

# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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January 14, 2024

Second Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 am

+ GATHERING +

#### **PRELUDES**

Communion

Brightest and Best of the Stars

Arioso

Robert Hobby

Ron Boud

# **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<We stand.>

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

#### Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

<We kneel>

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant.

Renew our creation.

Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

<We stand.> Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken:

The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

## Amen.

# **GATHERING HYMN**

# **Brightest and Best of the Stars**

**ELW 303** 

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

# **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

ELW page 139

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. God of the Word,

in the parable of the sower you showed us how your word can take root and grow within us. Nurture the seeds of your word in our hearts and help us to grow in faith and love. Amen.

<We sit.>

+ WORD +

**READING** Psalm 126 Pew Bible pg. 499

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

The Gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

**Mark 4:1-34** *Pew Bible pg. 815* 

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

<We sit.>

**SERMON** Pastor Matthew Titus

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY Almighty God, Your Word is Cast ELW 516

# **APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

<We kneel.>

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition will end with "God of grace" and the response is "receive our prayer." At the conclusion of the prayers, we respond with "Amen."

<We stand.>

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share the peace however you and those around you are comfortable.

<We sit.>

#### RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

**ANTHEM** 

Saw You Never in the Twilight

Hal H. Hopson

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

**ELW 182** 

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray,.... and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.** 

# **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

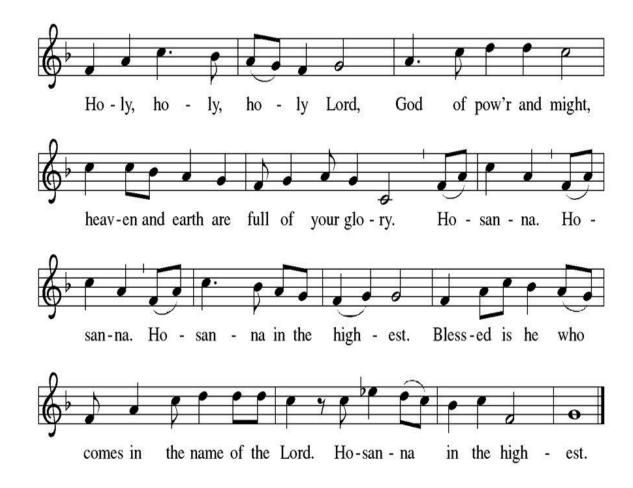
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE ELW pg. 144

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

### INVITATION TO THE MEAL

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

<We sit.>

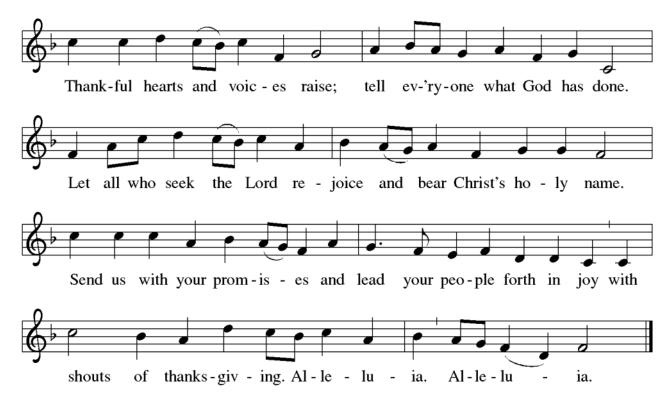
#### COMMUNION

Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world. You are invited to come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice of wine. If you are not able, the meal will be brought to you in your pew. A gluten—free wafer is available, upon request, for those who need it.

<We stand.>

# THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 



#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray ... for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# + SENDING +

## **SUNG BLESSING**

In the name of the Father.

In the name of the Father.

In the name of the Son.

In the name of the Son.

In the name of the Spirit.

In the name of the Spirit.

The Three-in-One.

The Three-in-One.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you.

May God's face shine upon you.

May God's blessings be with you.

May God's blessings be with you.

And give you peace.

And give you peace.

# SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

**ELW 547** 

<Please turn and face the rear of the nave.>

# **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Voluntary in D Major

John Stanley

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# Worship Leadership

Pastor Matthew Titus Worship Leader Worship Assistant George Franklin Piper Haskett Acolyte Crucifer Amelia Long

**Choir Director** Nicholas Todd Shumate Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr. Organist

Aubrey Guyton Youth Director Video Matt Bowers

Annette Belcher or Rebecca Sexton Audio

**Communion Prep** Polly Davis and Susan Hayes

#### Announcements

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Denise Reid.

Flower Chart - The 2024 Flower Chart is in the Narthex. Members and friends are encouraged to sign up for a Sunday. You may sign up on the chart or contact the church office to reserve a particular date. The following upcoming dates are available: March 31 (Easter), April 14, and April 21. There are also many other dates throughout 2024 to fill.

The Worship and Music Committee is planning a workshop to repair our banners. If you are interested in learning more about the banners or are able to help make repairs, please let Huger Caughman, Jr. know. A date has not been set yet, but will be forthcoming.



With the NFL Playoffs set to begin this Saturday, we will join in the opportunity to care for those in need in our community as we participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring. You are encouraged to place donated food items in either the NFC bin or the AFC bin in the narthex. No matter who wins the Big Game, GAAP will win big!

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There are times that Pastor Matt and Donna both have to be away from the office at the same time. So as not to leave the office unattended, we are asking for volunteers that will answer the phone and take messages during these times. If you are available and can help out, please let Donna know.

Redeemer has been helping GAAP quite a bit on the THIRD Saturday of each month, you are all welcome to come volunteer every Saturday, but especially SATURDAY, January 20, don't hesitate to get in touch with Kevin Dove or the church office for more information.

The next quarter of 'Christ in Our Home' devotionals are available in the narthex!

The Heartland Conference Lay School of Religion will be held on Tuesday evenings in January at Grace Lutheran Church. The first day is THIS COMING TUESDAY (1/16/24) from 7-9 pm. Three classes will be offered - Adult Confirmation, The History between the Palestinians and the Israelis, and David and the Soap Opera of His Life. Please see the brochure in the narthex for complete information. The cost of this program is only \$20!

**Lutheridge is hosting a 'Theology on Tap'** in Asheville at the end of April (26-28). All those 21+ are welcome to join as the group will explore light and darkness imagery in scripture as while drinking light and dark brews. Contact PM for more info.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14 - JANUARY 20, 2024

Today	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship
	4:00 pm	Confirmation
Monday	OFFICE CLOSED	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
	6:00 pm	Congregation Council
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir - McCullough Music Ministry Room
	7:00 pm	Senior Choir - McCullough Music Ministry Room
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

# Attendance for January 7, 2024

Sunday School	23
In-Person	105
Online	90
Total	195

# **Offering Last Sunday:**

Received 1-7-24
General Operating Account - \$4,367.84
Major Maintenance Account - \$481.00
Ded Acct - Choral Scholarship -\$200.00