

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 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.

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.

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

..... ✝ **GATHERING** ✝

Voluntaries

Dearest Jesus, We are Here

As with Gladness Men of Old

Brightest and Best

David Cherwien

Michael Burkhardt

Robert Hobby

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

As with Gladness Men of Old

ELW Hymn 302

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.



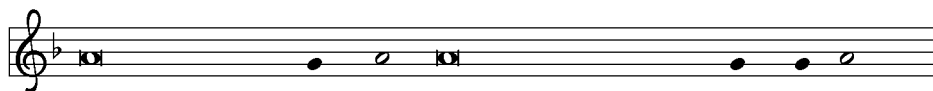
Lord, have mer - cy.



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,



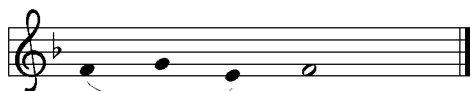
let us pray to the Lord.



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. Patient God, **your son, Jesus, expressed anger at abuses and injustice. Help us to show concern, not apathy, for injustice in our world, and teach us to make right all that may be wrong. Amen.**

<We sit.>

..... ✚ **WORD** ✚

READING

Psalm 127:1-2

Pew Bible page 499

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil, for he gives sleep to his beloved.

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 2:13-25

Pew Bible page 990

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone, for he himself knew what was in everyone.

<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

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

ELW Hymn 445

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

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel L. Schutte
arr. Ovid Young

<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.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

Arise, Your Light Has Come

ELW Hymn 314

DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

Arise, Your Light Has Come

Jeremy Bankson

..... ANNOUNCEMENTS

Redeemer's Annual Musical Showcase and Banquet will be held on Sunday, February 1 at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. The meal will include Tuscan chicken, rosemary potatoes, sautéed brussel sprouts, broccoli salad, chocolate lasagna, tea, water, and coffee.

The cost of the meal is \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, ages 5 and under are free. Tickets will be on sale in the church office and in the narthex starting on Sunday, January 18. The deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, January 28.

Bake Sale - please consider donating a baked item to be sold at the Musical Banquet – items will need to be in the FLC by 5:30 pm on February 1st. Contact Derryll with any questions.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
18 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am FLC Reserved - St Matthews Baptist Church	19 MLK Day Office Closed Congregational Council Meeting - 6pm	20 Library Reserved	21 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	22	23	24	25 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am

Worship Leadership – This Sunday

Worship Asst: Anne Caughman

Acolyte: available

Crucifer: Miriam Titus

Comm Prep: Susan Thomasson & Ann Jacobs

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

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Worship Asst: Mary Alex Kopp

Acolyte: Adam Boozer

Crucifer: Dennis Caughman

Comm Prep: Kathy Riggan

Altar Flowers: available

Ushers: Elmer Long, Mack Garner,
Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman

Numbers for January 11, 2026:

Attendance:

Sunday School: 23

In-Person: 83

Online: 117

Total: 200

Offering:

Gen Op Account: \$4,951.00

Major Maintenance: \$600.00

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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FIRST MIRACLE	REVELATION	MELCHIOR
FRANKINCENSE	BALTHAZAR	BAPTISM
WISE MEN	BETHLEHEM	HOLIDAY
THREE KINGS	CHRISTIAN	JANUARY
TWELFTH DAY	EPIPHANY	CASPAR