

Redeemer REVIEW



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD CHICO, CALIFORNIA MAY/JUN 2025 VOL. 39 No. 3

from the Pastor...

Rev. Brennan DeForest

Dear Saints of Redeemer,

In the service of Matins, which is a service appropriate for mornings when there is not the Lord's Supper, there is an element called the *Venite*, which is a canticle based on Psalm 95. In the third stanza of that hymn, we sing these words from Psalm 95:6, "**O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**" These words tell us that there are more actions to worship the Lord our God than sitting and standing, plus the occasional turning during a processional or recessional. Last issue, we discussed making the sign of the cross as an action of worship. This issue, we'll discuss two more actions.

First, there is kneeling. Kneeling demonstrates complete humility before the Lord God. Kneeling acknowledges the humility that comes with repentance over sins and kneeling acknowledges the humility that comes with being in the presence of our holy, glorious, perfect God. In fact, we're already pretty familiar with this action in our regular worship. Whenever we celebrate the Service of the Sacrament, there is kneeling involved. You kneel at the altar rail to receive the communion elements, acknowledging that in, with, and under the bread and wine is the real, holy presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Your kneeling to receive the Lord's Supper is a strong confession to the world about what you are receiving. (And if you're unable to kneel for health reasons, that is perfectly okay. Your faithful, weekly reception of the Lord's Supper is still a strong confession of what you are receiving). But what about me? I administer the Lord's Supper to myself standing up. Shouldn't I be kneeling too? I stand when I commune for practical reasons, as it would be a bit tricky to administer the elements to myself while kneeling. But as I'm sure you've noticed, during the consecration I hold up the elements and then kneel after saying the Words of Institution over them. This



is done so that, like you when you receive the Lord's Supper, I too kneel and confess to the world that the bread is Jesus' body and the wine is Jesus' blood. You've also probably noticed that, depending on which Divine Service setting we are using, I may kneel during the confession of sins. (Some Divine

Service settings are more conducive to kneeling than others). As stated earlier, this kneeling during the confession of sins is done in humility and repentance. If our pews had kneelers, I would invite everyone to kneel during the confession of sins, but since they don't, I'm usually the only one who kneels at that point since it's more convenient for me. Perhaps in the future kneelers in the pews would be an appropriate project? And of course, before the sermon, I kneel to pray, humbly thanking God for guiding my preparation during the past week, and humbly asking God to lead the proclamation of the sermon, that His law and gospel would go out and work in the hearts and minds of all who hear the sermon.

Second, there is bowing, which you may also hear referred to as "genuflecting." Bowing demonstrates reverence and honor, acknowledging the reverence and honor that accompanies coming into the holy and glorious presence of our God or that accompanies speaking or singing something about the holiness of God. Again in the Service of the Sacrament, before kneeling you bow in reverence at the altar rail to indicate that you've come a little closer to God's presence on the altar. And then of course in the Lord's Supper, the real presence of Jesus comes to you, meaning God delights to give you honor as His child. Like you, I bow in reverence to God's presence when I approach the chancel and when I approach the altar. Even when I am the only person in the church building, I still bow when coming up to the altar as it helps me keep in mind the holiness of this place and God's presence in our church.

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DIGITAL DAILY DEVOTIONS

Lutheran Hour Ministries: <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions>

Higher Things: <https://higherthings.org/content/#reflections>

Portals of Prayer: <https://www.l.cph.org/portals/default.aspx>

LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO

Listen to good Lutheran radio programs at Lutheran Public Radio, Issues Etc., KFUE, St. Louis. 94.3 The Bridge.

PASTOR'S SERMONS

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM
Saturday & Sunday 1:00 & 5:00 PM

THE LUTHERAN HOUR
KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM
Saturday & Sunday 1:30 PM

BIBLE STUDIES



Children's Sunday School is 8:45 a.m.
Adult Sunday Bible class is 8:45 a.m.
Thursday Bible Study is 9:30 a.m.

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CHURCH INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

January 1 - March 31, 2025

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| OFFERING INCOME | 39,188.53 |
| SCHOOL LEASE (5%) GENERAL FUND | 1,145.78 |
| REDEEMER HOUSE INCOME | 4,950.00 |
| FACILITY USE INCOME | 00.00 |
| INTEREST INCOME | <u>1,068.33</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME | 46,352.64 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>49,221.84</u> |
| NET INCOME | -2,869.20 |
| RETAINED EARNINGS | <u>97,494.34</u> |
| CURRENT BALANCE | 94,625.14 |

See the Office Manager for more information.



Submit prayer requests to Pastor by email, text, voice mail, or in writing, using the form in the pew rack. pastorbd4est@gmail.com

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MAY
07 HILDE JOHNSON
13 KEITH SIEMENS
15 JUDY EVANS
15 LINDA REAN
16 LORI JORDAN
18 XIAO WENSLAFF
22 DOROTHY MASON
29 KURT JORDAN

JUNE
02 RAY SCOTT
03 MONICA JORDAN
21 ROBIN MAGUIRE
23 KARL WEINREICH
27 BRUCE HOLDERBEIN
27 YUFEI WENSLAFF
28 PAT LILLIE
30 LEROY MASON



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MAY
03 SHIRLEY WILSON
04 LINDA SWEET
04 NOEL KROGH
08 RALPH JOKSCH
10 JOHN THOMASON
11 TONI LANGE
11 SHERRI HARDY
20 DONNA RAMEY
20 MARY SIEMENS
20 SVETLANA LITVINENKO
22 HILDE JOHNSON
22 NEALE SIVESIND
23 CAROL WHIPPLE
27 KARL WEINREICH

JUNE
07 DOTTY TEFELSKI
09 KURT JORDAN
11 PAUL DEGARMO
11 MATTHEW THOMASON
12 LORI JORDAN
12 MARILYN BROWNFIELD
15 MONICA JORDAN
20 REV. ROBERT R. ROBERTS

Deadline

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FROM THE PASTOR...CONTINUED

You'll notice when we have a processional or recessional, I bow when I face the processional crucifix, and others bow when the crucifix passes by them, both of which confess the honor and glory Christ has by His death on the cross for the life of the world. Some people remain bowed during a processional or recessional until after the pastor passes by them, indicating the honor that accompanies the Office of the Holy Ministry as Christ's servant called to the congregation. Then, of course, there are many opportunities to bow during words about God's glory and honor. Bowing in reverence to the glory of the Trinity is appropriate during the *Gloria Patri* of the Introit, during the *Sanctus* ("Holy, holy, holy") of the Service of the Sacrament, during the *Gloria Patri* of the Nunc Dimittis, during the Aaronic Benediction from Numbers 6 ("The Lord... the Lord... the Lord...") at the end of the service, and during trinitarian stanzas of hymns (marked by a triangle next to the stanza number in our hymnal). So too, bowing in reverence to the glory of the humility of Christ and to worship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit when these appear in the Nicene Creed is appropriate. Specifically, you'll notice I bow in reverence to these things at the words **"and was made man,"** and **"who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,"** in the Nicene Creed. Overall, the actions you use when worshiping the Lord are truly a matter of personal preference, and God delights simply in your faithful worship of Him. Nonetheless, if kneeling or bowing seems helpful to you to strengthen your faith, consider adding these actions where you deem they are appropriate in remembering who you worship and why. Until next time, the Lord be with you.

~Pastor DeForest

2025 QUARTERLY MISSIONS

- 1Q Redeemer Charity Fund; Faith Lutheran Church, Ukiah, California
- 2Q Missionary Dennis Meeker, Kenya; Missionary Daniel Conrad, Latin America; Pamela Boehle-Silva, Always Mercy Kenya
- 3Q Lutheran Heritage Foundation; Luther Classical College, Casper, Wyoming; CNH District
- 4Q Women's Resource Clinic; KKXX Sermons; The Lutheran Hour; Issues, Etc

CONFIRMATION

Joseph Ryan Maguire
Isabella Lauren Maguire



April 13, 2025

ASLEEP IN JESUS



William "Bill" Lewey Baving

June 20, 1938 - February 28, 2025

100TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

It's hard to believe, but we are already nearly a third of the way through our 100th anniversary year. Though officially, our church was incorporated as "Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Our Redeemer" in Chico, CA on March 12, 1925. So really the celebrations have only just begun! We give thanks to God for this most recent Easter being our 100th Easter celebrated as an official congregation, and we look forward to upcoming festivals, like Reformation Day, All Saints' Day, and Christmas being our 100th celebrations of those feast days.

Our first event as part of our 100th anniversary festivities was fantastic. What a joy to have the CTSFW Kantorei lead us in Evening Prayer and a hymn festival. Thanks to all who helped out in any way as well as simply attended the event. The following was sent from the group's director, Kantor Kevin Hildebrand. "Now that the dust has settled (and quite literally following Ash Wednesday!) from last week's Kantorei tour, I simply want to thank all of you for making the necessary arrangements for all of us to be with you last week. All of the details at each of your congregations worked extremely well, we were treated better than we deserve, and the response from your congregations was extremely gracious. It was our distinct pleasure to be with all of you. You should know that you made a good impression on the seminarians also. Most of them had never traveled to California, and their ideas about your state have been formed mostly by the extreme examples we all know about. They all learned that there is much more to California than social media portrays. And your congregations were a significant part of modeling this. Thank you all also for your financial support via your offerings. A blessed Lententide to you all. Thank you again."

We have many more events planned as the celebrations continue. In May (yes, the month of this newsletter!) mark your calendars for Sunday, May 11th, as we plan to take a picture of the entire congregation immediately following the Divine Service on that day. Go to church with your mother or some other significant woman in your life, stay for the congregational picture, and then go out or go home to honor those special women in your life.

The weekend of August 1-3, the Lutheran author Katie Schuermann will be with us featuring presentations for both the women of our congregation and the congregation in general. Mrs. Schuermann is not just an author, but is also a notable speaker, and the topics will not simply be about literature but instead will directly impact our Christian lives. We look forward to this weekend of fellowship, which will also include sharing meals together.

And then of course, Saturday October 11, during the month of Reformation Day, there will be the main celebrations of our 100th anniversary, featuring an anniversary Divine Service and a catered congregational meal. You (hopefully) received a "Save the Date" postcard in your bulletin on Easter. Feel free to keep this at home to remember the event, or share it with a friend and invite them to the celebration. All we ask is that if

you plan to attend the meal, RSVP to redeemerchicooffice@gmail.com so we know how many people to plan for. (I heard a rumor the meal might feature tri-tip!)

There are some other events in the works, but more details need to be finalized before we can announce these. Look ahead to future Sunday bulletins and bi-monthly newsletters to know everything that is scheduled to take place.

And most importantly, thank you all for your faithfulness to Christ our Lord, and to His local church here in Chico, CA. To Christ, our Redeemer, be all the glory!

~The 100th Anniversary Committee

We give glory to God for
Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church
100th Anniversary



Join us for an anniversary
celebration

October 11 - 12, 2025

Formal Invitation to follow
Contact the church office for more
information

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BABY SHOWER FOR PASTOR BRENNAN & ABBY DEFOREST - APRIL 6, 2025

To our dear friends here at Redeemer,

Thank you so much for your generous gifts at our baby shower. We are overwhelmed with joy at the thoughtfulness, care, and love you regularly shower upon us! We look forward to having you all as extended family members in the body of Christ for our baby boy. And most especially, thank you for your prayers as we enter this new stage of life.

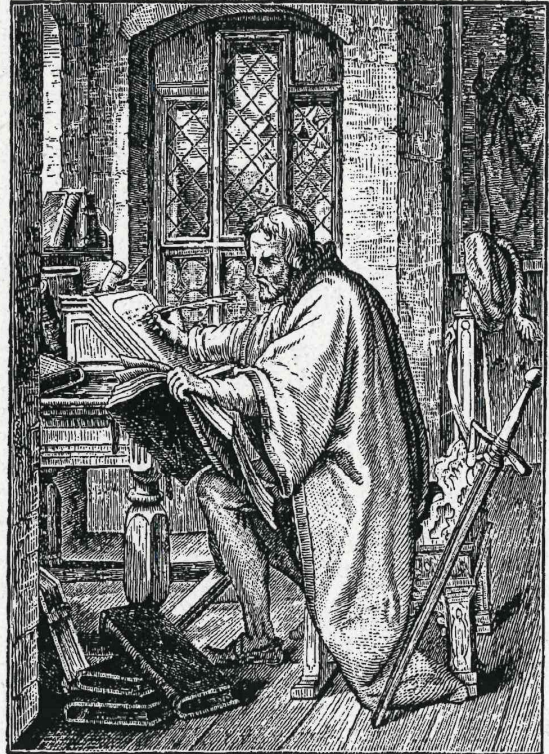
With love, ~Pastor and Abby DeForest



THANK YOU FROM FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - UKIAH

Luther translating the New Testament during his time of 'protective custody' in the Wartburg Castle.

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Thank you, dear saints at Redeemer, for another generous gift. It helps in our outreach (getting LARGE print PORTALS OF PRAYER for our ministry at care homes) and for numerous repairs to our facility in the past year. And thank you for loaning us the "treasure" that is Pastor Roberts to fill in. The rest did me some good. He tells me my fellow past seminarian Brennan DeForest is doing a good job. Blessings as you continue to grow

in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and in your efforts to reach the lost.

Your brother in
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Our Mission Statement

Welcome to Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, a community of believers saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

As a people enabled by the Spirit, we are committed to regular worship and the use of the sacraments, studying and teaching the Bible, praying, using our gifts and talents in God's service, for the caring and nurturing of others and sharing the message of God's salvation so that God is glorified and all people may know Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

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