

4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 28, 2024

(DIVINE SERVICE 4) 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

Almighty God, most gracious Father in Heaven, as the devil once deceived us with a word, so You have condemned Satan with Your Word. I thank You this day that by the mouth of Your Son, You have brought healing and salvation to a sick and dying world. Send Your Word to me this hour that my faith in You might be strengthened. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS (Mark 1:21-28) The Holy Gospel for this morning trumpets the authority of Jesus – both in teaching (Mark 1:22) and in healing (Mark 1:27). The Good News that Jesus proclaims is not a "maybe" or a "sometimes" or a "hopefully". That was the slippery work of the scribes, the religious "spin doctors" of Jesus' day (Mark 1:22). In this passage, we see that Jesus comes quickly – immediately and with power. Jesus holds high the saving Word while silencing all other talking. Mark ends the passage on a bittersweet note. News of Jesus spread, but the news about the Savior's power and astonishing words was not yet unconnected with the greatest event of power and astonishment: Jesus' suffering and death in our place.

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 ✠

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

Cong.: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

HYMN

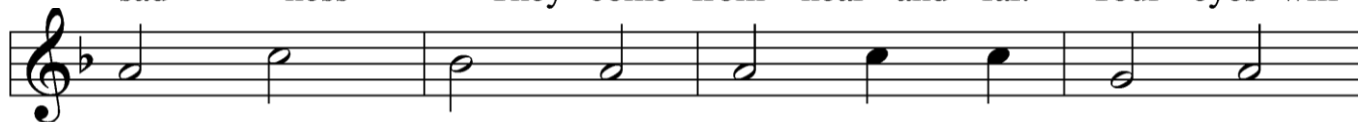
“Arise and Shine in Splendor” [LSB hymn 396]



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -
 2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions
 3 The world's re - mot - est rac - es, Up - on whose wea - ry
 4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er
 5 Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the
 dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the
 fac - es The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with
 yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has
 sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes will



day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty
 Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has
 zeal un - tir - ing, With joy Your light de -
 heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your
 wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.
 sir - ing That breaks up - on them from on high.
 glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.
 num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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, 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 32:1-2, 5-7; *antiphon*: Psalm 32:10)

Pastor: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Cong.: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**Cong.: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time
when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they
shall not reach him.**

Pastor: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**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.**

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but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

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 - shiped 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 FOR PEACE

Pastor: Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

Sit

HANDBELL ANTHEM

"Christ Be My Leader"

Arr. Sandra Eithun

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Elder: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Old Testament Reading (page 161 in the pew Bibles)

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (page 956 in the pew Bibles)

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA



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



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



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

(John 20:31)



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 1:21-28

They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**



HYMN OF THE DAY

“Son of God, Eternal Savior” [LSB hymn 842]



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
 Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

SERMON

(Rev. Dr. Michael Eschelbach)

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: O Holy Trinity, You are God of gods and Lord of lords. Truly, there is no God but You alone. From You and from Your Son, Jesus Christ, are all things. Reveal the saving knowledge of Christ's truth to us and all the world, that loving You and one another, together we may be known by God. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, our God, whose voice was heard at Sinai and whose authority was made manifest in Christ, the Prophet greater than Moses, send faithful preachers into Your harvest who will be diligent to listen to Your Word and speak it faithfully in Your name. Preserve us from false prophets who would lead us away from Your truth, and give us ears to hear gladly the saving words of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, guard our families and homes, and build them up in love. Support parents in their task of instructing their children, strengthen those whose faith is weak, and make us bold to forego convenience and security to attest the truths of our most holy faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, give health and success to our president and governor, our legislators and judges, and all who serve for our governance and protection. Make them high in purpose, wise in counsel and unwavering in duty. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son cast out unclean spirits and taught with authority. He is the Great Physician of body and soul. Have mercy on those who are sick, distressed, in danger or facing any need *especially*... Sustain them with patience, trusting in Your merciful care, and graciously relieve them. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Dear Lord, look with favor on all who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood, that in their eating and drinking they may receive the benefits of forgiveness of sins and renewal of life, and so receive a foretaste of the feast to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of hope, guard and keep all who face the temptations of the devil, the world and our sinful flesh, and preserve the faith of those troubled by doubts. Through the daily remembrance of our Baptism, enable us to win the victory over all that threatens our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

Pastor: 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.

COLLECT FOR THE CHURCH

Pastor: Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Cong.: Amen.

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6: 24-26)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

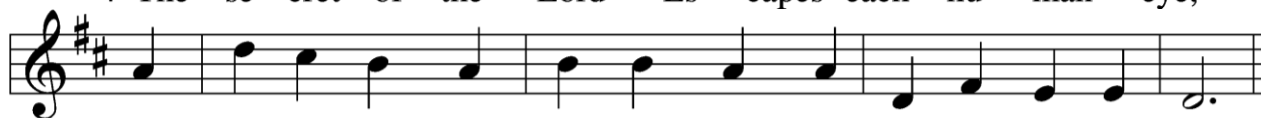
Cong.: Amen.

HYMN

“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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

(Psalm 103:1)

POSTLUDE

SERVING OUR LORD AND HIS PEOPLE TODAY

| | <i>8:00 Service</i> | <i>11:00 Service</i> |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Acolytes: | Charles Barnes | Jacob Jurenka |
| Ushers: | Warren Woodbury Kevin Woodbury | Gary Yudin James Burns |
| Elders/Readers: | Bob Vogtmann Steve Snyder | Brian Viers Rick Ritchie |
| Organist: | Matt Laub | |
| Altar Guild: | Chris Ohlendorf, Marie Jurenka, Margaret Button, Mary Tesmer | |

LAST SUNDAY WE PRAYED FOR:

HEALING Adam Volkert had surgery on his knee this past Tuesday. Prior's daughter Anne, is having severe vertigo issues. She has started therapy.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: Alan Belohlavek 1/29; Marla Lichtsinn 1/31

THIS WEEK'S BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Brittany Tesmer 1/28; Jack Tesmer 1/28; Tiffany Tesmer 1/28; Claire Barmer 1/30; Brianne Viers 1/30; Lauren Viers 1/30; Lorie Reilly 2/1; Clemens Spengler 2/1; Grace Volkert 2/3

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NEWS AND NOTES

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Opportunities This Week To Serve Our Lord And Our Neighbor

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| 28 Sunday | <i>The 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” (in the Sanctuary with Karen Miller) | 9:30 AM |
| | NEW Information Class A Simple Explanation of Lutheranism (in the Music Room with Rick Ritchie) | 9:30 AM |
| 29 Monday | Church Office Closed | |
| | Al Anon | 10:00 AM |
| | Boy Scouts | 7:00 PM |
| | Celestial Ringers | 7:00 PM |
| 30 Tuesday | Preschool Chapel | 9:30 AM |
| | Al Anon | 6:00 PM |
| | Sanctuary Choir | 7:00 PM |
| 31 Wednesday | | |
| 1 Thursday | Elders Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| | Women’s Bible Study “Romans” | 7:00 PM |
| 2 Friday | Preschool Chapel | 9:30 AM |
| 3 Saturday | Oratio, Meditatio, Tentatio Prayer group | 9:00 AM |
| | Sewing Group | 9:30 AM-5:00 PM |
| 4 Sunday | <i>The 5th 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” (in the Sanctuary with Karen Miller) | 9:30 AM |
| | NEW Information Class A Simple Explanation of Lutheranism (in the Music Room with Rick Ritchie) | 9:30 AM |
| | Sunday School and Youth Brunch Bunch | 10:30 AM |

For Further Information Please Call the Church Office at 714-846-6330

Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM / 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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)

FIRST THURSDAY WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

“Romans” (7:00 PM with Karen Miller in the Music Room)

REDEEMER'S STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 121

*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 1:22 "And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes." Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don't like to hear. But that's just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus' authority is something we need. We need Him to show us what to believe and how to live, for Jesus' authority is always connected to his love.

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 story of "**Cain and Abel**," which tells about the first case of murder caused by jealousy. Consider discussing, "*How does jealousy affect relationships in a family? Why is it important to forgive one another in our family?*"

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.

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

SAY "THANK YOU" WITH FLOWERS Redeemer's altar guild reminds you of the opportunity to give thanks to our Lord on the occasion of a wedding anniversary, birthday, day of Holy Baptism, Confirmation Day, or day a loved one was called to the Church Triumphant, by sponsoring the altar flowers. The sign-up poster is in the narthex or call the church office and schedule your "thank you" with flowers. The cost of the flowers is \$70.00 each week.

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

OLD GUYS BREAKFAST AT DENNY'S (You don't have to be old) If you would like to join in on the fellowship and food (everyone pays for their own meal) we meet at Denny's at 18477 Beach Blvd. HB (cross street is Ellis), on Fridays at 11:30 AM. Call the church office if you would like more information.

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. “This is intended for all members of the Congregation who like games, and we encourage you to come and invite your friends. This is a fun outreach opportunity, and we have a few regular attendees who are not members of our Congregation.” You can also contact Christopher Lundgren via the Church Office for more information.

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.

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.

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.



LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

January 28 Gospel-motivated voices have the privilege – and the responsibility – to proclaim the whole counsel of God. Those who speak otherwise dabble in judgment and condemnation (Deuteronomy 18:20). The Scriptures and the Savior have graciously made clear – with “shalls” and “shall-nots” – His jealous devotion to the survival and salvation of every human life. We get to repeat and rejoice in it, especially for the sake of the weaker ones (1 Corinthians 8:12).

PORTALS OF PRAYER APP

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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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WE'RE HIRING! Know someone with skills in social media content and management, website management, media production, email marketing, or other media experience, who is familiar with the LCMS and loves to tell stories? We're hiring a Digital Media Associate! Check out the full job description at kfuo.org/careers.

2024 LENT & EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES AT REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

BE GRACIOUS TO ME

Wednesday Services at 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Soup supper at 5:30 PM

February 14 Ash Wednesday Divine Service

February 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th Service of the Word

If you would like to help with the Wednesday soup suppers by bringing soup, chili, salad, rolls, fruit or desserts, or help to set up and or clean up, please sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

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

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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 28, 2024: | |
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| Sunday, January 28: | Zechariah 6:1-7:14; Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28 |
| Monday, January 29: | Zechariah 8:1-23 & 2 Timothy 1:1-18 |
| Tuesday, January 30: | Zechariah 9:1-17 & 2 Timothy 2:1-26 |
| Wednesday, January 31: | Zechariah 10:1-11:3 & 2 Timothy 3:1-17 |
| Thursday, February 1: | Zechariah 11:4-17 & 2 Timothy 4:1-18 |
| Friday, February 2: | Zechariah 12:1-13:9 & Titus 1:1-26 |
| Saturday, February 3: | Zechariah 14:1-21 & Titus 2:7-3:15 |
| Sunday, February 4: | Job 1:1-22; Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-27; Mark 1:29-39 |

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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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