



THE REPORTER

*The Lord has redeemed His people.
O come, let us worship Him.*

This is the optional Lent seasonal antiphon that surrounds the Venite in the Matins service. It grounds the service in the understanding of what the season of Lent is all about: the Son of God becoming man to redeem, or rescue, us from our sins.

On March 13, during our Daily Walk in the Catechism on Facebook, we take up this question from the Small Catechism:

164. How did we come to be lost and condemned?

The devil led Adam and Eve into rebellion by tempting them to doubt and to desire to become like God. We all have inherited their desire to sin and the resulting punishment.

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

Read **Genesis 3**. Note how doubt about God's Word leads to the denial of God's Word, which leads to disbelief, which leads to disobedience, which results in death.

By looking at those things that God considers abominations, we see just how deep and how wide death has spread to all men. Both Romans 5 and Genesis 3 show how a simple doubt cascades out to all human flesh, causing all to become subject sin, death and the devil.

The season of Lent gives us the opportunity to take a deep look at how often that happens in our own lives. No one needs to remind us that we are lost and condemned all by ourselves. We need a Redeemer to come and rescue us.

St. Paul continues in Romans 5:18, "Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men." The season of Lent brings us to wrestle with our own sinfulness so that we may worship the One who has redeemed us. Even in the midst of Lent, Christians are able to rejoice in salvation. Salvation that is a pure gift from God through the "one act of righteousness," which is Jesus on the cross for you.

St. Paul reminded the Corinthians, "In Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself ... For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:19-21). Jesus took on all your sins so that you can take on all His righteousness.

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Minton

Men's Bible Breakfast

We will continue our study of *Martin Luther* on March 14. Phil R will be our host. This month, we look at what sparked Luther's Reformation: the sale of indulgences.

Women's Bible Study

Our next Bible Study is on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue "A New Song: Save Me, O My God" and study Psalm 5.

Youth Group

We will meet Sunday, March 29 for an afternoon of games! Join us from 3 - 5pm for a devotion with Pastor, games, snacks, and fellowship with friends. Remember, friends are welcome. Put this on your calendar and let Brenna or Jan know you can attend.

A Dollar for Missions Giving Box

A Dollar for Missions was started with the 2022 Central Illinois District Convention. As a congregation, we didn't really participate. At this year's CID Convention it was voted to continue. This program will focus on 3 areas: New church starts, Expansion of Mission, and Present CID Missions. Over the past 3 years this program has helped several of our present missions - Deaf, Prison, Hispanic, and Campus - with needs that have arisen.

We will have a plastic donations box set up for these donations. Learn more on the District website at <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html> and watch the informational video.

Easter Flower Order Forms

Order forms are included in the newsletter and there are extras in the narthex. Please return to Renee by Sunday, March 8th. Please plan to pick up your flowers after service on Easter or Monday, especially if you order hydrangeas, azaleas, or tulips as these don't do well with little light and water during the week.

Radio Sponsorship

If you have a special day you would like recognized, you can sponsor a Sunday morning radio broadcast. The cost for us to broadcast our service each week is \$150. Radio sponsorship donation is \$75 or more. Give donation and date sponsoring to Renee anytime throughout the year.

Update to Member Information

Please update your member directory with this updated information. If you need another directory, ask Renee.

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Lent: Do we Give Up something or Take Up something?

Traditionally during the Season of Lent, the western church will give up something of pleasure. Doing this signifies that we are experiencing some suffering through deprivation. While there is nothing wrong with this practice and can help with spiritual discipline, do we really think not eating chocolate or giving up soda for 40 days is suffering?

What could we do instead? Take Up something!

Take up intentionally reading the Word of God daily, or intentionally speaking the Gospel to one person each week, or attending a bible class once a week, or if you miss church listen to the sermon online, or finish your devotions and prayer time before you reach for your phone and social media each day. The list could go on.



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Worship Service 9:00 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
10:30 am

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**Join Us Every Sunday Morning for Service
starting at 9:00 am**

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