamb, | the pre - cious Lamb | of God, | who |
| 2 | Ho - ly | is | the Lamb, | the pre - cious Lamb | of God. | Why |
| 3 | Thank you for | the Lamb, | the pre - cious Lamb | of God. | | Be - |



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| bore all my sin, | that I | may live a - gain: | the pre-cious Lamb of God. |
| you love me so, | Lord, I | shall nev - er know; | the pre-cious Lamb of God. |
| cause of your grace | I can | fin - ish the race; | the pre-cious Lamb of God. |

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.

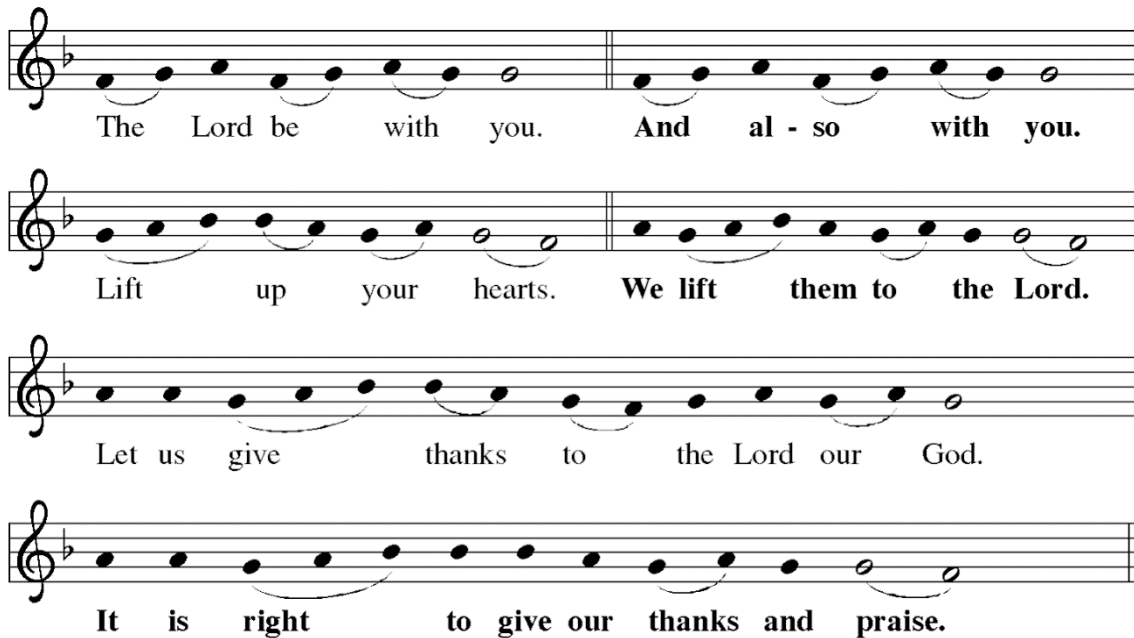
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.

Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

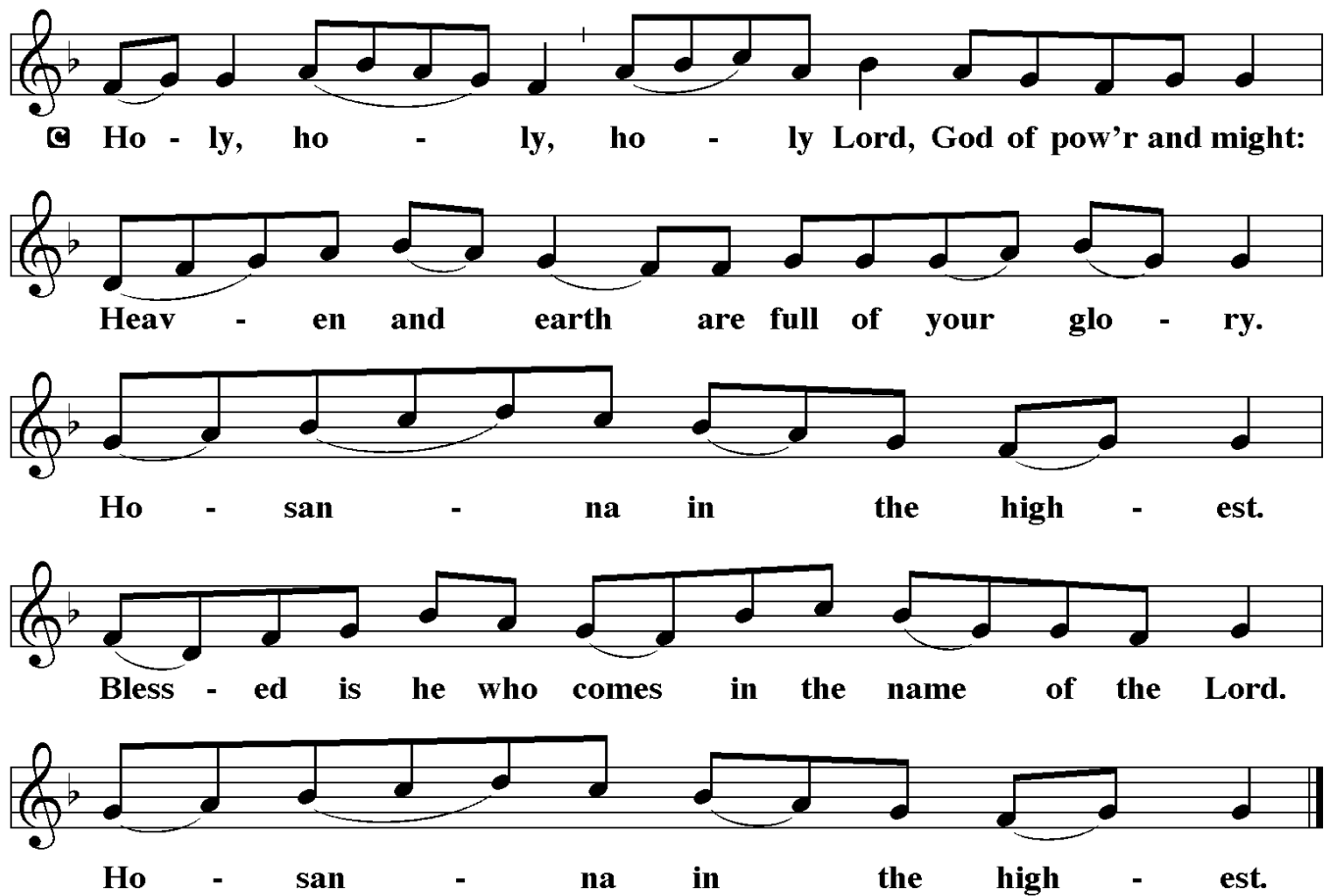
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... We praise your name and join their
unending hymn-

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score for the Sanctus is written on five staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff includes a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many notes beamed together in groups of four or six.

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

Our Father

**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. Amen.**

At the Distribution

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. In this Sacrament we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ for our forgiveness and salvation as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.

O Christ, Lamb of God

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Music at Communion

Thy Holy Wings

Hymn #613

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church Hymn #321

Post Communion Blessing

Please stand.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

Now, Lord

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Sending

Benediction *Please stand.*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor ☩ and give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song Hymn #808

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude SALEM

Christ Dying, Rising, and Reigning from Two Appalachian Hymns-G. Jameson

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LEADERS IN TODAY'S LITURGY

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| Presiding and Preaching | Rev. Khader Khalilia |
| Assisting Minister | Deacon Eric Johnson |
| Crucifer | Karin Morales |
| Lector | Katie Jamison |
| Intercessor | Blake Novak |
| Usher | Jason Dean |
| Greeter | Karin Syrdahl |
| Director of Music | Kirsten d'Aquino |
| Choir | Christina Swanson |
| | Celina Randazzo |
| | Jackson Schroeder |
| | Collin Ellsbury |
| | Avery Davidson |

PARISH NOTES – February 22, 2026

Welcome in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We appreciate your joining us as we celebrate the love given to us through God's beloved Son. If you wish to be included on our mailing list, please sign the guest book or inform an usher or the pastor. Also, please join us for conversation and refreshments in the lower level after worship. May you feel richly blessed this day!



~John DeLuca, Beatrice Sarchapone, Maria Marsala, Roger Stern, Karen O'Brien, Phil Scherer, Milly Reistad, Pat Boyle, Steve Cerame, Diane Kerl, Family of Sandy Romano, Ruth Lundy, Dot Coy, Don Coy, Joshua Suzuki, Allison Lauer, Stanley Lieberman, Thomas Maulick, James Quigg, Norina Lundy, Carmen Delgado and Lenore Kerl.

Please let us know if you are in need of prayer.

The Word In Season devotionals for January, February and March 2026 are available on the foyer table.

Please note: All checks should be made out to Redeemer-St. John's and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church until Grace Lutheran Church becomes the official legal name.



- *Palm Sunday Service*, March 29th at 10:30 am
- *Maundy Thursday*, April 2nd ~Foot washing and Holy Communion at 7 pm*
- *Good Friday*, April 3rd - Stations of the Cross at 7 pm
- *Easter Sunday*, April 5th - Breakfast at 9:15 am, Service at 10:30 am with special music. There will be an *Easter pinata* immediately after service. All children are invited!

*Dinner will be provided at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall prior to Maundy Thursday Mass. Chicken and Salmon will be served. A sign up sheet for reservations and dinner selection is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or email your request to stredeemer939@gmail.com.

Offering Envelopes 2026

Please pick up your offering envelopes for 2026 from the table in the back of the church. If you do not see your name on the envelope set, please let Dorothy Fyfe or Pastor Khader know.



Eternal Candle and Altar Flowers:

It is \$10 per week to sponsor the Eternal Candle and \$40 per floral arrangement for the altar.

The **Eternal Candle** for the month of February is lit in memory of **Nancy Pacifico** by the Monsen Family.

The **Eternal Candle** for the month of February is lit in memory of **Rose Bruzzi** by Joe Bruzzi.

As flower arrangements are not placed on the altar during the Lenten Season, please consider sponsoring palms and/or music for Palm Sunday.

Easter Lilies and Easter Music

Please see attached the flyer in this week's Sunday's Bulletin to order Easter Lilies and/or support Easter music. The last day to order flowers is Sunday, March 29th. Thank you for your continued support.

Lenten Midweek Worship & Soup Suppers

As we journey through Lent, you are invited to evening prayer services each Wednesday. Come for a simple meal of soup at 6:00 PM, followed by worship at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. We will pray together using “Holden Evening Prayer” liturgy – a contemplative and enriching time of reflection on God’s mercy.

Midweek Lenten Worship Dates:

- February 25th
- March 4th
- March 11th
- March 18th
- March 25th

To help foster our Lenten Fellowship, we invite volunteers to provide a variety of soups each week. Please inform Gregory Morales or Amelia Hazel if you wish to contribute soup or sign up on Midweek Worship and Soup Suppers form in Fellowship Hall.

Come, be nourished in body and soul as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

Annual Meeting and Budget – Sunday, February 22, 2026

TODAY, Redeemer St. John’s and Our Saviour’s membership will have a meeting following worship in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 22, 2026. The meeting is to vote on the Grace Church budget, elect church council members and review last year’s reports and discuss our vision for the future. All adult and confirmed members are invited and encouraged to exercise their rights and responsibilities of membership by participating.

“Seven Last Words” Concert

Join us for an evening of sacred music on Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Light appetizers and fellowship will follow. Cost: \$20 per person.

A Sneak Peek at Our New Website

Our new website is live at gracebk.org!

We’re still in the process of legally changing our name, so we’ll hold off on announcing it to the wider community for now. In the meantime, please take a look and let Pastor Khader know if you have any feedback or questions. You can direct them to Pastor Khader directly.

Virtual Bible Study

Join us! We meet every Wednesday at 11:00 AM (via Zoom). All are welcome—bring your coffee and join the conversation!

Sunday School

This interactive learning experience for children, 1st through 5th grade, focuses on exploring the key biblical stories, creating, wondering and reflecting. The class meets every Sunday morning during the at 9:40 am.

Confirmation Class ~ Rooted in Word. Centered in Christ.

Youth in grades 5–9 are invited to join this year's Confirmation Class which meets in person every Wednesday at 5:30 PM at **939 83rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228**.

This is a time of formation in faith, guided by Scripture, the Catechism, and the life of the Church. **Sunday worship at 10:30 AM is required.**

Contact **Pastor Khader at 718-833-7700** for more information.

Weekly Events at Redeemer-St. John's – 2/22/26 to 3/1/26

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| Sundays | 10:30 am | Worship Service |
| | 11:30 am | Coffee Hour |
| | 12:00 pm | Greek Apostolic Church Service |
| Wednesdays | 7:00 pm | Sons of Bill (Men's AA Meeting) – <i>In-person</i> |
| | | |
| Saturdays | 1:30 pm – | Al-Anon Meeting – <i>In-person</i> |

Upcoming Church Celebrations – Join Us in Worship and Song!

Come and celebrate the heart of the season with worship services filled with the Word, the Sacraments, and the beauty of sacred music. We look forward to welcoming you and your loved ones to these special gatherings.

- Good Friday Services: April 3rd at 7:00 pm
This Good Friday we present the stations of the Cross with special music at each station. Please plan to attend this sacred devotion with pieces by our choir and soloists.

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powerful teachings of Jesus Christ.*

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Easter Lilies *Easter Music*



On Sunday, April 5th when we come to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection and our guarantee of Eternal Life, the church will be resplendent in its Easter best. Be part of the glorious beautification of the Altar and Sanctuary by placing Easter flowers in the Church.

This is a special way to remember a loved one, to honor someone, or to give thanks for the blessings received in your life.

There is also an opportunity to sponsor Easter music by marking that option below.

I wish to place a plant in the Church for Easter morning:

In Memory of - (Please Print)

In Honor of- (Please print)

Giving thanks for- (Please print)

_____ I would like to sponsor **Easter music** to the glory of God.

Signed- _____

The cost of the plants will be \$12.00 and music sponsorship may be in any amount. Please make checks out to RSJ and Our Saviour's and mark the memo for Easter music or flowers, attach this form and place in the offering plate. Last day to order flowers will be *Sunday, March 29, 2026*.