

# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026 - 10:30 am

A warm welcome to The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer!

The celebration of Epiphany, observed on January 6<sup>th</sup>, marks a pivotal moment in the Christian calendar, commemorating the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Son of God to the wider world. This event is most famously associated with the arrival of the Magi (or Wise Men) from the East, who followed a guiding star to worship Jesus, presenting gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Their journey symbolizes the universal reach of God's love, demonstrating that the message of salvation was intended not only for the Jewish people but for all nations and cultures. Epiphany reminds us that Christ's light has come to illuminate the darkness of the entire world, inviting everyone to come and adore Him.

This Sunday, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord, marking the start of Jesus's public ministry as God's beloved Son, with the Spirit descending like a dove and the Father's voice declaring His delight. His baptism, though for sinners, sanctifies the waters for us, inviting us to remember our own baptism, where we died to sin and rose to new life in Christ, becoming God's cherished children called to live out His love and righteousness in the 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**

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*

David Cherwien

*If Thou Art Near*

J. S. Bach

*Adagio from Sonata 1*

Felix Mendelssohn

**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**

**Oh, Worship the King**

*ELW Hymn 842*

**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.**

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



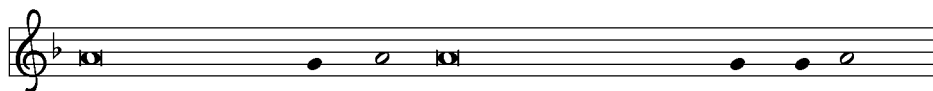
Lord, have mer - cy.



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,



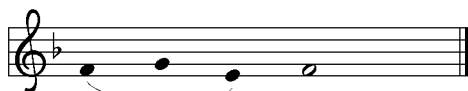
let us pray to the Lord.



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 revelation, **You made your son known at a wedding, a public celebration of love. Celebrate love with us by revealing Jesus in our midst. Amen.**

<We sit.>

..... ✚ **WORD** ✚ .....

## READING

**Psalm 104:14-16**

*Pew Bible page 483*

*You cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine and bread to strengthen the human heart. The trees of the field are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.*

<At the conclusion of the reading>

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 2:1-11**

*Pew Bible page 863*

*On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.*

<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

**When Jesus Came to Jordan**

*ELW Hymn 305*

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,ssZX  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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

### Walk In Light

Karen Marrolli

<We stand.>

### OFFERTORY

### Create in Me a Clean Heart

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

**Jesus Shall Reign**

*ELW Hymn 434*

## DISMISSAL

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

## VOLUNTARY

*Jesus Shall Reign*

Michael Burkhardt

..... **ANNOUNCEMENTS** .....

**Redeemer's Lutheran Men in Mission** will meet Tuesday, January 13, 7:00pm, in the Family Life Center for a breakfast meal of French toast, bacon, and eggs.

**A Wi' Bit of Scotland and Robert Burns** Join the Newberry Museum on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm for an evening of celebrating Scottish cuisine and the world-renowned bard, Robert Burns. Tickets are \$60/person and include authentic food, music, and poetry. Contact Bob Montgomery with any questions.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
11 <b>Sunday School -</b> 9:30am  <b>Worship - 10:30am</b>  <b>Youth</b> <b>Confirmation -</b> 4pm	12	13 <b>Finance</b> <b>Comm Mtg -</b> 6pm  <b>LMM - 7pm</b>  <b>Library</b> <b>Reserved</b>	14  <b>Handbell</b> <b>Choir</b> <b>Rehearsal -</b> 6pm <b>Senior Choir</b> <b>Rehearsal -</b> 7pm	15	16	17 <b>GAAP -</b> 10am	18 <b>Sunday School</b> - 9:30am  <b>Worship -</b> 10:30am  <b>FLC Reserved</b> - St Matthews Baptist Church

**Worship Leadership - This Sunday**

**Worship Asst:** Anne Caughman

**Acolyte:** Ellie Nguyen

**Crucifer:** Clyde Miller

**Comm Prep:** Kathy Riggin

**Ushers:** Susan Thomasson, Walter Jacobs,  
Justin Guy, Dennis Caughman

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**Worship Asst:** Anne Caughman

**Acolyte:** Rosealynn Sexton

**Crucifer:** Miriam Titus

**Comm Prep:** Susan Thomasson & Ann Jacobs

**Altar Flowers:** available

**Ushers:** Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia,  
Tom Gilson, Dennis Caughman

**Numbers for January 4, 2026:**

**Attendance:**

Sunday School: 26

In-Person: 74

Online: 143

**Total: 217**

**Offering:**

Gen Op Account: \$1,946.91

Major Maintenance: \$235.00

**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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***Prepare the way for the Lord!***