

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 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

Abide With Me

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

Borning Cry

David Christiansen

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Robert Hobby

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>>

CONFSSION 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

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELW Hymn 311

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

A musical score for the Kyrie in G clef, common time. The lyrics are in English, and the music consists of eight staves of music with corresponding lyrics below each staff.

1. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.

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

3. 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.

4. Lord, have mer - cy.

5. For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

6. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

ELW page 148

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. Birthing God, **You gave us new life when we were born of water and Spirit. Help us live into that new life, refreshed and renewed for your work. Amen.**

<We sit.>>

READING**Psalm 139:13-18**

Pew Bible page 503

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them – they are more than the sand; I come to the end – I am still with you.

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 3:1-21

Pew Bible page 863

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

<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

Borning Cry

ELW Hymn 732

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

Kevin Dove, flute

<We stand.>

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Karen Marrolli

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.*

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are as follows:

C 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.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

In the name of the Father.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

In the name of the Son.

May God's face shine upon you.

In the name of the Son.

May God's face shine upon you.

In the name of the Spirit.

May God's blessings be with you.

In the name of the Spirit.

May God's blessings be with you.

The Three-in-One.

And give you peace.

The Three-in-One.

And give you peace.

SENDING HYMN

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW Hymn 729

DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

J. Bert Carlson

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of her parents, Lottie and Aubrey Davis by Gayle Lindley.

..... **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Children's Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, February 1 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.

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.

WELCA - will meet the second Sunday in February, February 8th, at 3:45pm for its business meeting. At 4:00pm, Anne Caughman will present the program on Fanny J. Crosby.

Bold Women's Sunday will be February 22nd; the service will be led by the women of Redeemer.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
25 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Youth - Confirmation @ 4pm	26	27 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am Library Reserved	28 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	29	30	31	1 Property Committee Mtg - 9am Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am FLC Reserved

Worship Leadership - This Sunday

Worship Asst: Alanna Boozer

Acolyte: Adam Boozer

Crucifer: Dennis Caughman

Comm Prep: Kathy Riggan

Altar Flowers: Gayle Lindley

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

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Worship Asst: Ernie Shealy

Acolyte: Zarek Reid

Crucifer: Ashleigh Titus

Comm Prep: available

Altar Flowers: Polly & Lee Davis

Ushers: Chad Cary, Norris Long,
Zeb Reid, 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

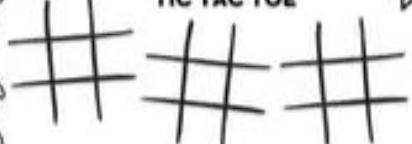
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can you find?

WORD SEARCH

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JESUS MAGI GIFT
GOLD JOURNEY MANGER
MYRRH STAR BETHLEHEM

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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.



WORD SCRABBLE

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(LOOK AT THE WORD SEARCH FOR CLUES!)