

Our Week as Redeemer Church 02-18-2026

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LAST SUNDAY

This week, we read what happens when the question of Jesus' identity reaches the halls of power. King Herod's reaction exposes that the kingdoms of the world are built on saving face, whereas the kingdom of God calls us into truth, humility, and freedom.

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

Name your "guests" (the people you are trying to impress in an unhealthy way) and your "oaths" (the promises you are trying to protect that are out of step with your identity as a child of God). Then practice one small step of integrity this week: tell the truth in a low-stakes conversation, apologize without defending yourself, or say no when you'd normally keep the peace.

TONIGHT AT 7:30PM: ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

This evening, we'll join together in the Sanctuary to mark the beginning of the church season of Lent with a short worship service and an opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes on your forehead. Can't make it in person? Join online [here](#).

THIS SUNDAY

Join us for our message, *The Beginning of the Good News: The Feeding of the 5,000*, as we look at [Mark 6:30-44](#).

- 8:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:45am Sunday School for kids ages 2-11 in Meeting Room One (southwest corner of the downstairs hallway)
- 9:45am Youth Group for middle and high school kids at the Parsonage (house at the southwest corner of Gillick and Clifton)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

LENTEN MIDWEEK MEAL & WORSHIP: WEDNESDAYS STARTING FEBRUARY 25, 6:00PM

On Wednesdays during the season of Lent, starting February 25, we'll meet for a soup supper from 6-6:40pm in the Gym, followed by a short worship service from 7-7:30pm in the Sanctuary. Sign up to bring soup, salad, or bread via the Needs Request email sent January 27, or use the sign up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.

BEWARE OF IMPERSONATION EMAILS

We are aware of occasional emails that may use a staff member's name but come from an unfamiliar email address. Redeemer staff will never email you asking you to buy gift cards, transfer money, share passwords, or handle urgent requests. Before responding, please confirm the sender is a known Redeemer staff email address. If anything feels off, contact the church office or the staff member directly by phone to verify.

HELP SELECT OUR NEXT BISHOP

Redeemer is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and in the ELCA, congregations are connected through regional synods led by a bishop. Our synod is the Metropolitan Chicago Synod. Our bishop, Yehiel Curry, was recently elected presiding bishop of the ELCA, so this year's synod assembly will include the election of a new synodical bishop. If you'd be willing to join Pastor Peter and Pastor Dan on June 5–6 in St. Charles, IL, as Redeemer's voting representative, please contact Pastor Peter this week.

SENIOR LUNCHEON: THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 11:00AM-1:00PM

Seniors, please join us in the Sanctuary for fellowship and a meal together. All are invited to bring a dessert to share. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan.

MOMCO MEETUP: SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 9:30AM-12:00PM

Join other moms at our MomCo group at Redeemer. All moms are welcome, no matter their age or the age of their children. We meet to share our hopes, fears, and insights. For more information, [click here](#) or contact [Jade Schwich](#).

BAND JAM SESSION: SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 4:00-6:30PM

Join us at Redeemer for a jam session on Saturday, March 7, from 4:00-6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join regardless of musical skill! Don't play an instrument or sing? Come, enjoy the music, and share in fellowship. Appetizers and drinks will be served. Feel free to bring something to share if you'd like. No RSVP needed, and all ages are welcome. Questions? Email [Mandi Glowen](#).

KNITTING CIRCLE: TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 6:30PM

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, or would like to learn how to do either, come join Redeemer's knitting circle, which meets monthly in the Conference Room. Our next meeting will be on March 17, from 6:30-8:30pm. If you are interested or have any questions, call or text Cristie Rubeo at 847-868-6463.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION AFTER WORSHIP

If you enjoy offering hospitality, sign up to host coffee hour using the link in the Needs Request email sent on February 17, or by signing up at the name tag station. Each year, we budget for food after worship, so hosts are encouraged to turn in their receipts for reimbursement. On Sundays without a congregational host, we'll provide donuts so no one goes home hungry. Coffee hour is a simple way we connect after worship. Thank you for being part of that.

FINANCIAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Statements of financial giving to Redeemer in 2025 have been mailed out. If you haven't received your statement in the mail, or have any other questions, please email the church office.

LOVE LIKE JESUS: DONATE OLD LAPTOPS

Our partner Exodus World Service is collecting used (even broken) or discontinued laptops (any operating system, with or without cables). Exodus will refurbish the laptops and give them to refugee kids. Please bring any laptops you no longer need to Redeemer (and let one of the pastors know), and Exodus will pick them up from the church.

SHARE & UPDATE YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS WITH OUR PRAYER TEAM

We have a faithful team continually praying for our congregation. To share your prayer requests or to be added to the team, please email redeemerprayerteam@gmail.com. (Do you have updates on your recent prayer requests? Please send a quick email to let our team know! It helps our team know how to continue praying.)

MEAL TRAIN MINISTRY

Do you know of a member of our Redeemer community who would benefit from having a Meal Train set up for them (perhaps someone who is recuperating from surgery, recently lost a loved one, or just had a baby)? Check with the person to make sure they're interested and then email office@redeemerparkridge.com to get things started.

USE YOUR THRIVENT ACTION DOLLARS AT REDEEMER

Help us do more Faith in Action events year-round by using your Thrivent Action Team dollars to support this ministry. Members are eligible for funds of up to \$250 twice per year. Go to [this link](#) to find out more about Thrivent Action teams, or contact Pastor Dan about how you can use these funds to put your faith into action!

8:30AM WORSHIP STREAMING ON ZOOM

We stream our 8:30am Sunday worship services via Zoom so that those who aren't able to make it to Redeemer physically can still be a part of worship. Contact the office for information on how to connect to Zoom.