



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

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January 8, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

*Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.*

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**

*This Is the Spirit's Entry Now*

ELW #448

**\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

*(Water is poured)*

We give thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

**We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

*(Water is poured)*

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain and snow, for the Thief River, the Red Lake River, and the Red River.

**We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.**

*(Water is poured)*

We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea to freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

**We give you thanks for your salvation through water.**

*(Water is poured)*

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here: for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

**We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.**

*(Water is poured)*

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

**We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*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 our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

Isaiah 42:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

## Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**\*Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew...

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **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:** ...Lord in your mercy,  
**C:** hear our prayer.

### **\*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



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful Lord and fill to the brim the cup of bless - ing.



Gath-er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all u - nite them with the prayers we off - er.



Grace our ta - ble with your pre - sence and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### \*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...**

## \*Sanctus

L: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C:

### Sanctus

arr. Neil Gladen



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



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



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



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

## \*Words of Institution

## \*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**

*Wade in the Water*

ELW #459

## **\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

### ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

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 SUNDAY (JANUARY 12)

Reader: Mike Parker

Ushers: Mike and Sandy Parker

Acolytes: Zachary and Landon Wikert

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

Musicians: Dean Dalen, Scott Pream, Paula Adamson

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Hannah Unit

Church Offering Bank Run: Brooks Vigen

### ASSISTING IN MINISTRY NEXT WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 15)

Reader: Terri Cuppett

Ushers: Dale and Denice Nelson

Acolytes: Evan Anderson and Gavin Smith

Communion Ministers: Angie Westling, Denice Nelson, Terri Cuppett

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

Musicians: Greg Dally, Paula Adamson

Church Offering Bank Run: Tony Olson

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**Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday**

**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.

## **Our Staff:**

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# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8-15, 2020

Wednesday, January 8	5:15-6:15pm 5:45pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	7 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation BLAST Worship with Holy Communion 8 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation
Sunday, January 12	9:30am 7:00pm	Worship Youth Group 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade at Redeemer
Monday-Friday January 13-17	<b>WIC</b>	
Tuesday, January 14	7:00pm	Hannah Unit at Redeemer Ruth Unit at Betty Carlson's home
Wednesday, January 15	5:15-6:15pm 5:15pm 5:45pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	7 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation Sing and Ring BLAST Worship with Holy Communion 8 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In your prayers** this week please remember Barb Lien, 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.

**Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 26**

**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 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:tsyles@umn.edu) or [jkerdman@umn.edu](mailto: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

## Fourth Quarter Financial Status

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>2<sup>ns</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>	
<b>2019</b>	<b>Jan-Mar</b>	<b>Apr-Jun</b>	<b>Jul-Sep</b>	<b>Oct-Dec</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Budget Income	\$73,324.74	\$73,324.74	\$73,324.74	\$73,324.74	\$293,298.96
Actual Income	\$55,207.61	\$55,650.33	\$51,662.59	\$66,505.73	\$229,026.26
Budget Expense	\$73,324.74	\$73,324.74	\$73,324.74	\$73,324.74	\$293,298.96
Actual Expense	\$55,757.48	\$61,354.44	\$57,249.23	\$74,228.78	\$248,589.93