



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Epiphany of Our Lord
Wednesday, January 1, 2020

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Order of Worship

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January 5, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

Key to hymnals:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

** = Please rise*

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELW #311

All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Aaliyah RobbieAnn Johnson

Parents: Timothy and Brandi Johnson

Godparents: John Ryan and Shanna Martin

PRESENTATION

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: I present Aaliyah RobbieAnn Johnson for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Aaliyah baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

P: As you bring Aaliyah to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Aaliyah grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Aaliyah in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Aaliyah and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

(The assembly rises.)

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

***THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***BAPTISM**

P: Aaliyah, I baptize you in the name of the Father, . . .
and of the Son . . .
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Following each baptism, the congregation sings its praise to God:

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

al - le - lu - ia.

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

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Aaliyah with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Aaliyah, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

***WELCOME**

P: Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me
will have the light of life.

L: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

***Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***Hymn of Praise**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW #172

***Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;

they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶A 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 proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
²**that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴**Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
⁶**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**
⁷In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
¹⁰**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**
¹¹May all kings bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.
¹²**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**
¹³He has compassion on the lowly and poor,
and preserves the lives of the needy.
¹⁴**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,
and precious is their blood in his sight**

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. John Wollenzien

Hymn of the Day

The First Noel

ELW #300

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*Prayers of the Church

P: ...Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

*Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

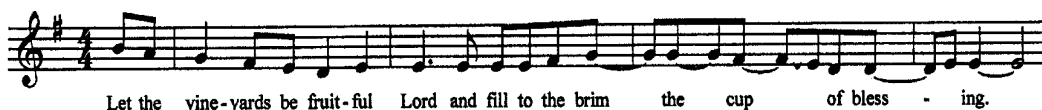
MEAL

Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! As our tithes and offerings are being collected, please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew and pass it down to the next person.

*Offertory

Let the Vineyards



*The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

arr. Neil Gladen

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might.

5
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - na - in the high - est.

9
Bless - ed is he who co - mes in the name - of the Lord,

13
Ho - sa - na in the high - est Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*Lord's Prayer

Lord's Prayer



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in
heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sins a -
gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil, for the king-dom the pow'r and the
glor-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.

Distribution

All who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please follow the direction of the ushers, exiting your pew on the outside and returning to your pew via the center aisle. Communion will be served at two stations in the front of the sanctuary. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice (in pre-filled cups) are available as you approach the front.

*Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Benediction**

***Sending Hymn**

This Little Light of Mine

ELW #677

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Reader: Jane Aandal

Ushers: Eric and Julie Tjelle

Acolytes:

Communion Ministers: Renae Dalen, Darlene Kelley, Tom Kays

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Renae Dalen, Mary Jo Mugaas

Musicians: Dean Dalen, Scott Pream, Paula Adamson

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Altar Guild

Church Offering Bank Run: Brooks Vigen

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 8)

Reader: Cindy Dally

Ushers: Kate and Briggs Anderson

Acolytes: Payton Leier and Cora Hintz

Communion Ministers: Cindy Dally, Stacy Davidson, Leslie Rogalla

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Renae Dalen, Mary Jo Mugaas

Musicians: Greg Dally, Paula Adamson

Church Offering Bank Run: Tony Olson

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY NEXT SUNDAY (JANUARY 12)

Reader: Mike Parker

Ushers: Jan Milender and Mike Parker

Acolytes:

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Renae Dalen, Mary Jo Mugaas

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Hannah Unit

Church Offering Bank Run: Brooks Vigen

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Our Mission Statement: Being chosen by God and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Redeemer Lutheran Church gathers together to worship, serve and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, to provide meaning and purpose for daily living.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5-12, 2020

Sunday, January 5	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, January 7	10:00am 6:00pm	Martha Unit at Valley Home Council meeting
Wednesday, January 8	5:15-6:15pm 5:45pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	6 th - 7 th Confirmation BLAST Worship with Holy Communion 8 th Confirmation
Sunday, January 12	9:30am 7:30pm	Worship 6 th -8 th Grade Youth Group at Redeemer

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your prayers this week please remember Linda Olson, Ingrid Anderson, Obert Sundahl, Delores Ault, Rev. Darrel Cory, Gloria Leach, Larry Forsberg, Annabelle Cuppett, Erika Kahlhamer, Jeremy Johnson, Brenda Russ, Chad Gunderson, Kelly Amundgaard, Jason Miller, Shelley Steva, and Molly Dahlin and family.

Altar flowers this day are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

The annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 26th, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Please keep Sharon Forsberg & Family in your prayers, her brother Leslie Wild passed away this week. Funeral arrangements are pending.

We are looking for a wheelchair in great shape for the church, please contact the church office if you have any information.

We still have openings for Altar Flowers on the following dates in:

January 8/12, 22/26, Jan 29/Feb 2, Feb 5/9

Youth Event at Redeemer!!!

6th-8th Grade Youth Group will start on Sunday, January 12th from 7-8:30pm at Redeemer.

9th-12th Grade Youth Group will start on Sunday, January 26th from 7-8:30pm at Zion.

Just a friendly reminder to make sure you visit our website www.redeemertrf.org, we have plenty of information on how you can volunteer, newsletters, bulletins, our different programs, and you can also donate thru our website.

Church Announcements: Please make sure to have your announcements in every week to Vanessa VanDam by **Monday at 10:00 a.m.** so that the preparation of bulletins does not get delayed.

Quarterly statements are available upon request; please contact Vanessa at the church office.

Monthly Treasurer's Reports are available anytime for viewing. Contact Marit Knutson or the church office.

A support group for people who are caregivers and/or family members of those with dementia/Alzheimer's will be held the third Monday of each month at the Grand Stay hotel meeting room in Thief River Falls. This caregiver support group is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. It is designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for caregivers through regularly scheduled meetings. For more information, please contact the facilitator Kari Jesme at 218-686-4487 or at kari.jesme@outlook.com.

Free services for seniors wishing to remain independent: The RSVP Groceries to go and Handyman Programs are vital services for seniors 60+ wishing to remain independently in their homes. G2G Volunteers shop for and deliver groceries or assist with shopping 2-4 times per month.

Handyman volunteers assist with minor home maintenance issues. Caring volunteers are ready to help you! Contact Tammy or Jennifer at 218-281-8288 or 800-862-6466, or e-mail tsyles@umn.edu or jkerdman@umn.edu.

If you are struggling with grief, please check the kiosk in the Narthex for various grief support groups being offered by Hospice of the Red River Valley