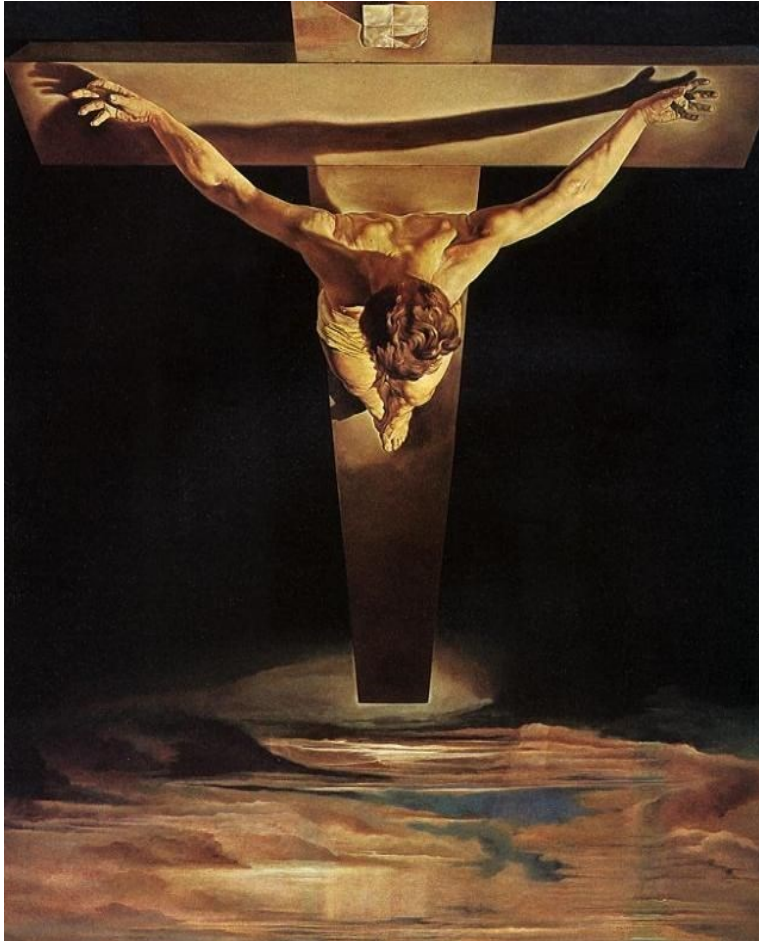


# THE REDEEMER RECORD

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*"Crucified Christ"*  
Salvador Dalí

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## A Letter From Pastor Erlandson

*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"*

Dear friends,

This season of Lent has been a powerful time for me - a time of living through the passage from life to death. As most of you know, my father died on March 16, after suffering a stroke in February. It was on the same day that we learned that our sister in Christ, Rhynda Landt, was going into hospice care, and died soon after. I have spent most of 2017 with my father, either in the hospital, at the transitional care unit, and in hospice, where he died peacefully, surrounded by his children and grandchildren. It was a good death. I am so grateful for the compassionate care of the medical and hospice which my father received - his caregivers were amazing. And I thank God for the support and prayers we have received from our extended family, church, and wider circle of friends.

But we are all confronted by what some have called "*our great enemy, death*" - when a loved one dies, or we face the prospects of our own. In the gospel lesson from John, for the fifth Sunday in Lent, we hear the story of Jesus losing a good friend who dies of an illness. We see how Lazarus's family, his sisters Mary and Martha, go through their grieving process with the help of their neighbors and friends, the faith community which surrounded them. Lazarus's death was more sudden and unexpected, so the grief of his family was very real.

In the midst of their grief and pain, Jesus appeared on the scene, too late to heal his friend, Lazarus and save him from dying. Martha pointed this out to Jesus directly. This is when Jesus asked Martha if, in the midst, she still believed in the resurrection of the dead. Martha answered Jesus immediately, "*I believe that you are the Messiah, the one coming into the world.*"

Martha held on to her hope in Jesus, even in grief, disappointment, maybe even her anger with God. How true this story reads. We know the feelings that Mary and Martha experienced, so similar to ours today. So the question comes for us these days - *what do you believe? Where do you find hope? Do you believe in the resurrection - do you believe in God's promise in Jesus?*

This coming Holy Week we will walk with Jesus and his disciples through the Jesus' journey from death to life. We will experience the triumph of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, sit with Jesus at the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, kneel at the feet of the cross on Good Friday as he died, hold vigil in prayer on Holy Saturday, then celebrate his empty tomb on Easter Sunday.

It's easy to sing "*Hosanna*" on Palm Sunday, and "*Alleluia*" on Easter. But what do we sing, and what do we pray when we are faced with death on Good Friday? When you and I face death in our lives today, *what do you believe?*

We believe that our Lord Jesus hears our cries and our prayers, has compassion, and walks with us through death, to give us the promise of life. May we continue to have hope, and believe the promise, in all circumstances. Thanks be to God.

*Pastor Jim Erlandson*

*A memorial service for Alvin Erlandson was held on Friday, March 31.  
The memorial service for Rhynda Landt will take place at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer on Saturday, June 3rd. Peace in Christ.*

## April Calendar

### Recurring Weekly Events

Sun.	10:00 am ~ Worship
	11:15 am ~ Coffee Fellowship
	12:00 pm ~ Universal Life Church of God
	12:00 pm ~ Praise Covenant Church
Mon.	7:00 pm ~ Minnesota Renaissance Choir Rehearsal
Wed.	7:00 pm ~ Senior Choir
	8:00 pm ~ Courage to Change N.A.
Thur.	6:30 am ~ Prayer & Meditation A.A.
Fri.	8:00 pm ~ Words into Action N.A.
Sat.	8:00 am ~ Siloé Church

### Other Events

1st	6:30 pm	Freedom School Concert
4th	7:00 pm	Vestry
7th	6:00 pm	60 Somethings Band/Pastor Jim's Birthday
8th	10:00 am	KFI Luncheon
9th	10:00 am	Palm/Passion Sunday
11th	6:00 pm	Dance Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
13th	10:00 am	Maundy Thursday Service
	11:30 am	Maundy Thursday Brunch
14th	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
15th	7:00 pm	Easter Vigil @ St. Paul-Ref. (100 N. Oxford)
16th	10:00 am	Easter Sunday
17th		OFFICE CLOSED - Easter Monday
20th	6:30 pm	ISAIAH Meeting
21st	7:00 pm	Augsburg Masterworks Concert
25th	6:00 pm	Dance Rehearsal
28th	6:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
29th	2:00 pm	Wedding

### **Women's Guild**

There will be no Women's Guild meeting in April. We will be serving Brunch after Maundy Thursday morning service at 10:00 am on April 13th. Baked Egg Strata, fruits, breads, juices and coffee!

**THANK YOU/UPDATE FROM OBANG** ~ My wife is going to have a baby boy on May 3rd! I want to thank everyone who helped get my family here via spiritual and emotional support as well as financial contributions. I will not ever forget all you have done to help reunite my family here because you all have helped make my life very easy and stepped up to help in every way possible. Thank you very much! And a special thank you to Pastor Jim and Michelle Geschwill.

### April Altar Servers

If you are unable to serve, please contact an elder or the church office no later than the Tuesday of the week you are signed up to serve so that a replacement can be found.

<b>April 2</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>	<b><u>Subdeacon</u></b>	<b><u>Reader</u></b>	<b><u>Acolyte</u></b>
<i>5 Lent</i>	DeAnne Hilgers	Leilani Drake	Joan Foreman	Jack Sprung
<b>April 9</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>	<b><u>Subdeacon</u></b>	<b><u>Reader</u></b>	<b><u>Acolyte</u></b>
<i>Passion Sunday</i>	Michelle Geschwill	Tammy Cownie	Renee Nunn	Jared Geschwill
	<b><u>Thurifer</u></b>	<b><u>Crucifer</u></b>	<b><u>Bannerbearers</u></b>	<b><u>Torch bearers</u></b>
	David Tannen	Ben Cretsinger	Obang Agwa	
<b>April 13</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>	<b><u>Subdeacon</u></b>	<b><u>Reader</u></b>	
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	AM -Bob Paddock PM - Tammy Cownie	AM - Joann Conroy PM - Leilani Drake	AM -Mary Lou Knipe PM - Eric Chinguist	
<b>April 14</b>	<b><u>Reader</u></b>	<b><u>Acolyte</u></b>	<b><u>Crossbearers</u></b>	
<i>Good Friday</i>	Trudy Cretsinger	Bob Paddock	Paul Toftness & Lance Harris	
<b>April 16</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>	<b><u>Subdeacon</u></b>	<b><u>Reader</u></b>	<b><u>Acolyte</u></b>
<i>Easter Day</i>	Joel Michael	Trudy Cretsinger	Reva Rasmussen	Theodore Strommen Campbell
	<b><u>Thurifer</u></b>	<b><u>Crucifer</u></b>	<b><u>Bannerbearers</u></b>	<b><u>Torch Bearers</u></b>
	David Tannen	Todd-Allen Hamilton	Benjamin & Catalina Cretsinger	Michelle & Jared Geschwill
	<b><u>Belltree</u></b>	Paul Toftness		
<b>April 23</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>	<b><u>Subdeacon</u></b>	<b><u>Reader</u></b>	<b><u>Acolyte</u></b>
<i>2 Easter</i>	Bob Paddock	Joann Conroy	Joe Rittman	Neal Caerwyn
<b>April 30</b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>	<b><u>Subdeacon</u></b>	<b><u>Reader</u></b>	<b><u>Acolyte</u></b>
<i>3 Easter</i>	Tammy Cownie	Leilani Drake	Myrna Nelson	



**HOLY WEEK AT REDEEMER - 2017**  
**April 9th ~ 16th**

**Palm Sunday - April 9th, 10 am**

The season of Lent ends, and Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday (also observed as *Passion Sunday*), April 9th. We will start with the Blessing & Procession with Palms in the Learning Center at 10 am, then process into the church sanctuary. Our custom is to hear the Reading of the Passion (According to St. Luke, this year) in place of the sermon.

**Maundy Thursday - April 13th, 10 am & 7 pm**

Today we hear Jesus' commandment (*mandatum*) to love one another. We remember Christ's sacrifice of love at the Lord's Table, and how he washed his disciples feet, followed by the stripping of the altar.

**Good Friday - April 14th, 7 pm**

We hear the story of Jesus' Passion on the cross in John's gospel, and a setting of the *Stabat Mater* by Antonio Caldera, with choir and orchestra.

**Easter Vigil - April 15th, 7:00 pm**

We gather in vigil to light the Paschal candle, hear the ancient stories of faith, affirm our baptisms and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.  
(at St. Paul Reformation Lutheran, 100 N. Oxford)

**Easter Sunday - April 16th, 10 am**

We celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord with a festival Eucharist.  
Easter Breakfast at 8:30 am

## APRIL SCRIPTURES

We invite members and friends of Redeemer to read the appointed scriptures for each Sunday. This is a meaningful way to prepare for worship. It also binds us to our homebound sisters and brothers who we also encourage to read the same scriptures weekly.

	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>April 9</b> <i>Passion Sunday</i>	Isa 50:4-9a	Ps 31:9-16	Phil 2:5-11	Matt 26:14—27:66 or Matt 27:11-54
<b>April 13</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Exod 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14	Ps 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Cor 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
<b>April 14</b> <i>Good Friday</i>	Isa 52:13—53:12	Ps 22	Heb 10:16-25 or Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1—19:42
<b>April 16</b> <i>Easter Day</i>	Acts 10:34-43 or Jer 31:1-6	Ps 118:1-2, 14-24	Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43	Matt 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18
<b>April 23</b> <i>2 Easter</i>	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Ps 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
<b>April 30</b> <i>3 Easter</i>	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Ps 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Presents

## Antonio Caldara's Stabat Mater



**Good Friday**  
**April 14, 7:00 PM**

Come share the devotional experience of entering the  
Three Days of Easter through the beauty and art of sacred music  
with choir, orchestra and soloists.  
Jon Campbell, conducting.

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## Lenten Caring for Creation Project-

### Financial Shredding

During Lent our financial records dating back to 1988 are being cleaned out. Most of these records need to be shredded. Bette, Diana and Irene have started this project only to discover the volume of paper is too much for our home shredders. Calling several companies we found the cost to take a box to a local shredding company is \$5 a box (minimum of 8 boxes) we will have more! Please adopt a box or two.

**You can drop your donation in the mini blue recycling bin in the church Undercroft.**

### Questions?

**Contact Bette Steglich at 651-489-3214  
or Irene Markley at 651-646-0818.**

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## ADULT FORUMS

April 2, 2017, 11:30 A. M. **"Youthworks"** Presented by Emilee DeAngelis of Youthworks. This national organization organizes high school church youth groups to do mission projects throughout the United States. The Vestry has agreed to host mission trips in Saint Paul this summer. They will be housed in our building and work on various projects this summer.

April 9, 2017, 11:30 A. M. **"Theological Declaration of Barmen."** Presented by Pastor Jim Erlandson. This declaration was written by Karl Barth and the confessing church in Nazi Germany in response to Hitler's national church. Its central doctrines concern the sin of idolatry and the lordship of Christ.

April 16, 2017 Happy Easter! Enjoy Redeemer's Easter brunch before worship.

April 23, 2017 11:30 A. M. **"Global Warming"** Presented by Dr. Joe Rittman. As we continue to commemorate Earth Day, we need to deal with the obvious effects of Global Warming not just locally, but world wide. Our past year of weather extremes are harsh reminders of our changing environment.

April 30, 2017 11:30 A. M. **"Lyngblomsten Sunday"** Presented by Mary Lou Knipe and Prof. Marie Failing, our corporate congregation representatives. This will be an update on Lyngblomsten's current and future agenda.



## CORE TEAM NEWS

The Core Team from Redeemer has been quite active in the two months since the January 28<sup>th</sup> launch of 100 Days of Prophetic Resistance. Several members have stayed at the capitol as sessions went into extra innings of discussion around the proposed "Pre-Emption" bills. If enacted, these bills would eliminate the power of municipalities to craft local ordinances regarding employment. These bills seek to undo the recent ordinances in Saint Paul and Minneapolis, which are to take effect this July and would require most employers to provide their employees with paid time off for illness and safety concerns. Many people from Redeemer were active in the efforts last summer to pass the Earned Sick and Safe Time ordinance in Saint Paul. Those of us unable to make it to the capitol for committee hearings and floor debates are grateful for those who could be there – and stayed through 90-minute dinner breaks and other delay tactics – to give witness to the vision God has for human community, a vision in which everyone has a place and is valued as a person bearing the very image of God.

In between events at the capitol (hearing, meetings, making large public requests for meetings with legislative leaders), people have been calling representatives, sending emails and letters, voicing our concerns and lifting up the cries of those hurting and struggling in our community. In addition to concerns with possible interference with local ordinances, we are also challenging plans to allow a for-profit-prison company to begin operating a facility in our state and Real ID proposals that contain punitive impacts for certain residents among us.

Beyond concerns currently being discussed under the capitol dome, Redeemer continues to be a leading congregation in the emerging sanctuary movement in the Twin Cities. Pastor Jim along with ISAIAH leaders Rev. Grant Stevensen and Catalina Morales gave in-depth interviews for KTSP. These interviews, along with footage of our facilities and worship services, aired as a long-form news story during the 10:00pm newscast on March 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a potentially risky undertaking. However, as the signs and banners around our building remind us, Jesus our Lord was a refugee when his parents fled to Egypt soon after his birth to protect him from King Herod's efforts to kill him. Can we, who are called to follow his example, do other than stand with similarly vulnerable people in our midst?

Thank you for your support, encouragement, direct help and prayers during these 100 Days of Prophetic Resistance. Keep praying with us:

***Merciful God, may your love and vision be evident in every action and deed as we fight against the powers of hate, corruption, and greed. When we speak your truth of light, love, and grace, hold our hands against fear and help us to embrace your children most vulnerable, who need your assistance, and be with us all in this prophetic resistance. Amen.***



### **GRAVEN AWARD**

The 28th annual Wartburg College Graven Award was awarded to Dr. Diane Jacobson on Tuesday, March 14, at 11:30 am in the Wartburg College Chapel. Following the presentation of the award, Dr. Jacobson gave the convocation address. She was chosen as Wartburg College's 2017 Graven Award recipient because of her life-long commitment to live out her calling as a person of faith through her vocations as professor, speaker, and Lutheran administrator.

The Graven Award is presented annually to a person "whose life is nurtured and guided by a strong sense of Christian calling and who is making a significant contribution to community, church and society." It is named for the late Judge Henry N. and Helen Graven, natives of Greene, Iowa, whose lives reflected those same commitments.

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### **CIVIL SERVANT OF THE YEAR 2017**

The Federal Executive Board cordially invites you to attend the Federal Service Recognition Awards Program. We will again take this opportunity to honor those Federal employees whose outstanding performance has earned them the distinguished title "Civil Servant of the Year."

Our very own Ray Hayes, Enumeration Specialist in the Card Center has been selected as this year's Civil Servant of the Year awardee.

"As you all know, the Federal Executive Board's Civil Servant of the Year recognizes Federal employees who exemplify public service in action. Ray is a fantastic choice for this honor – in his own quiet way, Ray works very hard, provides excellent customer service, and supports his co-workers by being a dependable, diligent team member."

Thursday, May 4, 2017

1:00 PM – 3:30

DoubleTree By Hilton Bloomington Minneapolis South

7800 Normandale Boulevard

Veranda Ballroom

Minneapolis, MN 55439

Follow this link to order your tickets online: <http://bit.ly/2mIw0LQ>  
**Group ordering and credit card payment are preferred.**  
**Call 612-713-7200 with questions.**

**AUGSBURG COLLEGE**  
Masterworks Chorale  
PRESENTS

**CHERUBINI** *Requiem in C Minor*    **NYSTEDT** *Immortal Bach*    **GOUNOD** *Gallia: Lamentations of Jeremiah*

**Friday, April 21 | 7:30 p.m.**

**MASTERWORKS CHORALE**  
**MASTERWORKS ORCHESTRA**  
CONDUCTOR, JONATHAN CAMPBELL

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER**  
285 DALE ST N | SAINT PAUL, MN

*A freewill offering will be taken during the performance*



*Jonathan Campbell*

[www.augsburg.edu/music/masterworks](http://www.augsburg.edu/music/masterworks)  
Augsburg Masterworks 2016

**Second Sunday Concerts with MacPhail**

Apr 9th - 2:00 pm | Lyngblomsten campus, Newman-Benson Chapel. 1415 Almond Ave W. 55108 This months featured performer is Mike Michel on acoustic guitar.

**Spring Gala**

Join us for a special evening as we raise funds to support persons with memory loss and their caregivers. Friday, April 21, 2017.

For more information visit: [www.lyngblomsten.org](http://www.lyngblomsten.org)

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