INTROIT- entry Psalm of worship, sung by God's people for 1000s of years

Revelation 7, Psalm 31

- These are they who have come out of the great tribu- lation, * they have washed their robes and made them white, in the blood of the Lamb.
- In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame; * deliver me in your | righteousness.
- For you are my rock and my | fortress, * for the sake of your name lead and | guide me.
- Into your hands I commit my | spirit; * redeem me, O Lord, the | God of truth.
- P All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall | bless you! *
 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your | power.

Continued with the 'Gloria Patri', p. 186

COLLECT OF THE DAY - ancient prayer of the Church based upon the Scriptural theme of the day

- Almighty God, the martyred innocents of Bethlehem showed forth Your praise not by speaking but by dying. Put to death in us all that is in conflict with Your will that our lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever
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OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 31:15-17

Prophesy of the Holy Innocents'

Thus says the LORD: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more." Thus says the LORD: "Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears, for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. There is hope for your future, declares the LORD, and your children shall come back to their own country.

GRADUAL the ancient seasonal, Scriptural response to hearing God's Word

Psalm 71

- P Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the | wicked. * For you, O Lord, | are my hope.
- Upon you have I leaned from be- | fore my birth; * you are he who took me from my | mother's womb.

EPISTLE Galatians 4:1-7

Heirs of heaven through Jesus

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

ALLELUIA VERSE Psalm 116

- Alleluia. Alleluia. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Alleluia.
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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-18

Flight to Egypt, Herod's slaughter

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

Please turn to follow the Processional Cross; you may bow

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors— it is a joy to have you with us. Please fill out the attendance pad in the folder in the pew rack from the center aisle and pick-up a newsletter at the brochure rack by the door.

Parents with small children. If needed, the Nursery has a video feed of the Service; also a restroom with changing table. A Nursing Room is located off the Library. The Library also is for children under 3 during the Sunday School hour.

We celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today for : Lucia Esther Burgdorf, daughter of Pastor & Claire Burgdorf

Prayer List – members:

Ron Swartz (hospice), Jan Zugelder (cancer), Lou Fritz (rehab) Bonnie White (rehab), Mary Lingo (cancer)

– family & friends:

John Carder (father of Kevin Carder, hospice)

DeWanna Wise (sister of Christ Humphrey, surgery, cancer)

Rusty Moore (father of Jim Stinson, health issues)

Allison, Jack Carnahan (mother's health, baby nicu, niece of Kim Dunn) Griffin Scanlon (friend of Steve & Marsha Albright, 4 yr.old with cancer) Jerry Larson (friend of LeRoy & Dianne Scharnhorst, cancer)

Debra Lassman (sister-in-law to Kelly Lassman, cancer) Vicki Duggan (friend of Kelly Kasunic, cancer)

Allan Harrison (brother of Jan Zugelder, hospice)

Helen Klinkenberg (niece of Eleanor Lenahan, cancer) Matthew McClure (friend of Terry & Joyce Wade, cancer)

– homebound members:

Evelyn Page; Bob & Eleanor Lenahan; Lou Fritz; Curt Meyer; Clayton & Jo Zumbrunn; Sandra Rieter

Epiphany, January 6, Tuesday, Divine Services 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

2026 Directory will be printed in early January, please note any changes to address, email, phone on the Attendance Pad. Any photo updates email to Pastor Weinkauf, weinkauf@rslcms.church

New Years' Eve at Risen Savior. Divine Service 10:00 pm. Games, activities for all ages, as we ring in the New Year. Some food and beverages provided; you may bring some but not necessary. Wrapup at 12:15 am.

Risen Savior Classical Academy, 2nd Semester begins Jan 12.

Life Conference and March to the Capitol, Jan. 28, Weds., Topeka, carpool leaves church at 7:15 am, back by 2:15 pm. Please let Pastor Weinkauf know if you are going by Jan. 25. See January newsletter.

Men's Basketball Sundays, 8 pm, starting January 4 through March 22. All men welcome to get in shape, pickup bb games.

Adult Catechism Class, begins January 25, Sundays 5 pm. **TableTalk** for Young Adults, Thursday, next one Jan. 8, 6:30 pm, all 19-39 yr old., single or married, any friends, join Pastor Burgdorf for a time of refreshments and engaging issues of the day.

Dear family of Risen Savior,

Please accept our sincerest thanks for the kindness and generosity shown to us and our family. We are overwhelmed by your cards and gifts. We are honored to serve you and bless you.

- Pastor Weinkauf & Jodi
- Pastor Burgdorf & Claire, John, Apollos, Lawrence, Gideon, Lucia

CALENDAR

Today	Feast o	of the Holy Innocents'
	8:00a	Divine Sérvice
	9:15a	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:302	Divine Service
Monday	8:30a	Matins
	8:30a-3	:30p Risen Savior Classical Academy
Tuesday		Matins
Weds.	10:00p	Divine Eve Service
	10:45-1	2:15 Activities
Thursday		
	6:30p	Youth Chorale
Friday	8:30a	Matins
Saturday	6:00p	Divine Service
Sunday	8:00a	Divine Service
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	6:00p	Youth Group Men's Basketball
	8:00p	Men's Basketdaii

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 6	Feast of the Epiphany
Jan. 25	Feast of Transfiguration
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Jan. 25 Next New Member/Adult Catechism or by appt.

Feb. 8 Souper Bowl Party

Feb. 13 Sunday School Gamenight/Parent Datenight

Feb. 15 Next Quarterly Voter's Assembly

Feb. 17 PfannKuchen Tag

Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

Feb. 24 Next Blood Drive

STEWARDSHIP \$9095/wkly. budget

Date	Attendance	Offering + Special Funds	
12/24,25	411,190	\$3,305 \$30,550	
12/21	327	\$10,009 \$1558	

Altar Flowers given: in thanksgiving for Risen Savior; and for the baptism of Lucia Burgdorf.

See Church Calendar in the office to sign-up, \$25.

Financial Reports posted in Church Office. **On-Line Giving.** Our vendor is: Vanco. There is also a link on our website. They also have an app you can download. You may scan this QR code. For 'one time' gift you do not need to set up an account.

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FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS' DEC. 28, 2025

Welcome to the Lord's House. Since the 5th Century, the Church has observed December 28 as Holy Innocents' Day. Today we commemorate, remember those first martyrs of the New Testament era, slaughtered by wicked King Herod in Bethlehem. We may wonder why, in this "season of joy and happiness" we have in the Church Year the commemoration of the murder of St. Stephen (Dec. 26), then, the murder of young children. What a gloomy note to strike during this happy time! But one thing the Christian Faith is not, it is not unrealistic. It does not "make believe" that we can simply wish away evil, or ignore it. No, we deal with it, headon, in all its brutal tragedy. These little children were slaughtered, while the Son of God, went free. Such it always is with the ways of Satan. He wants nothing more than to destroy and mar what God has declared good. And so, even at a very young age, the agents of Satan were coming after our dear Lord, but His time had not yet come, and God provided a way of escape. His Son escaped, in high divine irony, back to the land where God's people had been enslaved so long before, and out of Egypt, God called his Son (Hosea 11:1). He called His son forth to come back to the land where He was born, in order to continue His divine mission of the salvation of the world. May the Lord bless this Divine Service.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked. Psalm 71, Gradual of this day



We celebrate the Lord's Supper today, in the confession, as Jesus says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread, wine but His very real, true body, blood to eat, drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him, and with one another. According to Scripture, Holy Communion is also a public confession of faith, sharing a unity in doctrinal belief; also those who eat, drink our Lord's body, blood unworthily or without discernment do so to their harm. In love towards God and our neighbor, according to Scripture, the Church has always practiced a closed communion. Therefore, in love and pastoral concern for our guests, if you are not a member of the LCMS and desire to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor first.