

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (DIVINE SERVICE 4)

JANUARY 21, 2024
8:00 AND 11:00

WELCOME GUESTS If you're looking for a church home, we hope you'll consider Redeemer. Check out the resources on the information cart, the library in the narthex, or www.redeemer-lutheran.net. If you have questions about this congregation or about the Lutheran Church, feel free to ask an usher or the Pastor. Please fill out a fellowship card (found in this worship bulletin) and drop it in today's collection plate, providing a phone number and e-mail address. To offer a special public thanksgiving prayer or for those in need, please fill out a blue "Prayer Card" found in the narthex. Give the card to an usher or place it in the offering plate. Large print versions of this bulletin are available upon request at the ushers' station. Thank you for worshiping with us.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Gracious God, Heavenly Father, You sent Your only Son – the Word made flesh – to call the world to the kingdom of salvation through the repentance of sin. From the mouth of Jesus comes a command and a promise. Be with me this morning and allow me to hear both in faith. In the name of the crucified Savior I pray. Amen.

JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY (Mark 1:14-20) A whole series of events is set off when the political authorities in Galilee have had enough of John the Baptist's incessant proclamation. The great beginning is revealed to us in Mark 1:14a: "Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee...". Jesus does not "go and hide" in Galilee – He takes over. It is now Jesus himself who will do the proclaiming. The time of preparation has ended. God's salvation is right at hand. And what is the content? What is the message from the mouth of the Man sent to save? Mark leaves no room for speculation or debate: "The time has come, and God's reign is upon you. Repent, and put your trust in the Proclamation" (Mark 1:14-15). This is the tune Jesus will now sing – with divine authority – from this point on, until His ministry is complete on a cross outside of Jerusalem.

PRELUDE

OPENING VERSE

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

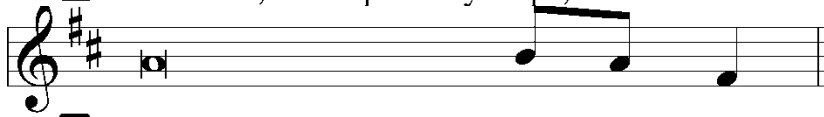
Cong.: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

(Psalm 118:24)

✠ PREPARATION ✠



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

HYMN

“O Christ, Our True and Only Light” [LSB hymn 839]



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

(Matthew 28:19b)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Cong.: who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Cong.: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

(Psalm 130:3-4)

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Luke 18:13b)

Cong.: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

(John 20:19-23)

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠ INTROIT

(Psalm 113:1-2, 4, 7-8; *antiphon*: Psalm 113:3)

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!
Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

**Cong.: Blessèd be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!**

Pastor: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

Cong.: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needs from the ash heap,

Pastor: to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

(2 Timothy 4:22)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And with your spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Sit

Elder: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Old Testament Reading (page 775 in the pew Bibles)**Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (page 956 in the pew Bibles)**1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. (John 20:31)

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel (page 836 in the pew Bibles)

Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“Within the Father’s House” [LSB hymn 410]



1 With-in the Fa-ther's house The Son has found His home,
2 The doc-tors of the Law Gaze on the won-drous child
3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might-y truth to know,
4 The se-cret of the Lord Es-capes each hu-man eye,



And to His tem-ple sud-den-ly The Lord of life has come.
And mar-vel at His gra-cious words Of wis-dom un-de-filed.
To lift the earth-ly veil that hides In-car-nate God be-low.
And faith-ful pon-d'ring hearts a-wait The full e-piph-a-ny.

5 Lord, visit Thou our souls
And teach us by Thy grace
Each dim revealing of Thyself
With loving awe to trace

△ 6 Till we behold Thy face
And know as we are known
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Coequal Three in One.

Sit

SERMON

“A Balancing Act”

(Pastor Tom Miller)

OFFERTORY

(Psalm 51:10-12)



☐ 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 Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it



from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-



tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

OFFERING

You may place your offering in the plate as you exit the service.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1- 4)

Pastor: *Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.*

Lord God, heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner but that all would repent and believe the Gospel. In the epiphany of Your Son, Your time of salvation and Your kingdom have come near. As this world passes away, give faithfulness and urgency to Your Church to proclaim the Gospel of our God to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of the harvest, as You called Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John to follow You and made them fishers of men, so send faithful preachers of Your Gospel in our time. Increase the spirit of generosity to all who support the missionaries, seminaries, colleges and other institutions of our Church for the spread of the Gospel and the service of God's people. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Eternal Lord, in view of every current distress as the present form of this world passes away, give constancy and contentment to Your people in their God-given stations. Give comfort and faithfulness to the married, and strengthen them to pass on the faith to the next generation. Show kindness also to the unmarried and assure them of the holiness of their place in life, that they would be freed from anxiety and attend to holiness in body and spirit, undividedly devoted to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, preserve our nation with its rulers. Call to repentance those who have forgotten You. Spare our president; our governor; and all who serve for the good of this people. Do not let disaster befall us, but preserve us in peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful Father, turn us from every distracting anxiety and the dealings of this world that would draw our hearts away from Your blessed Gospel and its end, eternal life. Give us confidence in the resurrection and the peace of a clean conscience by the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name. Graciously behold and help those for whom we pray *especially* Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, in Your Holy Sacrament You deliver the Gospel proclaimed by Your Son and won by His death in His true body and blood. Work repentance and faith in all who commune, and unite them in a sincere confession of Your divine truth at this altar. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

Cong.: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong.: We lift them to the Lord.

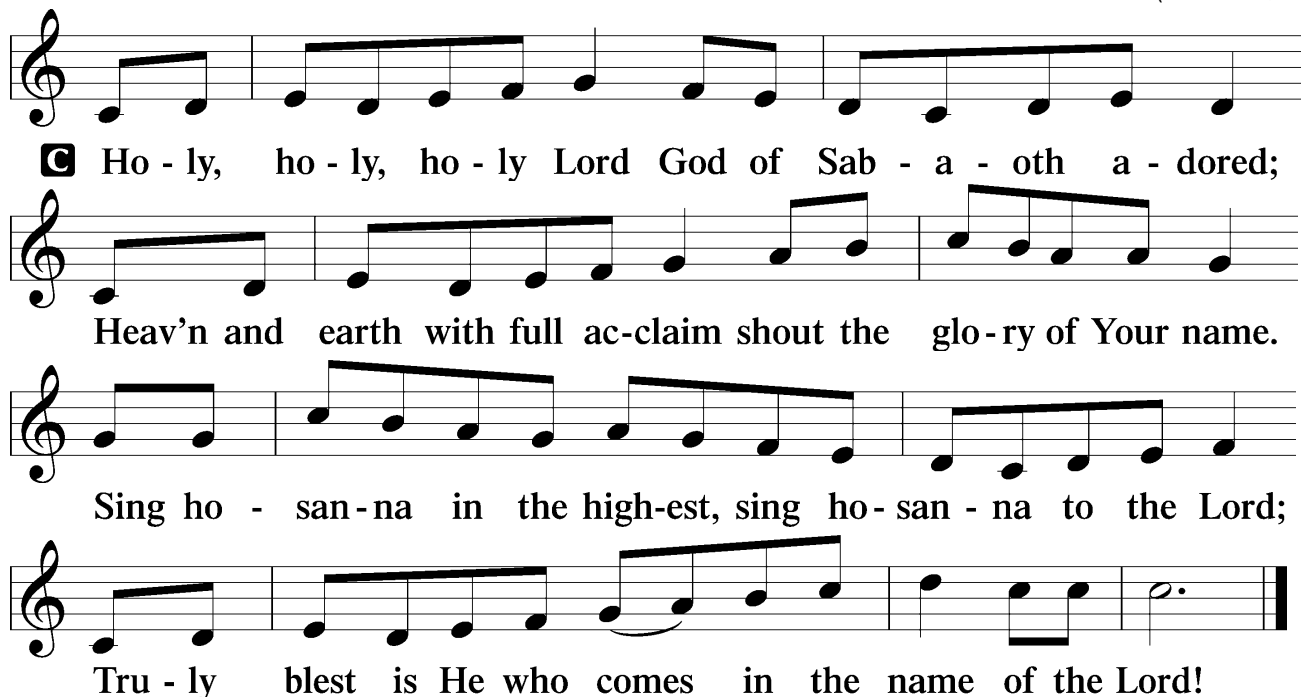
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Cong.: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

(Isaiah 6:3; Mathew 21:9)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6: 9-13)

Pastor: 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.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22: 19-20; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-25)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

(John 20:19)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong.: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

(John 1: 29)

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor of this congregation. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

What actually is the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) should be received, after proper instruction and preparation, in the sure and certain confidence that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine to forgive the sin of all who receive him in repentance (according to 1Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:17-33; Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-30). Please review the questions on pages 326-27 and 329-330 in the front part of "Lutheran Service Book" for a proper understanding of this holy meal.

Who may properly come to the Lord's Supper?

You are invited to receive Christ's true body and blood if you:

- ☐ have been Baptized into the name of the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit);
- ☐ repent of your sin against God and recognize your need to forgive others as God has forgiven you;
- ☐ put your trust in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation;
- ☐ are old enough to examine your own faith and life (according to 1Corinthians 11:27-32);
- ☐ believe in the words of Jesus himself when he declares that his Body and Blood are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine, offering life, salvation and the forgiveness of sins;
- ☐ sincerely intend to live a God-pleasing life in accordance with God's will as revealed in the Bible;
- ☐ have received instruction about the Supper at a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation.

I now come to the Lord's Table having read, understood and agreed with these beliefs.

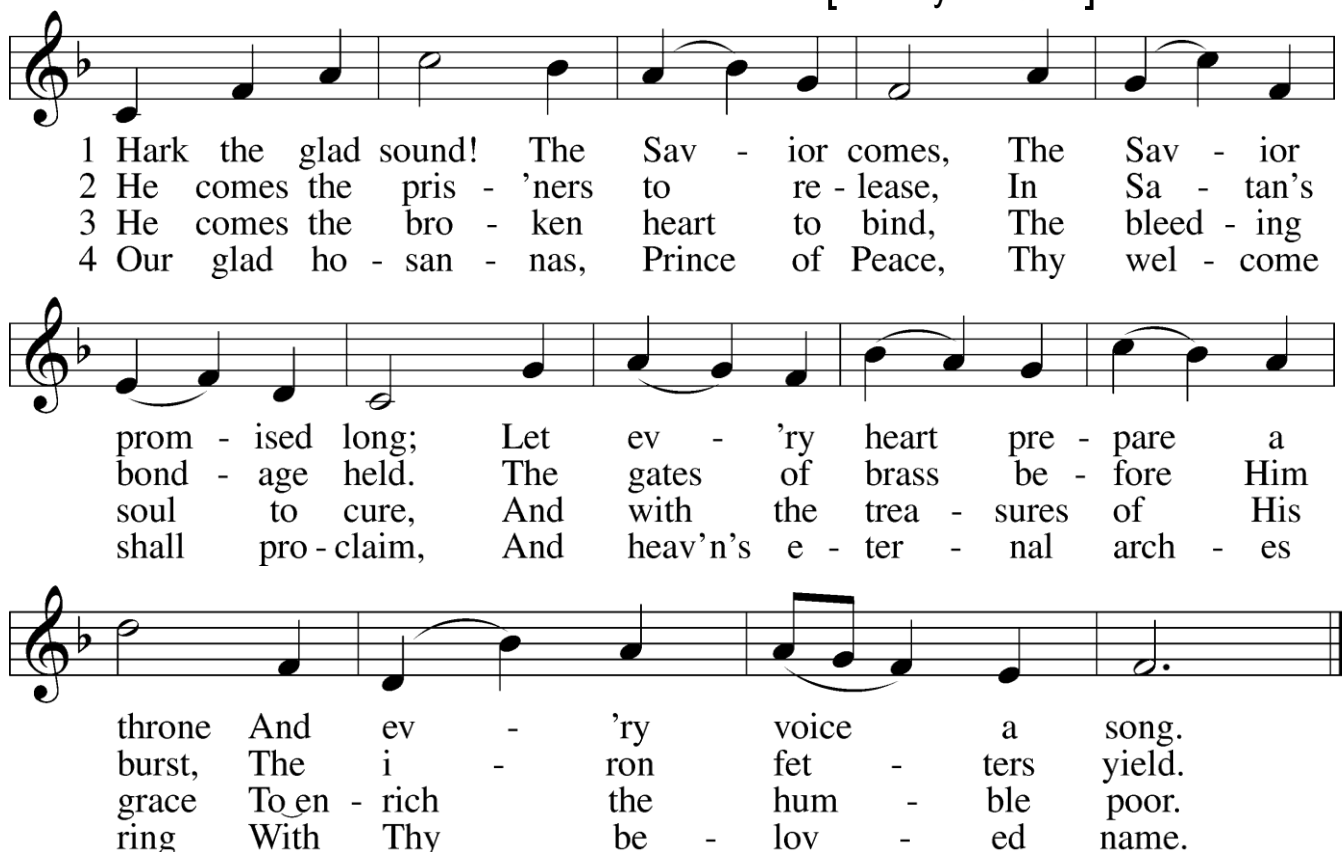
PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNING

*Almighty Lord Jesus Christ,
as often as I shall come
to Your holy table to refresh my spirit,
I pray You to make me,
unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace;
impure as I am, to make me clean;
naked as I am, to clothe me,
so that Your body, so full of divine power,
and Your most precious blood may not become for me, Your servant,
the occasion for judgment or punishment,
but a memorial of the death You underwent for me,
a strengthening of my faith,
a proof of the taking away of my sins,
a bond of closer union with You and Your people,
an increase of holiness,
the basis of a glad resurrection,
and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.*

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

“Hark the Glad Sound” [LSB hymn 349]



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

“The Star Proclaims the King Is Here” [LSB hymn 399]



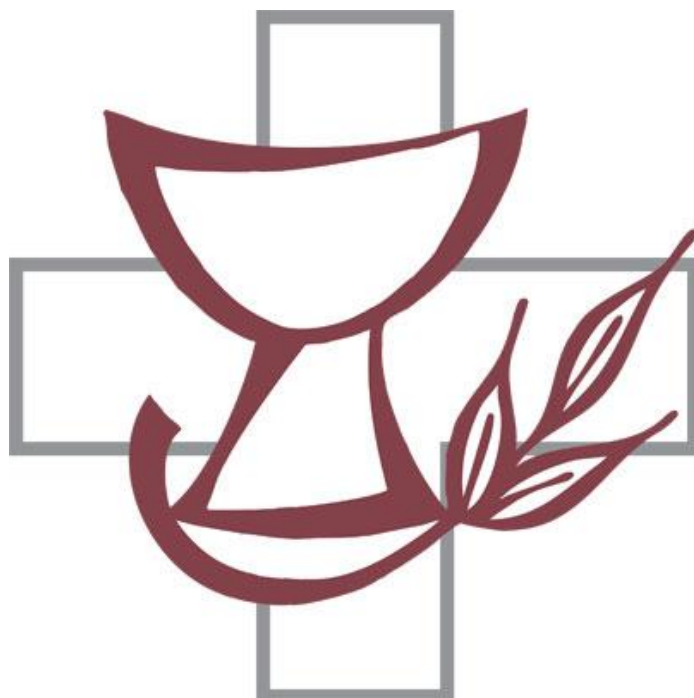
1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
 2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed
 3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly
 4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter
 Δ 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly
 on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they
 Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was
 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
 Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
 trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.
 known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.
 flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
 dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.



“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” [LSB hymn 400]



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
 3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



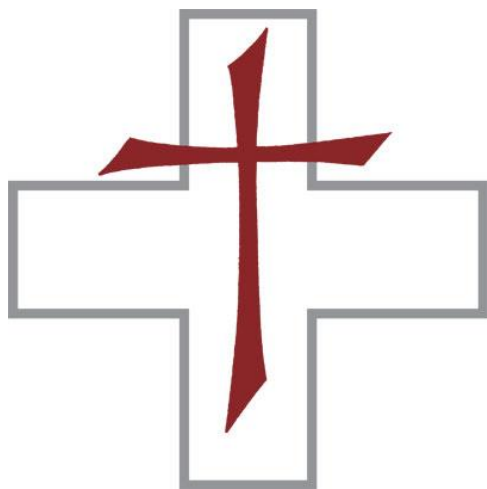
Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
 Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.
 Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;
 Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



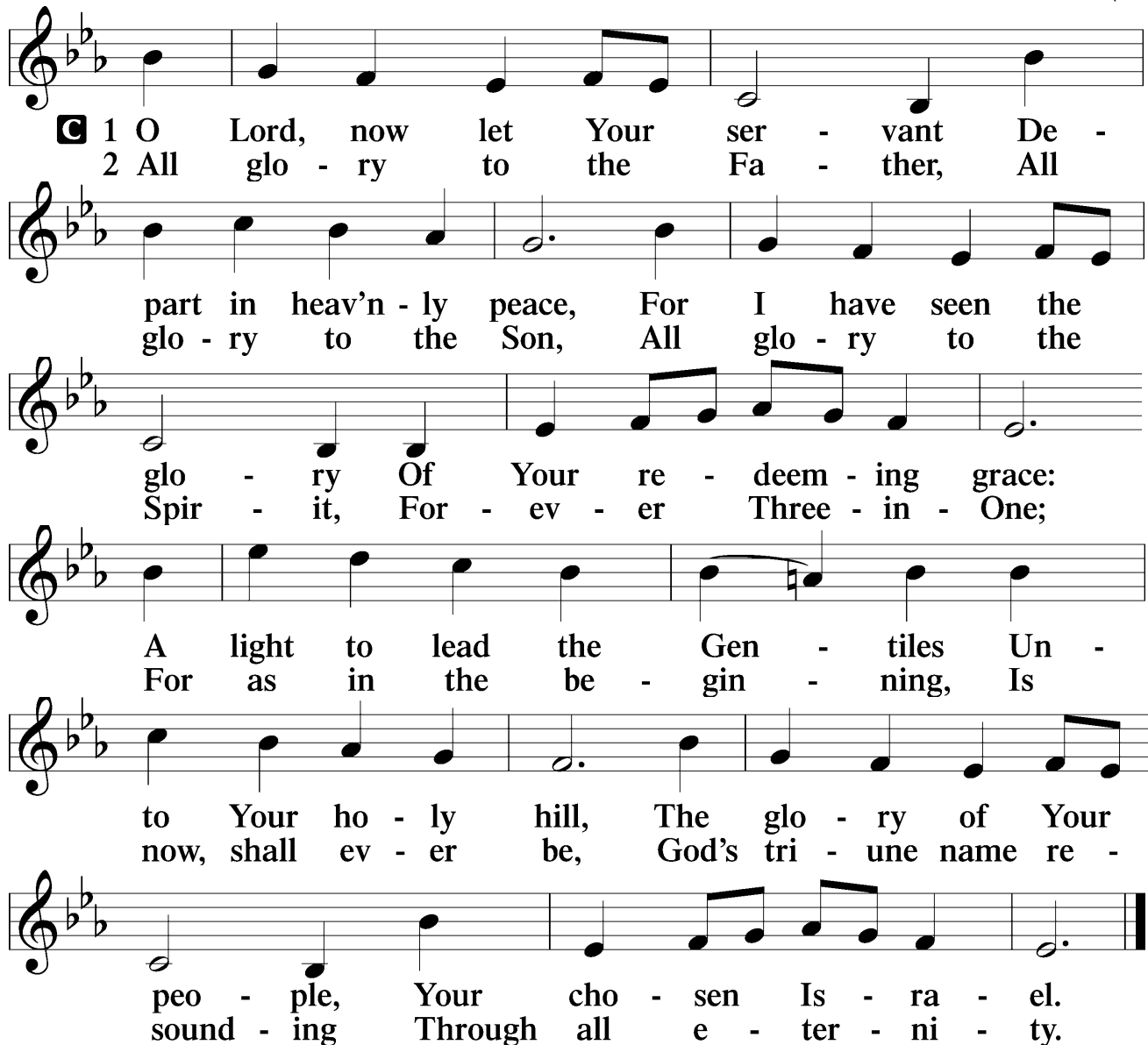
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
 Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.



Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

(Luke 2:29-32)



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

(Psalm 103:1)

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong.: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6: 24-26)

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you His peace.

Cong.: Amen.

HYMN

“Hail, O Source of Every Blessing” [LSB hymn 409]



1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our
2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach Your
3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their

hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, In Your
sa - cred throne, In Your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed, Rec - on -
of - f' rings bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus

courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore You,
ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern sa - ges,
Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,

In Your Church re - jice to live, See Your glo - ry
See the Star of Mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid in
Live de - vot - ed to Your praise, Glo - rious realms of

and a - dore You, Thank - ful for the grace You give.
for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.
bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

(Psalm 103:1)

POSTLUDE

SERVING OUR LORD AND HIS PEOPLE TODAY

8:00 Service

11:00 Service

Acolytes:	Ryker Deen	Matthew Witkamp
Ushers:	Warren Woodbury	Gary Yudin
	Kevin Woodbury	Ted Witkamp
Elders/Readers:	Steve Snyder	Rick Ritchie
	Adam Volkert	Roman Jurenka
Organist:	Matt Laub	
Altar Guild:	Chris Ohlendorf, Marie Jurenka, Margaret Button, Mary Tesmer	

LAST SUNDAY WE PRAYED FOR:

HEALING Larry Mickelson is beginning to walk again and has less pain. Prayers for this to continue.

SAFETY DURING TRAVEL Natalie is travelling with the Reynolds family to South Africa on a Safari. Please pray that they have a wonderful journey and to safely get back home. Natalie is the daughter of Pamela.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: Catherine Wuckert 1/23; Theodore Witkamp 1/25

THIS WEEK'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Ron & Patti Smith 1/26

THIS WEEK'S BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Cheryl Belohlavek 1/23; Adeline Jurenka 1/25; Gabriella Gasparian 1/26; Gina Gasparian 1/26; Ella Treglia 1/27; Gary Yudin 1/27

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NEWS AND NOTES

JANUARY 21, 2024

Opportunities This Week To Serve Our Lord And Our Neighbor

21 Sunday	<i>3rd Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	
	Divine Service	8:00 & 11:00 AM
	Sunday School/Confirmation Classes	9:30 AM
	Adult Bible Study “The Screwtape Letters”	9:30 AM
	(in the Sanctuary with Karen Miller)	
	NEW Information Class A Simple Explanation of	9:30 AM
	Lutheranism (in the Music Room with Rick Ritchie)	
	Pizza & salad for lunch for those attending voter’s meeting	12:15 PM
	Voter’s Meeting	1:00 PM
22 Monday	Church Office Closed	
	National Lutheran Schools Week (January 22-26)	
	Al Anon	10:00 AM
	Boy Scouts	7:00 PM
	Celestial Ringers	7:00 PM
23 Tuesday	Preschool Chapel	9:30 AM
	Worship Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
	Al Anon	6:00 PM
	Sanctuary Choir	7:00 PM
24 Wednesday		
25 Thursday		
26 Friday	Preschool Chapel	9:30 AM
27 Saturday	Oratio, Meditatio, Tentatio Prayer group	9:00 AM
	Sewing Group	9:30 AM-5:00 PM
28 Sunday	<i>4th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	
	Service of the Word	8:00 & 11:00 AM
	Guest Pastor Rev. Dr. Michael Eschelbach	
	Sunday School/Confirmation Classes	9:30 AM
	Adult Bible Study “The Screwtape Letters”	9:30 AM
	(in the Sanctuary with Karen Miller)	
	NEW Information Class A Simple Explanation of	9:30 AM
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For Further Information Please Call the Church Office at 714-846-6330

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Preschool Office Hours: Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM

BIBLE STUDIES

“Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ” (Romans 10:17)

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

“The Screwtape Letters” (9:30 AM with Karen Miller in the Sanctuary)

REDEEMER'S STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 133

*God has given each of us gifts and calls us in 1 Peter 4:10,11 to
"use them to serve one another that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ".*



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP Mark 1:14-15 "Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.'" To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?

AROUND REDEEMER

WORSHIP SERVICES AT REDEEMER are offered in our Sanctuary on Sundays at 8:00 and 11:00 AM and available online at 8:00 AM on www.facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranHB/ as a Facebook live stream, and accessible from www.redeemer-lutheran.net. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM for Sunday School.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL our children will study the Scripture's account, "**Sin Enters the World,**" as the devil tempted Adam and Eve to sin. With the fall into sin came God's punishment of death . . . but also His promise of a Savior. You might discuss, "*How does sin affect us as a family? How does God's promise of a Savior give us comfort?*"

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY February 10th our speaker will be Rev. Erick Sorensen. The topic is parables and the presentation will be "**Why Me Lord?**" Please RSVP to the church office for breakfast.

IMPORTANT VOTER'S MEETING Redeemer members are encouraged to attend the Voter's Assembly today, January 21st at 1:00 PM. We will have pizza and salad lunch at 12:15 PM for those attending the voter's meeting.

NEW INFORMATION CLASS is continuing through February 11th. It is a class explaining "**A Simple Explanation of Lutheranism**" for anyone one who is interested in membership and knowing what we believe. Rick Ritchie will be leading the class on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the music room.

PRAYER VIGIL Join us for some or all of our Prayer Vigil on Saturday, February 3rd, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM in the Redeemer Fellowship Hall. We will hear scripture, sing hymns and pray for all in need. If you would like to bring food to share, please call Pamella Clugston at 714-846-6330.

GAME NIGHT Come join us in faith, friendship and Tabletop Board gaming every month on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 5:30 to 10 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Game Night page on our website, located under Events, has a link to the Faith, Hope and Board Games Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/298382040682962/> where the most current information can be found. This is a private group, but if you send a request to join, an Admin will respond. You can also contact Christopher Lundgren via the Church Office for more information.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

HELP A CHILD GO TO SCHOOL The Redeemer Lutheran Preschool Board has established a Preschool Scholarship Fund. We have had families visit our school who simply cannot afford the tuition and were not approved for governmental assistance. We would like to offer these families a good Christian education for their children. To donate to this fund, please make your check payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church with "Preschool Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of Redeemer Lutheran Preschool.



JANUARY HYMN OF THE MONTH

WITHIN THE FATHER'S HOUSE - LSB 410 "Within the Father's House" is expressly suited to the Epiphany reading of the visit by the boy Jesus to the temple (Luke 2:46-47). The hymn's author, James Russell Woodford (1820-85), makes it clear that the mystery of the incarnate God escapes even the most learned until God should manifest Himself in Christ.

The same is true for the unlearned.

From beginning to doxology, the hymn confesses the sublime mystery. "The mighty truth" of stanza 3 and "the secret of the Lord" of stanza 4 refer to the inscrutable wonder that is God Himself: "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" (stanza 6).

Doctors of the law, notwithstanding their scholarship or wisdom, can only marvel at the child Jesus. He is incomprehensible because He is God. The keenest human eye fails to see God hidden in the human flesh of Jesus. Humanity is helpless before the most vital question, "Who is God?"

The boy conversing with the teachers in God's house is the one true Son. In a reversal of what we expect of adolescents, Jesus does not seek autonomy. His home is with His Father. The Son's own manifestation of His Divine person and work begins with His expressed self-knowledge captured in the hymn's opening lines, "Within the Father's house the Son has found His home." Jesus knows Himself to be the Father's Son. Unity with His Father is definitive and indissoluble. Hence, Jesus asks what should be evident, "Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" (Luke 2:49).

"The secret of the Lord" (stanza 4) is disclosed in the "incarnate God" (stanza 3). To know the man Jesus is to know God. He is one and the same. Christ reveals Himself through His teaching, of which Jesus' "gracious words" (stanza 2) in the temple are a token. The first "dim revealing" stanza 5) is a cause for awe, as with the first shafts of morning light. To be visited by the Lord of life is like meeting the morning. It is not the watching or the waiting that cause the sun to rise, for it comes of itself. But in its sudden revelation is the promise of full daylight. In the same way, "the full epiphany" in stanza 4 is the appearance of Christ is unconcealed glory, which "faithful pondering hearts await. "Until then, Christ, though hidden by "the earthly veil" (stanza 3), still opens to each believer, whether cultured or common, the anticipation of knowing fully the mighty truth of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION AND COMMUNION are by appointment. Please call the church office to arrange a date and time.

MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

REV. DENNIS & DEACONESS LORNA MEEKER email at 4kenyaskids@gmail.com

REV. DANIEL & KATHY CONRAD for information see <https://www.lcms.org/conrad>

For information on where you can send support, contact the church office.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

The size of a people (as in the case of Nineveh, Jonah 3:3-4) makes no difference to their worth. Nor does the height of an individual's status (so says the Psalmist, Psalm 62:9) affect his or her sanctity. The life-giving grace of God measures according to His abundance rather than our scarcities of age, appearance, or ability. May we likewise direct gazes beyond abortion's and assisted suicide's shortsightedness (1 Corinthians 7:30-31).

LUTHERAN TELEVISION, RADIO, & ONLINE PROGRAMS

DID YOU MISS A SUNDAY SERVICE OR BIBLE STUDY SESSION? Visit our website www.redeemer-lutheran.net to find past services posted under Online Services/Video Services and Bible studies posted under Education/Bible Study Recordings. Archived sermons and Bible studies are located under the Resources tab.

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RUTH BIBLE STUDY The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on The Book of Ruth. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

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Redeemer Church & Preschool Baby Store Collection

February 1st – February 29th

One way we support HPC within our community is to collect donations for their Baby Store. This collection will help Moms that choose life to earn needed items as they learn more about caring for their baby. Points are earned as classes are completed. These points may be used to choose items from the store.

HORIZON PREGNANCY CLINIC

Baby Store Needs

After completing classes, clients are able to "purchase" items with their points.

Priority:

Gift Cards - Target, Walmart - \$10, \$20, \$25

Towards the purchase of large items, like a stroller or a car seat.

Visa Gift Cards to order Children's Bibles

ISBN 13: 978-0310708254

Costco Gift Cards to drop ship Diapers & Wipes to clients without transportation. Costco has free shipping.

Baby Bottles - Tomme Tippee & Dr. Brown preferred (4 & 8 oz Bottles)

Fitted Crib Sheets - Neutral Colors

Toys: Teething Rattle Toys



Other Needs:

Homemade Burp Cloths and new-born **Beanies!**

(Neutral colors only please)

Bath Towels & Baby Wash Clothes

Baby Wipes - Preferably "water wipes"

Muslin Swaddling Blankets

Swaddle Blankets - Usually with Velcro "Wings"

New Clothes – BOYS & GIRLS up to 24 months

Outerwear - Sweatshirts

Sleep Sacks and Pajamas

Socks (0-24 months)

Silicone Bibs

Newborn Toiletry Kits

Nail Clippers, Thermometer

Baby Shampoo, Lotion & Sunscreen

Diapers: Sizes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6



There will be a designated area in the narthex to drop off the donated items.

DAILY, CHRIST OFFERS HIS RICH BLESSINGS THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES. SUGGESTED READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2024:	
Sunday, January 21:	Joel 1:1-20; Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
Monday, January 22:	Joel 2:1-17 & Romans 11:1-24
Tuesday, January 23:	Joel 2:18-32 & Romans 11:25-12:13
Wednesday, January 24:	Joel 3:1-21 & Romans 12:14-13:14
Thursday, January 25:	Zechariah 1:1-21 & Romans 14:1-23
Friday, January 26:	Zechariah 2:1-3:10 & Romans 15:1-13
Saturday, January 27:	Zechariah 4:1-5:11 & Romans 15:14-33
Sunday, January 28:	Zechariah 6:1-7:14; Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

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Our mission is to receive God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, worship Him and grow in His grace, and to share those holy gifts, by making disciples for Christ, who reach out joyfully to the world around them.

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