

MARCH 10, 2024

FOURTH OF LENT

RIDGE PARADISE

*"...nothing among you except
Jesus Christ and Him crucified."*



Community Highlights |

Holy Week & Easter Plans: See Linktree for full details...

-Palm Sunday-Deacon Odination [3.24]

-Good Friday-5pm @ ParadiseLutheran

-Easter Sunrise-6:30am, Shaffer Ranch

-Family Sunday-9:30am @ Ridge & 4pm

For the thorough list of announcements with links to **GIVING, EMAIL LIST, WORSHIP PLAYLIST, SMALL GROUPS, SERMONS**, etc. check out our Linktree by scanning the QR code to the right or by visiting our website as detailed below!



Ridge Kids |

Pre-school & Elementary

Kids are encouraged to stay in the service for Worship Singing. After the singing concludes, we'll pray for our kids and dismiss them to head upstairs for children's church. They can be picked up right after the Benediction.

Note Challenge

For older kids (9yrs.+), we have sermon notebooks at the back of the sanctuary. If you turn in a note page with a little something you heard from the sermon, you'll get to take your pick from the prize basket.

Ridge Presbyterian Church

RidgeParadise & VespersChico

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Ridge Presbyterian is a church of people gathered around one thing—Jesus Christ, and his gospel of unlimited grace. As a church, we come from lots of different places: lost, found, burned, cynical, broken, hurting, or some combination of all of these. But what unites us and keeps us coming back together week after week is the reality of a Savior who has given unimaginable hope to any who admit their need and sprawl out before Him. This Jesus is really all we have to offer at RPC. We are convinced that not only is He enough, but that HE alone is true wisdom, life, and fullness of joy.

If you are new or newish here, we are so glad that you have joined us! We would love to know more about you, as well as give you the chance to learn a bit more about us. Use the QR code to the right to access our welcome card and let us know you were here.



Call to Worship: Psalm 30 (Selected)

“O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. **Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.** To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy: **“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?** Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!” **You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, I will give thanks to you forever!**”

-Opening Prayer-

God calls His people into worship, not the other way around. His Word is the only thing that can truly draw our hearts into worship in Spirit and Truth. And so, we begin here.

Songs of Worship and Praise

Please feel free to worship in the way that the Lord is leading. Whether standing or sitting, hands raised or kneeling before the Lord. There is no required posture.

The Bible tells us to let the Word of Christ dwell within us richly by “singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.” Thus, we sing of what God has done, and about our delight in Him.

A Prayer of Confession: Based on Mark 12.28-31

Gracious God who continues forever as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; You are love and you show your love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Yet regarding the greatest commandment to love you with all that we are, we confess failing and inability. **We confess that our hearts are divided, and that our priorities are often disordered. Things of this world and self-interest often take center stage over love of you.** We confess also our failure to love neighbors; neighbors across the world, neighbors in the church, on our streets, and in our own homes. **Love is patient and kind. It does not envy. It is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way and is not irritable or resentful. It does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. It hopes, believes, endures and never ends.** God we confess failures in love. Forgive us Lord. Hear our prayers. -Silent Confession-

Prayer isn't just a private interaction with God, it is also a part of public worship. God calls His people to speak to Him as one unified body. “My” prayers become “Our” prayers as we cry out to Him together.

Assurance of Grace: 1 Corinthians 13.12-13

“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

Tithes & Offerings

Our ushers will pass collection baskets during the final song. If writing a check, please make payable to “Ridge Presbyterian Church,” since both Ridge Paradise and Vespers Chico are sites of Ridge Presbyterian. Thank you for your generosity.

Tithes and Offerings are part of our worship and response to the gospel. When we grasp that “He who was rich, for our sake became poor” it stirs us to reflect that generosity in our giving.

Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,** the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Endured the full wrath of God the Father*

***The Church in all times and places*

Creeds and catechisms give us a chance to proclaim what we believe while also acknowledging that we are part of something bigger than this local church. We join our voice to Christians around the globe and throughout history who have confessed these same words.

Greetings & Fellowship (w/ Dismissal & Blessing of Children)

Welcome to all newcomers and visiting guests today. We are glad you are here! We’d love to connect with you through the welcome card linked to the QR code. Also during this time, parents can return clipboards, visit the bathroom with littles, and take them upstairs for children’s church! (See back panel for more!)

Since we have peace with God through the work of Jesus, we gladly extend peace to one another and welcome each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Receiving of New Members (Vespers only)

- Tate & Emily Bartholow (w/ baby boy Bartholow!)

Jesus himself builds His church and hell will not prevail against it. As people join the church, vows are spoken, and everyone is blessed.

Preaching of God’s Word: 2 Kings 1.1-18

“Fire From Heaven”

Pastor Josh Lee

¹ After the death of Ahab, Moab rebelled against Israel. ² Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and lay sick; so he sent messengers, telling them, “Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this sickness.” ³ But the angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, “Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, ‘Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?’ ⁴ Now therefore thus says the Lord, You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.” So Elijah went. ⁵ The messengers returned to the king, and he said to them, “Why have you returned?” ⁶ And they said ... [Continue on Slides/Bibles]

Because God has spoken to us through His Word we strive to proclaim what it says and teach what it means. Through it, the Church receives training, correction, encouragement, and a deeper experience of the gospel of Jesus.

Benediction: Numbers 6.24-26

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

God gets the final word in the worship service. And with it He chooses to bless His people. That is what the word benediction means: “blessing.” Go in the peace of His blessing!