

# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026 - 10:30 am

A warm welcome to The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer!

The Feast of the Epiphany, and the season that follows, draws us into a new reality. In this season, we proclaim that the light revealed in Jesus Christ is the light that shines in the darkness—a light that gives life to all. We declare that this light is not meant for a single people or place, but for the whole world. The visit of the Magi—foreigners and seekers, guided by a star—signals that God’s self-giving love in Christ reaches beyond familiar boundaries and expectations. The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh point to who this child truly is: king, priest, and suffering servant. Even at the manger, the shadow of the cross and the promise of resurrection are present.

For the Church, this season calls for our renewed faith in the light—so that our lives may be transformed and, through that transformation, increasingly become reflections of the light that shines upon us. We are invited to live as people shaped by that light: attentive to God’s presence and willing to follow Christ wherever he leads.

May this season of Epiphany renew our vision, steady our hope, and send us out rejoicing—to bear the light of Christ to a waiting world.

Whether you are a long-time member, a newcomer to our parish, or simply exploring your faith, we are delighted to have you join us. We are a family of faith dedicated to sharing God's love and grace through worship, fellowship, and service.

We invite you to join us for our worship services, participate in our ministries, and become a part of our vibrant parish. May you feel the presence of the Holy Spirit among us and find a spiritual home here at Redeemer.

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The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer is a Christian community of diverse people called and guided by the Holy Spirit to nurture with God’s love those within and beyond our congregation.

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A place where God is at work!  
All are welcome. No exceptions.

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚ .....

**Voluntaries**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*  
*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*  
*Jesus, Still Lead On*

Wayne Wold  
Robert Hobby  
Paul Manz

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*<We stand.>*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*<We kneel.>*

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Amen.**

*<We stand..>*

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sins in ✚ Jesus's name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

*ELW Hymn 310*

**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.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



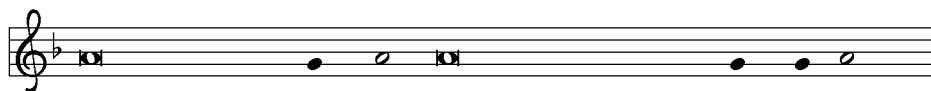
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



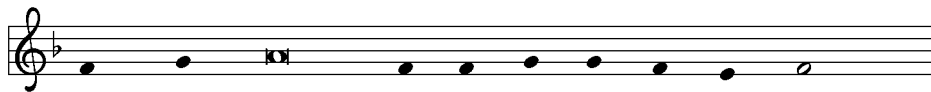
For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



A - men.

Assisting minister

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor -

ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, O Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone

are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together. God of life, **Show us in your living water, bringing us to new life, fresh and clean. Walk with us as we share the knowledge of your living water with others, so that all might live. Amen.**

<We sit.>

## READING

**Psalm 42:1-3**

*Pew Bible page 447*

*As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 4:1-42**

*Pew Bible page 864*

*Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John" (although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized), he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.*

*A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."*

*Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."*

*Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.*

*Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."*

*Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."*

*<At the conclusion of the reading>*

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

*<We sit.>*

**SERMON**

**Rev. Matthew Titus**

*<We stand.>*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**For All the Faithful Women**

*ELW Hymn 419*

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**APOSTLE'S 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,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
and 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

<We kneel.>

*Each prayer petition will end with "Merciful God," and the response is "receive our prayer."*

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

<We stand.>

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also, with you.**

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

<We sit.>

..... ✙ MEAL ✙ .....

## RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

### Light of the World

Karen Marrolli

Kevin Dove, flute

<We stand.>

### OFFERTORY

### Create in Me a Clean Heart

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it."



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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

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.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, ...

... both now and forever.

**Amen**

## 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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

<We sit.>

## COMMUNION

*Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized. We come in faith, trusting Christ is truly present in the bread and wine – given for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen us for proclaiming God's love in the world. You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice. If you are unable to come forward, communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

<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

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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 you and keep you.

**May the Lord bless you 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

**O Zion, Haste**

*ELW Hymn 668*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

Robert Hobby

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory and in honor of all of our family members by Polly and Lee Davis.

## ..... ANNOUNCEMENTS .....

**Children's Choir** will begin rehearsals today immediately following the worship service in the choir room (Room 127). The Children's Choir is open to children in kindergarten through 3rd grade. For more information, please contact Huger Caughman, Jr.

**Souper Bowl of Caring** - we don't yet know who is going to win the Super Bowl on February 8, but we do know that we can Tackle Hunger together! Redeemer, Central, and Summer Memorial are teaming together for a small competition to donate food to GAAP! Join the fun! We will have a dedication of all food on Sunday February 8!

**WELCA** - will meet Sunday, **February 8th**, at 3:45 PM, in the church library for its business meeting. During our business meeting we will continue to discuss our BOLD Women's Sunday. At 4:00, Anne Caughman will present the program on Fanny Crosby. All women and friends of the congregation are welcome to attend.

**Bold Women's Sunday** will be February 22<sup>nd</sup>; the service will be led by the women of Redeemer.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 <b>Property Committee Mtg - 9am</b>  <b>Sunday School - 9:30am</b>  <b>Worship - 10:30am</b>  <b>Musical Showcase &amp; Banquet - 6pm</b>	2	3 <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am</b>     <b>Library Reserved</b>	4  <b>Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm</b> <b>Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm</b>	5	6	7	8 <b>Sunday School - 9:30am</b>  <b>Worship - 10:30am</b>  <b>WELCA - 3:45pm</b>  <b>Youth - Confirmation Class - 4pm</b>

### **Worship Leadership - This Sunday**

**Worship Asst:** Ernie Shealy

**Acolyte:** Zarek Reid

**Crucifer:** Elin Cary

**Comm Prep:** Kathy Riggin

**Altar Flowers:** Polly & Lee Davis

**Ushers:** Chad Cary, Norris Long,

Zeb Reid, Dennis Caughman

**Sunday, February 8, 2026**

**Worship Asst:** Kristin Caughman

**Acolyte:** Zoe Reid

**Crucifer:** Ashleigh Titus

**Comm Prep:** available

**Altar Flowers:** Gayle Lindley

**Ushers:** Susan Thomasson, Walter Jacobs,

Justin Guy, Dennis Caughman

### **Numbers for January 18, 2026:**

#### **Attendance:**

Sunday School: 24

In-Person: 57

Online: 246

**Total: 303**

#### **Offering:**

Gen Op Account: \$8,381.76

Major Maintenance: \$1,577.50

Roof Repair Fund: \$100.00

Redeemer Music Fund: \$500.00

**The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor • Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper**

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

**A/V Team: Annette Belcher, Wayden Caughman, Nikki Chapman, and Matt Bowers**

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# Epiphany I Spy and Count



## BIBLE VERSE TO LEARN:

“When they saw the star,  
they rejoiced with  
exceeding great joy.

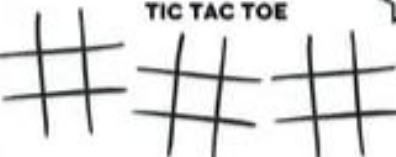
Matthew 2:10”

## WORD SEARCH

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E Q M A N G E R K  
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U L R Y N M A G I  
S T A R G O L D G  
Z E M Y R R H Y S  
B E T H L E H E M

JESUS MAGI GIFT  
GOLD JOURNEY MANGER  
MYRRH STAR BETHLEHEM

## TIC TAC TOE



## DID YOU KNOW?

Epiphany celebrates  
when the Wise Men  
followed the star to find  
baby Jesus – the day  
Jesus was revealed to  
the world as God's Son.



How many  
can you find?



## WORD SCRAMBLE

ARTS \_\_\_\_\_  
SUJES \_\_\_\_\_  
TILGH \_\_\_\_\_  
FTGI \_\_\_\_\_  
IMGA \_\_\_\_\_

(LOOK AT THE WORD SEARCH FOR CLUES!)