

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Second Sunday of Christmas

January 4, 2026 - 10:30 am

A warm welcome to The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer!

In the fullness of time, God sent His Son, born of Mary, to dwell among us. The eternal Word took flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth. In the humility of a child laid in a manger, God's boundless love is made known, and heaven is joined to earth.

At Christmas we rejoice in the mystery of the Incarnation: that God enters the world not in power or triumph, but in vulnerability and mercy. The light that dawns in Bethlehem shines in every place of darkness, proclaiming peace, restoring hope, and calling all creation into new life. As we gather to celebrate this holy feast, may we receive again the gift of Emmanuel God with us – and be renewed in faith, hope, and love. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

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

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Neil Harmon

What is This Lovely Fragrance

Paul Manz

Prince of Peace

Handbell Choir

arr. Bill Ingram

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>>

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **†** one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

<We kneel.>>

Reconciling God,

we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace.

We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harms your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news.

Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.

Amen.

<We stand..>>

God's grace upon grace flows over you. **†** Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

GATHERING HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

ELW Hymn 275

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.

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. God of all people, you called many by name, asking them to follow Jesus and obey. Call us by name, and help us to follow and obey. Amen.

<We sit.>>

..... + WORD +

READING**Psalm 66:1-5**

Pew Bible page 459

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." Selah Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

<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 1:35-51

Pew Bible page 862

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

<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**Love Has Come**

ELW Hymn 292

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,
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

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

<We kneel.>

Each prayer petition will end with "Hear us, O God," and the response is "Your mercy is great."

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ 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

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Carl Schalk

<We stand.>

OFFERTORY

What Child Is This (vs. 3)

ELW Hymn 296



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

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

Holy One, the beginning and the end, ...

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

... We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

... Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

... one God, 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

God is now in flesh appearing. Come to the feast of joy!

<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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Sondra Tucker

<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

God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. **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 First Noel

ELW Hymn 300

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest! **And peace to God's people on earth!**

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace. **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

The First Noel

Neil Harmon

..... ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come help us pack away our Advent and Christmas decorations today at 2:00 pm. All help is needed!

WELCA - Our first meeting of 2026 will be today at 3:45 PM in the church library. We'll have our business meeting and then at 4:00 continue with our program. Derryll Satterwhite will be presenting her favorite hymns from our Then Sings My Soul, Book 2 books, or she may decide to select a special hymn(s) from another book. We'll have to wait and see! All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

The Handbell and Senior Choirs will resume regular rehearsals on Wednesday, January 7 at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm, respectively. If you would like to join our music ministry, come attend one of our rehearsals or contact Nicholas Shumate.

A Wi' Bit of Scotland and Robert Burns Join the Newberry Museum on Saturday, January 24th 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
04 Property Com. - 9:00am Lib. Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am WELCA - 3:45pm	05 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	06 Library Reserved	07 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	08	09	10	11 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Youth Confirmation - 4pm

Worship Leadership - This Sunday

Worship Asst: Robbie Kopp

Acolyte: Jacob Chapman

Crucifer: McKenzie Garner

Comm Prep: Ann Jacobs & Susan Thomasson

Altar Flowers: available

Ushers: Chad Cary, Norris Long,
Zeb Reid, Dennis Caughman

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Worship Asst:

Acolyte: Ellie Nguyen

Crucifer: Clyde Miller

Comm Prep:

Altar Flowers:

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

Numbers for December 28, 2025:

Attendance:

Sunday School: 16

In-Person: 45

Online: 214

Total: 259

Offering:

Gen Op Account: \$1,933.00

Major Maintenance: \$295.00

Abiding Memorial: \$40.00

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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The Wise Men's Story