

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH Second Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, January 17, 2021

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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 1) Second Sunday after Epiphany January 17, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

#### 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

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send a text message to Rev. Darrel Cory at 218-791-0141 to let us know from where you are worshipping.

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



#### \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

A reading from Second Corinthians:

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

(Water is poured)

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers, the Thief River, the Red Lake River, the Red River of the North, dew and rain, ice and snow. In these saving waters, you shine the light of your promise on us.

(Water is poured)

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you. Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us. In Christ's death and resurrection you joined your life to ours forever. In these saving waters, you shine the light of your promise on us.

(Water is poured)

You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. In baptism we are born again to become your people, one with the body of Christ throughout the world. In these saving waters, you shine the light of your promise on us.

(Water is poured)

Through these waters refresh us; renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

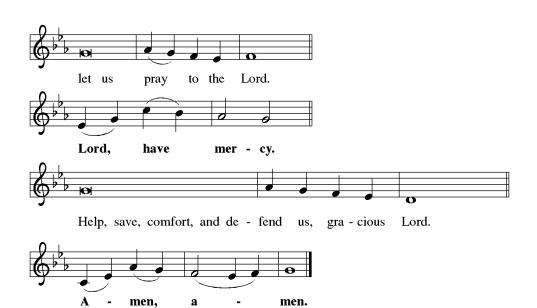
#### \*Greeting

- 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.

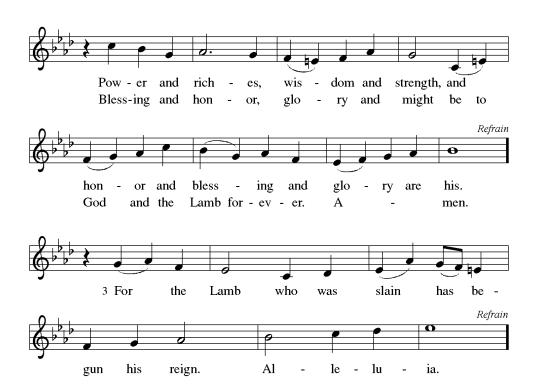
\*Kyrie ELW p. 98



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







#### \*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# <u>WORD</u>

#### 1 Samuel 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18



The tone is played once; all hum the tone once; then the psalm is chanted responsively.

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have | searched me out; O LORD, you | have known me.

<sup>2</sup>You know my sitting down and my | rising up; you discern my thoughts | from afar.

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my | resting-places and are acquainted with | all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind | and before, and lay your | hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me; it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.

<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my | inmost parts; you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made; your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hid- | den from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths I of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written | in your book;

my days were fashioned before they | came to be.

<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your | thoughts, O God! How great is the | sum of them!

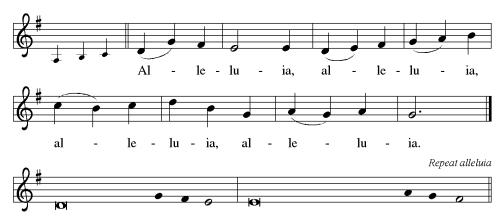
<sup>18</sup>If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours.

#### 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<sup>12</sup>"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



\*Gospel: John 1:43-51

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte
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#### \*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 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

L: ...let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

#### \*Peace

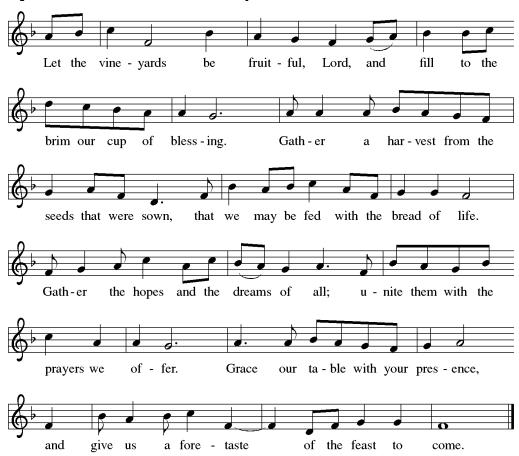
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

# <u>MEAL</u>

#### Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! In-person worshippers can place their offering in the offering box before the service or at this time. Your tithes and offerings submitted via the Postal Service or electronically are also gratefully appreciated.



## \*Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

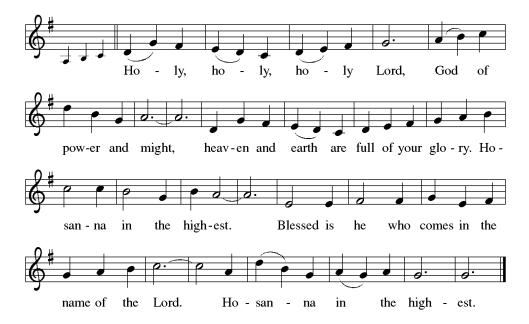
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 ELW p. 108



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.

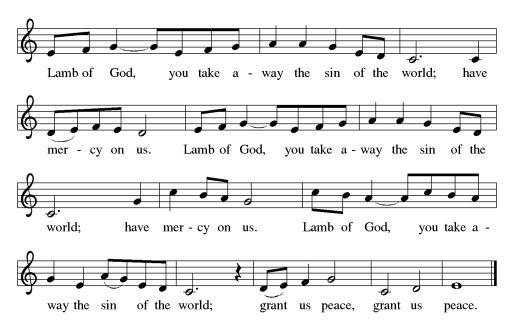
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

### \*Lord's Prayer

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.

## \*Agnus Dei ELW p. 112



#### Distribution

If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, we invite you to join in celebrating at Christ's table wherever you are, with bread and wine, grape juice, or water, as we remain physically separated yet "together met, together bound by all that God has done" and "the love that makes us one." ("I Come with Joy". ELW #482)

If you are worshipping with us in person today, know that all who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please approach the serving station at the front of the church using the center aisle. One side of the church will be served at a time.

Please wait to leave your pew until the last person in the pew ahead of yours has reached the serving station, so that we maintain proper social distancing.

As you approach the serving station, please cup your hands together and stretch them out toward the server; the bread will be dropped into your hands. Then as you move to the wine, a server will remove an individual pre-filled cup, place it on the table, and step back; you may then pick up the cup from the table. Then return to your pew via the outside aisles. Be mindful of the cables for the livestream running across the floor.

Our bread is a new recipe that is gluten- and other allergen-free.

If you wish to receive grape juice instead of wine, please indicate that to the server; a cup of white grape juice will be given to you.



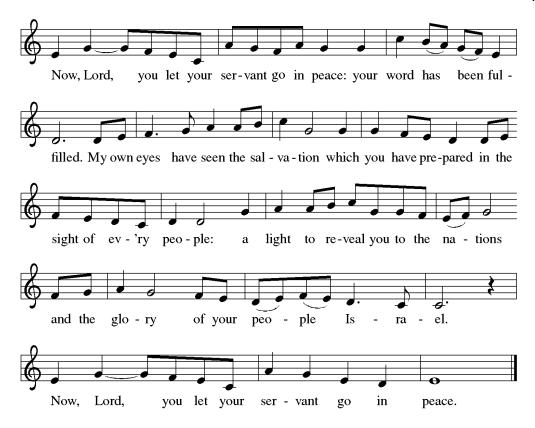


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## \*Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.



# **SENDING**

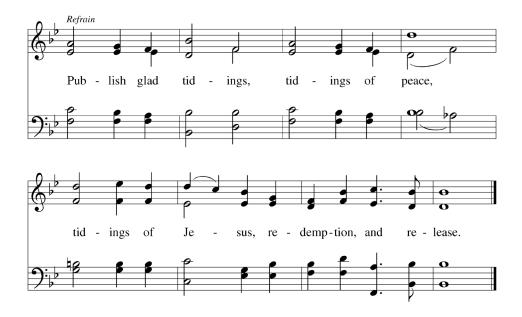
#### \*Benediction and Threefold Amen



All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.



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Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923

Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walch, 1837-1901

#### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

## ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding: Rev. Darrel Cory Acolyte/Lector: Madison Crane Communion Minister: Jan Anderson

Serving at the Altar: Denice Nelson and Becky Smith

Organist: Reid Froiland Cantor: Chris Cuppett Video: Dave Ulrich

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<u>Our Mission Statement:</u> 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 17-24, 2021**

Sunday, January 17	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, January 18	Office Closed in remembrance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
	4:30pm	Finance Committee meeting
	5:30pm	Property Committee meeting
Tuesday, January 19	4:00pm 6:00pm	Evangelism and Social Ministry meeting Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 20	5:30pm 6:00pm	Live streamed BLAST Confirmation
Sunday, January 24	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion

# **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In your prayers this week please remember Lowell Burkel, Pearl Johnson, David Grovum, David Jarvi (Susan Froiland's brother), Dan Parker (Mike Parker's brother), Tami Hanson, Julie Kiesow (Lavonne Forsberg's sister), Scott Hickerson, Karen Burgus (Chris Burnham's sister), Dale Folger, Joyce Froschheiser, Ken Poole, Mike Gilbertson, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Brooklyn Poe, Mark Thompson (Dale & Jan Dillon's son-in-law), Gloria Leach, Larry Forsberg, Annabelle Cuppett, Jeremy Johnson, Chad Gunderson, Shelley Steva, and Molly Dahlin and family.

Especially during these uncertain times, God calls us to certain tasks, and we call on God's help to fulfill them.

Dear Lord, we call on you now to guide us through the tasks ahead of us. Amen

**Altar flowers this day** are given by Dave and Bev Thompson wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

**Redeemer's Annual Meeting** will be Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. The Annual Report can be accessed through our website, or by picking up a copy anytime the building is open; or if you need one delivered to you, please call the church office 681-3390 and let Vanessa know.

**2021 Offering envelopes** are now available for pickup; they are in the Narthex. Please pick up your envelopes by Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. You can pick them up

anytime the church is open, either during business hours 8:30-1:30, during another activity, or Sunday morning. If you are unable to pick up your envelopes by February 17, please let the church office know. Also, if you give electronically and would like to decline your envelopes, please let the church office know.

Anybody that does not pick up their envelopes or notify the office to hold their envelopes by February 17 will not receive envelopes for 2022.

**Altar flower purchases for 2021 are available now.** Please contact the church office if you would like to purchase flowers. Any flowers that were purchased for the time when indoor public worship was suspended in 2020 will be moved to the corresponding week in 2021.

Indoor public worship services! At this time there will be one service each week, at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. You must call the church office each week by 8:00 a.m. the Friday prior to worship to reserve seats for your family unit; we are limited to 55 worshippers in the Sanctuary to allow for adequate spacing. Please see the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for more information. The livestream of worship will continue.

**BLAST will continue to be livestreamed** at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Families who have not yet picked up their packages of materials for BLAST can do so anytime the church is open.

We are now back to normal office hours, 8:30am-1:30pm. For your safety and the safety of our staff, we are requesting when you come to Redeemer that you wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Most other in-person events at Redeemer have been cancelled.

**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.