

THE DESERT STREAM



—Isaiah 35.6

February, 2024

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship... 9a

Sunday School... 10:30

Holy Communion

Feb. 4, 14, 18.

Virtual Bible Study

Thursdays, 7 PM on
Skype. (No Class 2/8)

Church Leadership

Tuesday, February 20th
6:30 PM at Muths

Ladies' Guild

Sunday, February 18th

*Feb. Diaper Drive! Needs:
baby bottles, Diaper sizes 4 -
6, Girl's and Boy's underwear,
socks and shoe sizes 7 - 10.
Alpha prefers donations of off
brand or store brand diapers.*

*Seeking New Recruits for
Altar Guild!*

Also available to you,
Please Contact Pastor—

- **Private Confession**
- **Christianity 101**
- **Jr. Confirmation**

**The Congregation
Prays: A Guide to
Daily Devotions
In Sunday's Bulletin!**

A Christian Prays for the Church

Dear Father in Heaven: in Your mercy, You called me to faith in Your Son, by Your Spirit. You did not leave me in the misery of failure: failing to live up to the righteous standard of true holiness; failing to find an answer for the guilt of my sin. You did not leave me to the fearful expectation of coming judgment. You forgave me. You did that in the midst of Your people, in connection with Your Church.

You washed away all my sins in the Blood of Your Son, spilled out for me on the Cross. You show me patience and kindness hour by hour when in weakness and even open rebellion, I stumble and fall. I thank You that even in this, You have not left me alone.

Just like You wonderfully ordered your creation, with all its ranks and differences, You have given Your heavenly Kingdom to extend from the ranks and orders of angels into this world with its congregations, built of human members like living stones. Beneath it all, You placed Your Son as the Foundation and Cornerstone. You also set Him at the head of it. For His sake, You bind us together as a family of believers, to receive your gifts together, to care for each other, and work together to declare Your Name.

Look down from Heaven and hear my prayer for my dear little church and for my poor soul. Forgive us for any offenses we have unnecessarily taken, and for any that we have given. Forgive us for the ways in which we have turned inward and become short-tempered and self-serving. Forgive the ways we have been indifferent to one another and careless for the needs of the sin-darkened world.

Lord we have enjoyed a short season of Epiphany: Let the brightness of Jesus, the true Light of the world shine before our eyes that we might see. The solemn hours of Lent will soon be upon us again. Let your call to watch and pray enter deeply into our minds and our hearts. Bless us to learn of You, Lord Jesus, and to deny ourselves and bear our Crosses with patient hope, and even with joy—for *the Cross* marks the people that are *Yours*.

Take up Your work of searching out and saving the lost. Bind up the wounded, bring back the strays. Take it up among us also, we pray. Bless the House You have given us to seek Your face, and to hear Your voice, and feast with You. Fill it, we pray. Fill our hearts and minds also, and fill up our conversation with Your good things, until the *Last Day*. **Amen.**

Sunday, February 11th

Superbowl Party at McIvers! 3:30 PM. Please bring an appetizer, dollars for gaming, and any preferred beverage.

Wednesday, February 14th

Ash Wednesday—4 PM Divine Service with Imposition of Ashes.

Wednesdays in Lent—

Online Devotionals. Please watch bulletins for more information. **Holy Week** begins with Palm Sunday, March 24th, 2024.

Sunday, Feb. 25th—1PM College Study Hall at Redeemer.