


Serving Christ



THE RED LETTERS of Jesus

...she did what she could do
...this poor widow has put in more than all the others
...is like the wise man
...therefore go
...come to me, all who are weary
...then neither do I condemn you

March 6, 2024
1:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

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Theme: Serving Christ

As We Gather

What if we stopped reading about Jesus and started putting His Red Letter Words into practice? You may have noticed that in many Bibles the words Jesus speaks are in red. What if by putting the words of Jesus into practice, we discover who He is and who He has made us to be? You see, we are to be a reflection of Jesus in this world. How are we doing with that? What about Christianity as a whole? This Lent we will be diving into these ideas. Today, March 6: “Serving Christ”; continuing March 13 with: “Generosity (The Law of Generosity)”; and finally on March 20: “Going for Christ.” Maundy Thursday, on March 28, will be “Dining with Christ” and on Good Friday, March 29 we conclude with “Dwelling with Christ.”

“If you love me, keep my commands.” (John 14:15)

Prelude

(1:00)

Steve SeGraves

(7:00)

Rick Helderop

Opening Hymn 143 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

1. O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken

That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?

Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, --

What dark transgression?

2. They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.

3. Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Children's Message - 7:00pm

More Red Letters of Jesus

P: "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,

C: and to give His life as a ransom for many."

P: Then Jesus said to His disciples,

C: "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves

P: **and take up their cross and follow Me.**

C: For whoever wants to save their life will lose it,

P: **but whoever loses their life for Me will find it.**

C: What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world,

P: **yet forfeit their soul?**

C: Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

P: He put on His clothes and returned to His place.

C: "Do you understand what I have done for you?"

P: He asked them.

C: "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,'

P: and rightly so, for that is what I am.

C: **Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet,**

P: you also should wash one another's feet.

C: **I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."**

Hymn of the Day 400

Take My Life and Let It Be

1. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy Love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Scripture Reading

Mark 14:3-9

While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly. **"Leave her alone,"** said Jesus. **"Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial.**

Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

Sermon

Mark 14:3-9

“The **Red Letters** of Jesus: ‘**She did what she could do.**’”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Offering - 7:00 (1:00 offerings will be received at the door)

At this time, please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today. Instructions are on the back page.

Voluntary

(1:00pm)

Giving My Best - Condon

Alison Ristovski, vocalist

(7:00pm)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - Watts

Jim Bloom, flute

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father

1. Children of the heav'nly Father safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
2. God His own doth tend and nourish, in His holy courts they
flourish;
From all evil things He spares them, in His mighty arms He bears
them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He
knoweth.

Postlude

(1:00)

Steve SeGraves

(7:00)

Rick Helderop

Thanks and appreciation to Alison Ristovski and Jill Bloom for
providing special music at the services.

Ushers

1:00 - Bob Stewart

7:00 - Ken Baetz, captain; Paul Chesna, Cliff Clark,
Ray Dobring, Bruce Helmke, Bill Leahy, Tom Boyce

Altar Guild

Barb Grattan, Karen Rose, Sara Amos,
Jennifer Dobring, Robin Swift, Carole Citron, Polly Millichamp

Audio/Video Operators

7:00 - David Hamada and David Kiehle

Our Lenten Meal Preparers:

Lunch: Karen Pridmore, Robin Swift, Kim Martin and Karen Rose

Dinner: Board of Elders

The Red Letters of Jesus: Digging Deeper

1. Are there ways that we wrongly make serving only about ourselves?
2. What is it about serving others that you find hard to do?
 - a. What are some things that have prevented you from serving others in the past?
 - b. What are the wrong motivations you struggle with when serving others?
3. How does an attitude of humility help you make serving and putting others first a priority in your life?
4. How can serving others remind you of your status with Jesus?
5. Read John 13:1-17. What are practical ways you can serve in your everyday life?
6. What will you change this week as a result of this woman and her service? "She did what she could do!"

**"If you could never speak another word aloud again,
how would you preach the Gospel?"**

~Mark Crossman

Rev. Randall J. Schlak, Senior Pastor
Rev. James Greenwalt, Assistant Pastor

Please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today.

There are two simple ways to do this:

1. Scan the QR code and fill out the online attendance form.
2. Use the worship card found in your pew. You may drop it in the offering plate or simply leave it in your pew after you fill it out.



LENTEN MID-WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

“The Red Letters of Jesus”

Wednesday Worship Services

March 13 - Generosity

March 20 - Going for Christ

1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm - Sanctuary

Each worship service is preceded by a meal:

12:00 noon and 6:00pm (5:30pm confirmands)

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, March 28 - Dining with Christ

(1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm - Sanctuary

Holy Communion at both services)

Good Friday, March 29 - Dwelling with Christ

1:00pm and 7:00pm - Sanctuary

Easter Eve, March 30 - 5:00pm

Easter Sunday Services, March 31

7:30am with Holy Communion;

9:00am and 10:30am

Easter Egg Hunt to follow Easter Sunday

10:30am service. Bring your Easter Basket!!

****all 7pm services & 10:30am Easter Service will be livestreamed***