

Redeemer Lutheran Church

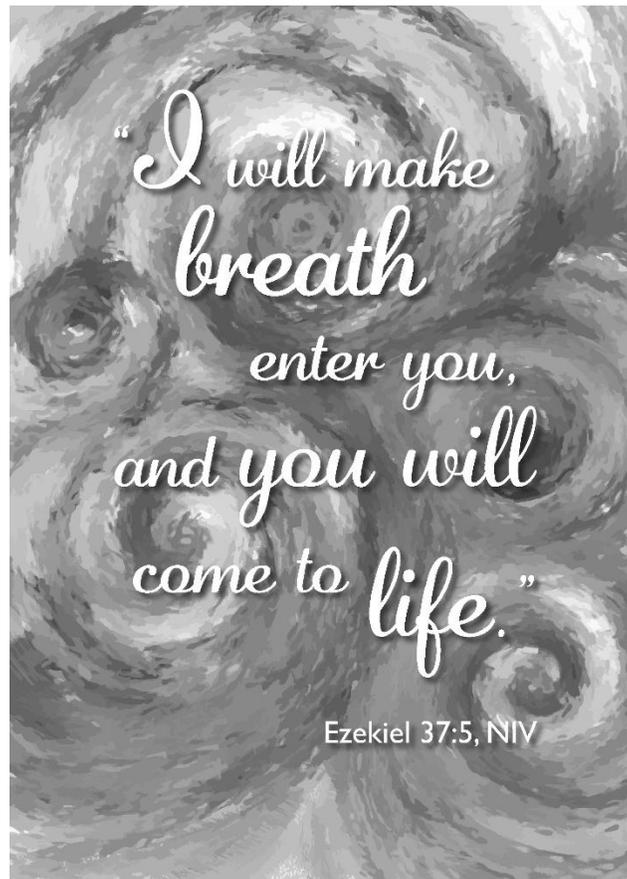
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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026



**Pastor:** Rev. Brian Handrich

**Music Director:** Deborah O’ Brien

**Church Secretary:** Melissa Moffett

Sunday Service at 11am

Zoom and podcast available on-line

[www.redeemernewton.net](http://www.redeemernewton.net)

## ***Church Mouse***

### ***'Knowing Christ and making Christ known since 1954'***

*The Mission of Redeemer Lutheran Church is to reach the lost, comfort those in need, and build the body of Christ by proclaiming the truthfulness of God's word in love.*

If you would like more information on reaching the lost and comfort those in need, please check us out at [www.redeemernewton.net](http://www.redeemernewton.net) and follow us on Facebook **Redeemer Lutheran Church LCMS Newton NJ**

### ***Next Week's Readings***

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-9a      **-New Testament** Phil. 2:5-11  
**Gospel:** John 12:12-19

The attendance for Sunday, March 15 was 45. Please make sure you fill in the attendance sheet so we can keep our records accurate. Financially supporting the many ministries here at Redeemer and seeing them thrive is a blessing. Please feel free to use our easy online giving for a one-time offering or a recurring donation. We have a direct link on our homepage <http://www.redeemernewton.net> or contact the church office for more information at 973-383-3945 Every small donation is a gift to us, thank you for your support!

### ***The Mini-Mouse***

To reach the REDEEMER PRAYER CHAIN call Joanne Naumowicz at 973-919-8144 (cell) 973-383-4793 (home) or Emilie Gewecke at 973-534-0127. All requests are confidential.

### ***Ongoing Prayer Needs***

Our president, Congress, and Supreme Court as they seek to govern, make their hearts and ears attentive to what pleases God so that they are doing what is right in His sight. For the men and women who serve our country now and, in the past, and for the sacrifices their families make so that we can all enjoy the blessing of freedom. Those struggling with physical afflictions, that they hear our prayers during their journey of healing. Please see Prayer Chain communication for current prayer requests.

## Can These Bones Live?

March 22, 2026 – Lent 5A  
Ezekiel 37:1-14

### They Devoted themselves to the Fellowship...:

As we gather:

- How are your bones held together?
- What does it mean to be “alive”?
- Is death a “natural” part of life?

Welcome and Invocation

AGPS – All God’s People Sing      LSB – Lutheran Service Book  
P&W Info for organist.

Opening Song: “Be Unto Your Name”

(P&W 2 #102 p.150)

**We are a moment, You are forever,  
Lord of the ages, God before time.  
We are a vapor, You are eternal,  
Love everlasting, reigning on high.**

*Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Highest praises, honor, and glory  
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.*

**We are the broken, You are the Healer  
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.  
You are the love song we’ll sing forever  
Bowing before You, blessing Your name.**

*Chorus*

**Confession of Sins and Absolution**

*LSB 151*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

### **...and to the Apostles' teaching...**

We Hear the Word of the Lord:  
Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-4

Pew Bible page 1345

Choir

New Testament: Romans 8:1-11

Pew Bible page 1756

Response: "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

LSB 610:5

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

Pew Bible page 1668

Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed

LSB back page

Sermon Song: "Holy Spirit Rain Down"

(P&W 2 #88 p. 106)

**Holy Spirit rain down, rain down  
O Comforter and Friend, how we need Your touch again.  
Holy Spirit rain down, rain down  
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard,  
Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word  
Holy Spirit rain down!**

*No eye has seen, no ear has heard  
No mind can know what God has in store.  
So open up heaven, open it wide  
Over Your Church and over our lives,  
Holy Spirit rain down.*

**Repeat verse**

Message: Dem Bones, Dem Bones, Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

### **...and to Prayer...**

P: Let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer is spoken together

### **To the breaking of bread...**

The Words of Institution are spoken

Distribution in continuous fashion

Distribution Song: "Christ the Life of All the Living" LSB 420

The Thanksgiving Prayer

The benediction is given

The announcements are made

Closing Song: "O Christ Who Shared our Mortal Life" LSB 552 (Lazarus)

Dismissal



*Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 11:00am*

*Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm at Our Savior in Stanhope*

*Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 pm*

*Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> Resurrection Service 11:00am*



**Preschool Book Fair Fundraiser:** The Redeemer Preschool is having their annual book fair. Books make a great gift. Please come and check out all the available books. The bookfair runs from March 15-23

**Easter Flowers:** Please sign up for Easter plants to beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Flowers are \$8 each. Available flowers are Daffodils, Hyacinths and Tulips. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Don't forget fill out the envelope so we can list it correctly in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Thank you.

March 2026						
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Sunday, Mar. 22	10am	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	11am	Worship Service
Tuesday, Mar. 24	7pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday, 25	7pm	Midweek Lenten Svs@ Stanhope
Thursday Mar. 26	7pm	Zoom Table Talk w/Pastor
Sunday, Mar. 29	10am	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	11am.....	Palm Sunday Service

### *Prayer List for Those in The Armed Forces*



***Daniel Gewecke*** *Serving in the army and stationed at Fort Drum, NY (Grandson of Gus and Emilie Gewecke)*

***Joey Bickhardt***– *Serving in the army and stationed at Fort Drum, NY*

