

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

(DIVINE SERVICE 1/YEAR A)

JANUARY 4, 2026
8:00 AND 11:00

WELCOME GUESTS If you're looking for a church home, we hope you'll consider Redeemer. If you're visiting with us for the first time, we'd like to present you with a coffee mug. Check out the faith-strengthening 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 the pew racks) and drop it in today's collection plate, providing a phone number and e-mail address so that we may serve you better. Large print versions of this bulletin are available upon request at the Ushers' station. Thank you for worshipping with us.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Answer me when I call to You, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress. Be merciful to me and hear my prayer. How long, O LORD, will people turn Your glory into shame? How long will they love delusions and seek false gods? LORD, You have set apart the godly for Yourself; You will hear when I call. Let the light of Your face shine upon us, O LORD. I will lie down and sleep in peace, for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety. Amen.

(from Psalm 4:1-3, 6-8 A Daily Prayer Catechism / The Lord Will Answer pg 80)

MEDITATION While Herod plots in vain to destroy Christ, the wise men seek Him, even as it is today. Since they had not seen the star since they were in the East, they rejoice now on seeing it again. See, it leads them to Christ, even as God leads all His people through external signs of His own choosing. For the star, like every faithful preacher of Christ, *came and stood over where the young Child was*. For the Apostle says, "We preach not ourselves, but Christ". And the wise men *rejoiced with exceedingly great joy* when they saw the star; even as the preaching of the Holy Gospel always produces joy among the faithful. Now these wise men *saw the young Child with Mary His mother*. And finding Him with her, they *fell down and worshiped Him*. So must the faithful ever bend the knee before His majesty, however lowly in appearance it may be. And they *opened their treasures*, to present gifts to Him, even as the hearts of the faithful must also be opened to give Him their most precious faith. For these gifts of *gold, frankincense, and myrrh*, do they not honor His royalty and betoken His death? So does faith ever call Him Christ and rejoices in His cross.

Every Day Will I Bless Thee / Meditations for the Daily Office (Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr, pg. 49)

PRELUDE

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION [LSB 151]

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

(Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Cong.: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:8-9)

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Cong.: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(John 20:19-23)

Cong.: Amen.

T THE SERVICE OF THE WORD T

INTROIT

(Psalm 45:6-8a; *antiphon*: Psalm 45:17)

Pastor: I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of
uprightness; you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

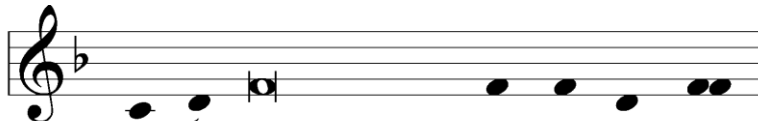
**Cong.: Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness
beyond your companions; your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and
aloes and cassia.**

**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.**

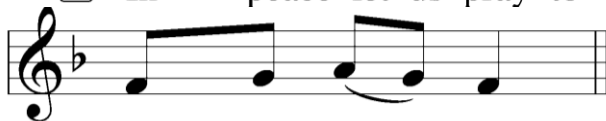
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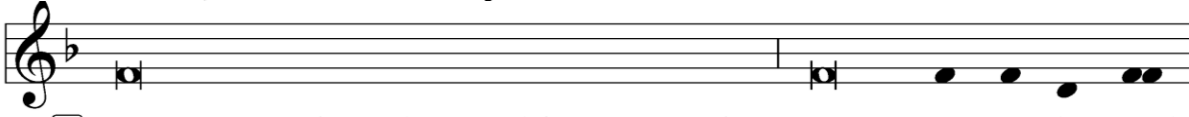
(Mark 10:47)



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.



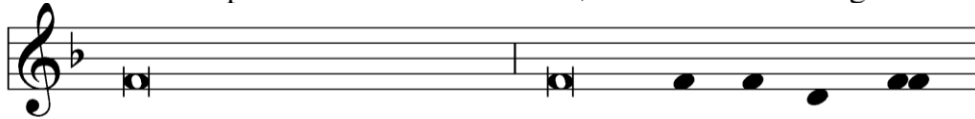
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



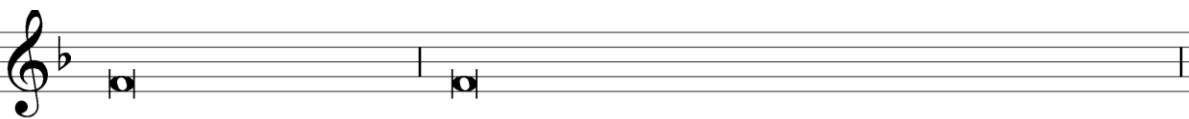
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.




A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



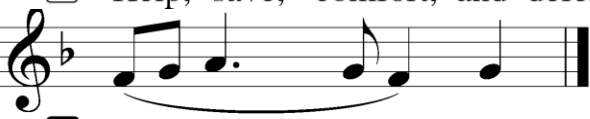
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

(Revelation 5:12-13; 19: 5-9)



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

SALUTATION

(2 Timothy 4:22)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: **And also with you.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: **Amen.**

Sit

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Elder: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Old Testament Reading (page 619 in the pew Bibles)

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (page 977 in the pew Bibles)

Ephesians 3:1-12

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

(John 6:68)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel (page 807 in the pew Bibles)

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” [LSB hymn 395:1-4]



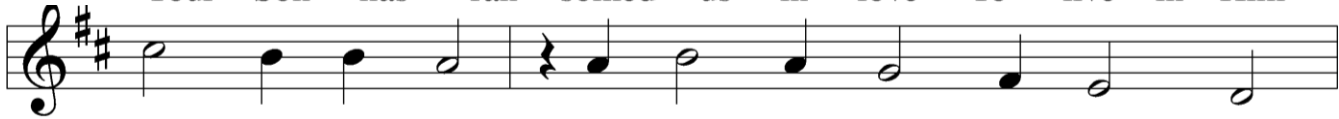
1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with-in
 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
 4 Al-might-y Fa-ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A-glow with grace and mer-cy!
 our hearts now shine; There light a flame un-dy-ing!
 from God a-bove A ray of pur-est plea-sure.
 not yet be-gun Was this old earth's foun-da-tion!



Of Ja-cob's race, King Da-vid's son, Our Lord and mas-s
 In Your one bod-y let us be As liv-ing branch-
 Your Word and Spir-it, flesh and blood Re-fresh our souls
 Your Son has ran-somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on-ly!
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup-ply-ing.
 with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear-est trea-sure!
 here and a-bove: This is Your great sal-va-tion.



Low-ly, ho-ly! Great and glo-rious, All vic-to-rious,
 Now, though dai-ly Earth's deep sad-ness May per-plex us
 Let Your mer-cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
 Al-le-lu-ia! Christ the liv-ing, To us giv-ing



Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos-sess-ing!
 And dis-tress us, Yet with heav'n-ly joy You bless us.
 For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
 Life for-ev-er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev-er!

Verses 5-6 on next page

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” [LSB hymn 395:5-6]



5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all
6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love



with mu - sic crowned, Our voic - es glad - ly blend - ing!
is first and last, The end and the be - gin - ning!



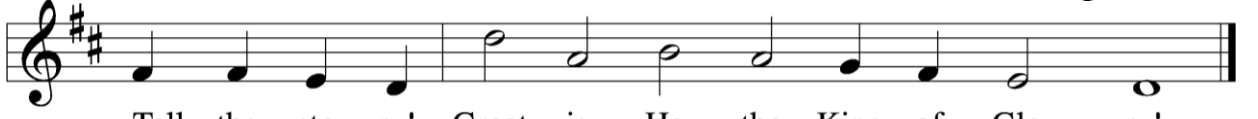
For Christ goes with us all the way— To - day, to - mor -
He will one day, oh, glo - rious grace, Trans - port us to



row, ev - 'ry day! His love is nev - er end - ing!
that hap - py place Be - yond all tears and sin - ning!



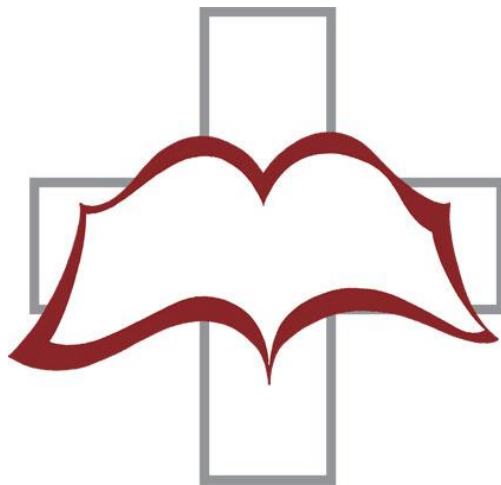
Sing out! Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion!
A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness!



Tell the sto - ry! Great is He, the King of Glo - ry!
We are yearn - ing For the day of Your re - turn - ing!

SERMON

(Pastor Jeong)



Stand

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 T of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

OFFERING

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

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.

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.*

O God, You have made Yourself known to all nations in the person of Your Son. Grant us a right knowledge of Him, that we would abandon the darkness of this world and embrace the joy of His heavenly light. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, You have appointed pastors to make known the mystery of Your grace. Grant them the boldness of St. Paul to speak what You have revealed to them in Your Word, that we would worthily partake of all Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the Savior of the world, that all the families of the nations might worship before You. Bless the families of this congregation with Your grace and protection, that they might remember You in both joy and trouble and worship before You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Enlighten, O Lord, the rulers of this world by the proclamation of Your wisdom, which casts down the proud and raises up the lowly. Work peace and justice in our land, and give free course to Your blessed Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, You have made us fellow heirs of the unsearchable riches of Christ. Remember all those who are afflicted and in need of deliverance *including* Hear their prayers, provide help and deliverance according to Your will, and preserve them in the faith until that day when their eternal healing is fully revealed. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, You brought the Magi of old to worship Your Son, Jesus, and so You have brought us to worship Him also. Receive our gifts and give us Jesus in His body and blood, that we may return home according to Your holy way. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, as Your Son was once found in the arms of the Virgin Mary, so now is He found in Your Holy Christian Church. Cause Your Word to abide richly among us, that many would be led to Christ through our witness. Lord, in Your mercy,

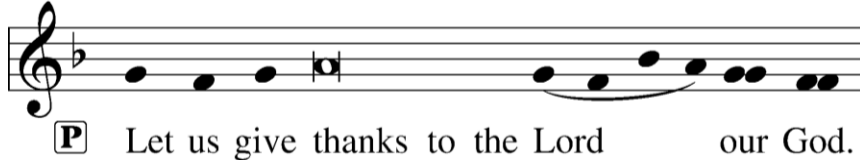
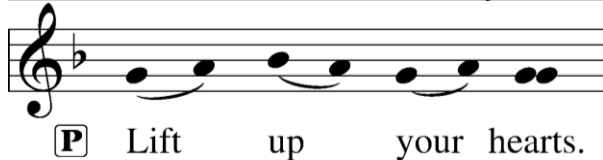
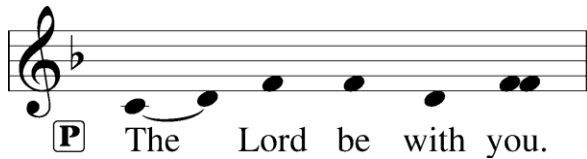
Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these needs, gracious Father, and whatever else You know that we need, grant for the sake of Him who shattered this world's darkness with everlasting light, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

T SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT T

PREFACE

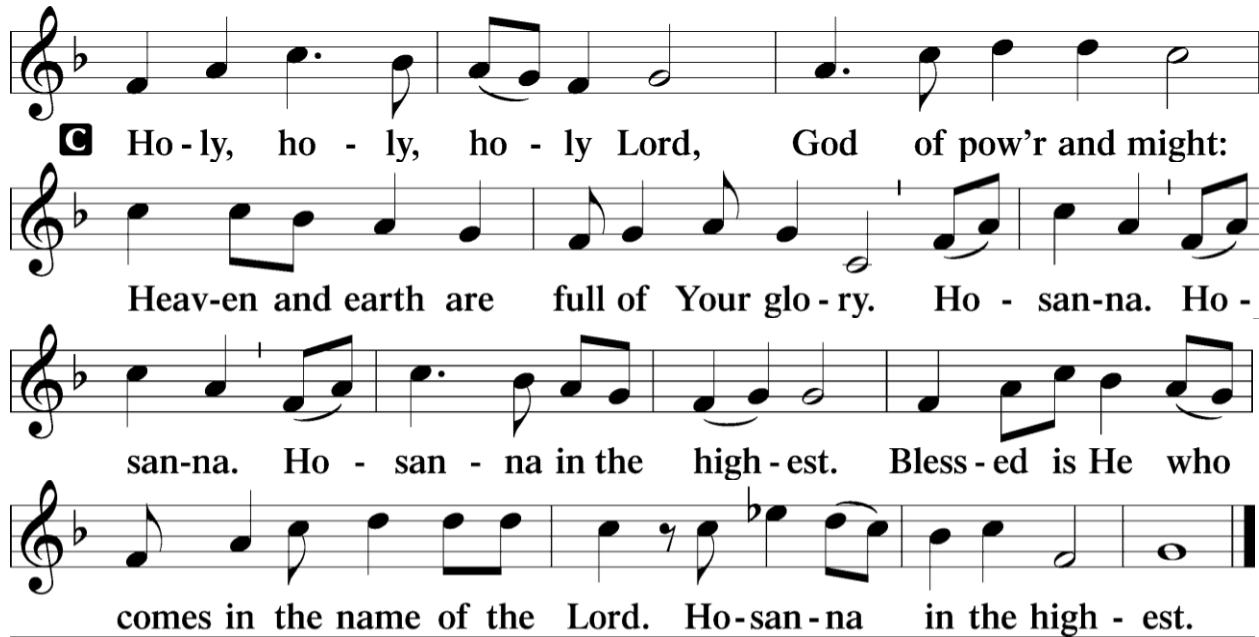


PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



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. Ho -
san-na. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, 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. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the 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.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

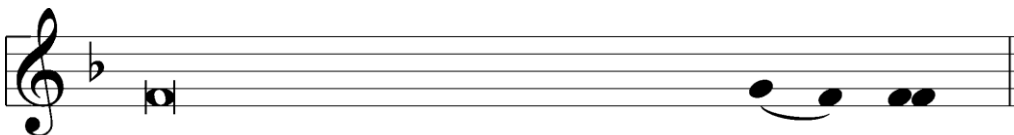
(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22: 19-20; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-25)

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 **T** 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 **T** 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)



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.



AGNUS DEI

(John 1: 29)

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

“Come, Join in Cana’s Feast” [LSB hymn 408]



1 Come, join in Ca - na's feast Where
2 The old wine now is gone From
3 But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids
4 Come, friends, and share the feast; Here
△ 5 For now He lives and reigns Through



Christ is hon - ored guest. He wel - comes all who
jars that stand a - part. No long - er can it
wa - ter turn to wine. He fills our emp - ty
drink the wine sup - plied By Him who is both
all e - ter - ni - ty With Fa - ther, Spir - it,



come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.
sat - is - fy The yearn - ing, thirst - ing heart.
cups a - gain With grace and truth di - vine.
guest and host— For us, the cru - ci - fied.
Three in One, The glo - rious Trin - i - ty.

“As with Gladness Men of Old” [LSB hymn 397]



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
 All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
 There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

“Your Table I Approach” [LSB hymn 628]



1 Your ta-ble I ap-proach; Dear Sav-ior, hear my prayer.
 2 Lord, I con-fess my sins And mourn their wretch-ed bands;
 3 Your bod-y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won-drous mys-ter-y;



Let not an un-re-pen-tant heart Prove hurt-ful to me there.
 A con-trite heart is sure to find For-give-ness at Your hands.
 Are tak-en at Your ta-ble, Lord, In blest re-al-i-ty.
 God can ac-com-lish vast-ly more Than what we think could be.

<p>5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.</p>	<p>6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.</p>
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Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 T give you His peace.

Cong.: Amen.

HYMN OF THE MONTH

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

The congregation is invited to face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary



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.

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>
Acolyte:	Lochlan Deen Ryker Deen Viveca Deen	Matthew Witkamp Nathan Witkamp Kacie Onak Kaden Onak
Ushers:	Warren Woodbury Kevin Woodbury	Gary Yudin James Burns
Elder/Reader:	Bob Vogtmann Dan Rugg	Reinhard Stenzel Manny Flores
Organist:	Matt Laub	
Altar Guild:	Maria Jurenka, Margaret Button, Mary Tesmer	

LAST SUNDAY WE PRAYED FOR:

HEALING Steve Martin, (extended family of Wendy Tomich), is battling cancer. More surgery to come after the results of more testing. Jacob Cruz's friend Roy is sick. Brian Viers had knee replacement surgery Tuesday, December 30th.

GUIDANCE Jacob Cruz's brother is looking for a new job.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: Grace Volkert 1/6; Donald Dodge 1/8; Ron Wuckert 1/10

THIS WEEK'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Paul T. & Heather Jurenka 1/9

THIS WEEK'S BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Laurie Hansen 1/8

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NEWS AND NOTES

JANUARY 4, 2026

Opportunities This Week To Serve Our Lord And Our Neighbor

4 Sunday	<i>The Epiphany of Our Lord</i> Divine Service Christian Education for all ages Sunday School and Youth Brunch Bunch <i>Pastor & Karen Miller on vacation through January 19th</i>	8:00 & 11:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM
5 Monday	Church Office Closed <i>Pastor Jeong's Day off</i> Al Anon Celestial Ringers Boy Scouts	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
6 Tuesday	Christian Hospitality Confirmation Class Al Anon	4:00 PM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM
7 Wednesday	Preschool Chapel Bible Study " How to Read Scripture Like a Lutheran "	10:00 AM 7:00 PM
8 Thursday	Elders Meeting	7:00 PM
9 Friday		
10 Saturday	Breakfast Bible Study w Pastor Mark Jasa Sewing Group	8:30/9:00 AM 9:30 AM-5:00 PM
11 Sunday	<i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i> Divine Service Christian Education for all ages	8:00 & 11:00 AM 9:30 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

"Didache" (9:30 AM with Pastor Jeong in the Sanctuary)

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

"Timothy" (9:30 AM with Rick Ritchie in the Youth Room)

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

"How to Read Scripture Like a Lutheran"

(7:00 PM in the Priscilla Circle Room)

FIRST THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY next meeting is February 5

"Isaiah 40-55" (7:00 PM with Karen Miller in the Music Room)

FRIDAY LADIES MORNING BIBLE STUDY (LaMBS)

“Matthew” (11:30 AM January 16th only this month with Elaine Ohgi in the Music Room)

REDEEMER’S STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday’s Attendance: 111

*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 Luke 2:49 “And he said to them, ‘Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?’” What a privilege the Lord has given to us by calling us to come to His house! It is not a burden but rather an honor and a blessing for us to always be able to come to a place where we know God is present for us in His gifts of Word and Sacrament. Likewise, the Lord has honored us by allowing us to support the work of His house with our tithes and offerings.

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 as a YouTube live stream, on www.youtube.com/@redeemerlutheranchurchhb7093/streams and accessible from www.redeemer-lutheran.net. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM for Sunday School.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL the children will learn about “**The Good Samaritan**”. Luke 10:25-37. God calls us to act in love toward all people, even our enemies, but we often pass by on the other side, ignoring our neighbor in need. Jesus is the Good Samaritan to us, healing us from sin and restoring us to eternal life.

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY will be January 10th. Our presenter will be Pastor Mark Jasa. Plan to attend this very informative presentation. Please RSVP to the church office for breakfast.

VOTERS MEETING Redeemer members are encouraged to attend the Voters Assembly on January 25th at 12:45 PM. We will have chicken for lunch at 12:15 PM. Please bring a salad or side dish to share if you are joining us for lunch.

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 10:00 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.

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

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.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

“SUPPORT REDEEMER LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL. The Redeemer Lutheran Preschool Board is grateful to share that our Preschool Scholarship Fund is currently fully funded thanks to your generous support. At this time, we ask that donations be directed to our Preschool General Donations/Tuition Fund, which helps support the ongoing needs of our program. Please make checks payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church with Preschool General Fund in the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of Redeemer Lutheran Preschool.”

★ REDEEMER LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL: Thank you, Redeemer family, for your generosity and support! We are so grateful to everyone who baked, donated, and purchased treats at our recent bake sale. Because of your kindness, the preschool raised over \$1,000! Your support means so much to our staff, our students, and our ministry. Thank you for being a blessing to our preschool community!



JANUARY HYMN OF THE MONTH

ARISE AND SHINE IN SPLENDOR - LSB 396 The text “Brich auf, und werde Lichte” was published in Martin Opitz’s collection of versified Epistles for Sundays and holy days set to French psalm tunes (Leipzig, 1628). Opitz (1597-1639) designated the hymn for “Three Kings’ Day” (the Epiphany) and gave Isaiah 60 as a biblical reference; the first six verses of Isaiah 60 were the Epistle (actually an Old Testament reading) appointed for the Epiphany among seventeenth-century Lutherans.

The first English translation was made by Emmanuel Cronenwett and appeared in Ohio Synod’s *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal* (1880) as “Zion, awake and brighten.” Gerhard Gieschen (1899-1987) published his translation of the first five of six stanzas in *Faith-Life* magazine in 1938, and he later revised it for inclusion in *TLH* (1941). Gieschen’s translation, with some adjustments, is used in *LSB*.

The Church is the addressee in this hymn (Isaiah 60:14). The people of God are themselves in need of the light, yet they also become those who shine forth the light of Christ to the world (Isaiah 60:1).

Light as the image of the glory of God is the theme of the hymn, each stanza of which is a paraphrase of the respective verse of the source text (Isaiah 60:1-6). The light depicted here is not merely a brightness as from the sun, nor is it an unbearable light and heat, as from a severe summer day. In fact, in stanza 3, Opitz specifically contrasts such a view of the scorching sun with the inviting, refreshing glory of God: The world’s remotest races, Upon whose weary faces

The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with zeal untiring, With joy Your light desiring That breaks upon them from on high.

The sun, which does nothing to ease the weariness of the sinful nations, gives way to the rejuvenating, joyful light of God that breaks forth over the people of the earth.

The light, splendor, and glory of God that surpass the light of the sun stream forth and appear fully in God's Son, Jesus Christ. He is the glory to which the nations come, riding on camels, bringing gold and frankincense (Isaiah 60:6; Matthew 2:1-12). Only the splendor of God being born as a child brings refreshment and life and not fear and burden. Because God has become flesh, "nations gather yonder from sin to be set free. The world has heard Your story" (stanza 4). This is the story of Jesus Christ, the Gospel of forgiveness and salvation. Colossians 1:13 makes the connection between light and Christ explicit: "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son." Deliverance from spiritual darkness is reception into the kingdom of Christ.

Creation and restoration are two other related themes evoked by the imagery of light and the glory of the Lord over the people. Against the darkness of chaos, God first spoke, "Let there be light" (Genesis 1:3). Light is the first thing needed for creation and life. After the fall into sin, people again live in the darkness, needing to be set free by the rising of this new light of Christ in His birth and epiphany.

The theme of light culminates in stanzas 4 and 5, which echo the language not only of Isaiah 60 but also of Revelation 22. There, in the fulfillment of all things, is "the healing of the nations" (Revelation 22:2), as believers stream in from around the world to be rejuvenated and blissfully nourished by the glory of God's grace and favor. In heaven, there will be "no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light." (Revelation 22:5).

This hymn confesses the threefold working of God's light and glory. He scatters the darkness of chaos at creation, He is Christ the light who rises over the people who sat in the darkness of sin, and He is the light and the glory who reigns with His joyful and regenerate people in the eternal kingdom.

MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

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BENJAMIN & REBECCA HELGE for information see <https://www.lcms.org/helge>

VICAR/SEMINARIAN CORY WILLWEBER email at cwillweber@gmail.com

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

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

God used Joseph, who adopted Jesus as his own son (Luke 2:41), to care for our Lord as He (Jesus) mysteriously lived a perfectly human life as our substitute. Through Jesus, God has now adopted us as His own children and has promised us an eternal inheritance in His kingdom (Ephesians 1:5, 11). Christians should be encouraged to likewise consider and promote adoption as a godly way to preserve and care for the lives of God's precious children and bring them into His kingdom.

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JOIN US IN JANUARY

New Wednesday Bible Study starts January 7th at 7:00 PM

How to Read Scripture Like a Lutheran

with Elders / Pastor Miller in the Priscilla Circle Room

Saturday Breakfast Bible Study is January 10th

at 8:30 AM for breakfast

and 9:00AM for presentation with Pastor Mark Jasa

Ladies Morning Bible Studt (LaMBS) is January 16th

at 11:30 AM with Elaine Ohgi

Faith, Hope, and Board Games is January 17th

at 5:30 – 10:00 PM in the fellowship hall

Voters Meeting will be January 25th

at 12:45 PM in the fellowship hall

Chicken will be provided for lunch at 12:15 PM

Please bring a salad or side dish to share if you would like to join us for lunch.

DAILY, CHRIST OFFERS HIS RICH BLESSINGS THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES. SUGGESTED READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4, 2026:	
Sunday, January 4:	Isaiah 63:15-65:7; Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
Monday, January 5:	Isaiah 65:8-25 & Luke 3:1-20
Tuesday, January 6:	Isaiah 66:1-20 & Luke 3:21-38
Wednesday, January 7:	Ezekiel 1:1-14, 22-28 & Romans 1:1-17
Thursday, January 8:	Ezekiel 2:1-3:11 & Romans 1:18-32
Friday, January 9:	Ezekiel 3:12-27 & Romans 2:1-16
Saturday, January 10:	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-32 & Romans 2:17-29
Sunday, January 11:	Ezekiel 33:1-20; Isaiah 42:1-9; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 3:13-17

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