

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, February 7, 2021

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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 1)
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 7, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (*diakonia*). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

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

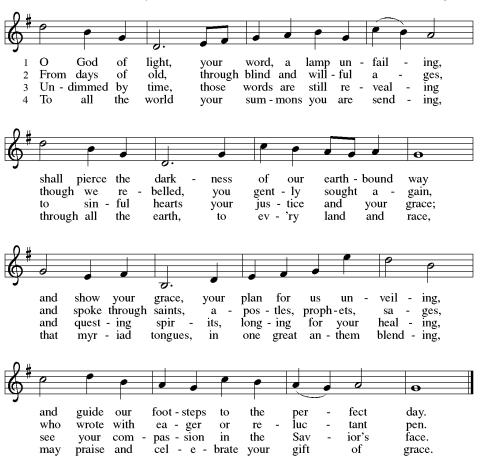
GATHERING

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.



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*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)

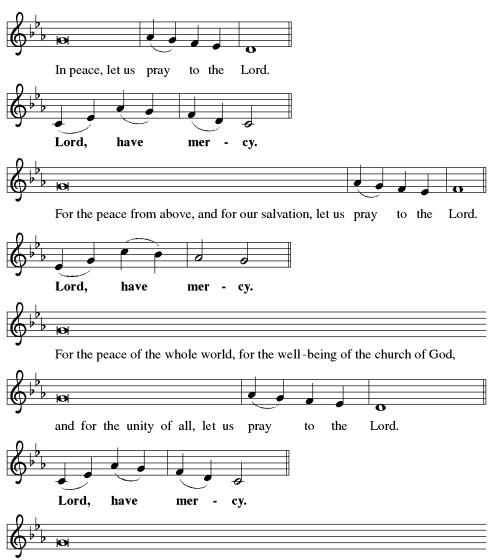
Through these waters refresh us; renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Greeting

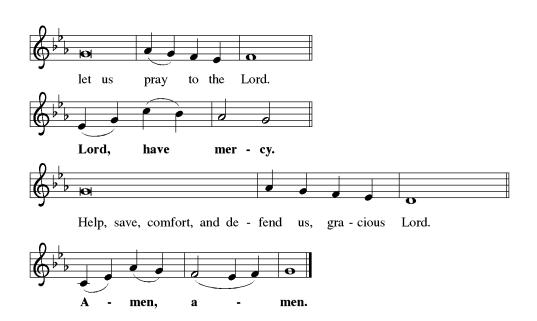
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

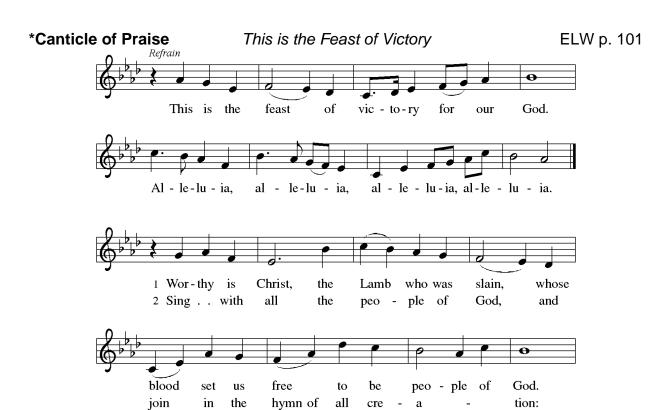
C: And also with you.

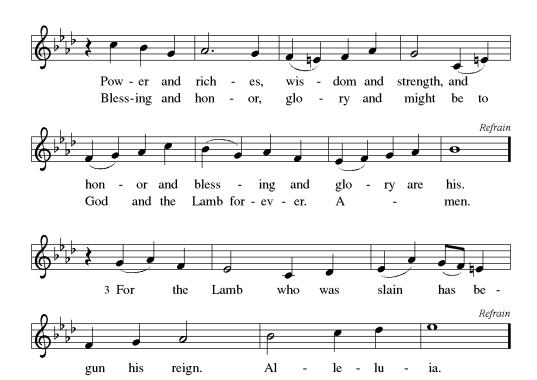
*Kyrie ELW p. 98



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: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint.

Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

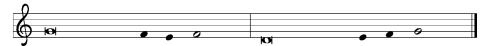
Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

31but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c



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

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God! How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

²The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem, and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.

³The LORD heals the | brokenhearted and binds | up their wounds.

⁴The LORD counts the number | of the stars and calls them all | by their names.

⁵Great is our LORD and might- | y in power; there is no limit | to God's wisdom.

⁶The LORD lifts | up the lowly, but casts the wicked | to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD| with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp | to our God,

⁸who covers the heav- | ens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- | on the mountains.

⁹God provides food | for the cattle and for the young ravens | when they cry.

¹⁰God is not impressed by the might | of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c} | Hallelujah!

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

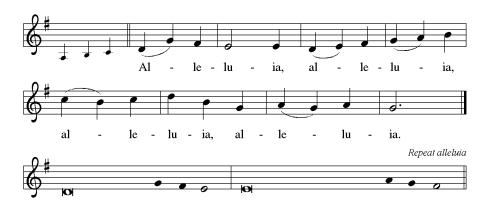
¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

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*Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

Sermon Rev. Darrel Cory



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,





And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,





2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by







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Installation of Leaders in the Congregation

As we prepare for those elected to leadership in this congregation to accept their positions, let us profess the faith in which we believe...

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.

The assembly may be seated. Those being installed should remain standing in their places among the assembly.

The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership

Terri Cuppett (President), Jan Nordin (Vice-President), LeeAnn Lund (Secretary), Gary Hintz (Treasurer), Penny Harder, and Wenda Sang We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world. You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected? *Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

The assembly stands. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized? We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

I now declare you installed as officers and council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.



*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.

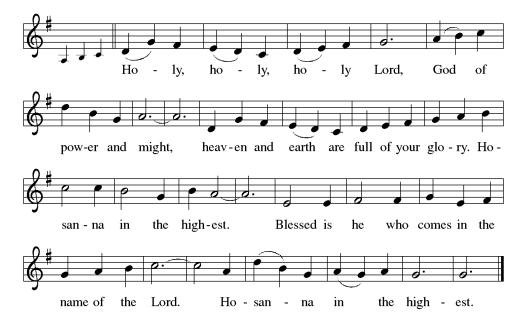
We lift them to the Lord.

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.

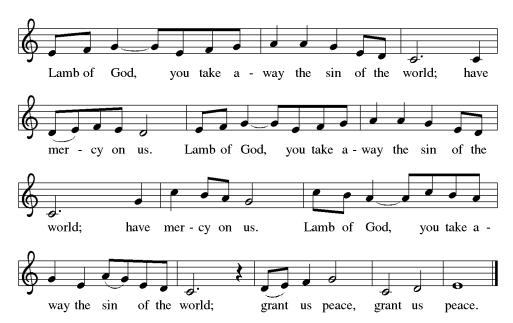
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

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)

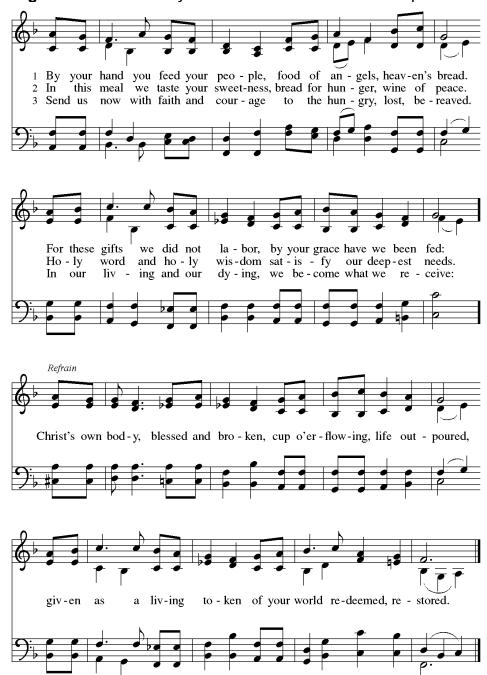
If you are worshipping with us in person today, know that all who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please approach the serving station at the front of the church using the center aisle. One side of the church will be served at a time.

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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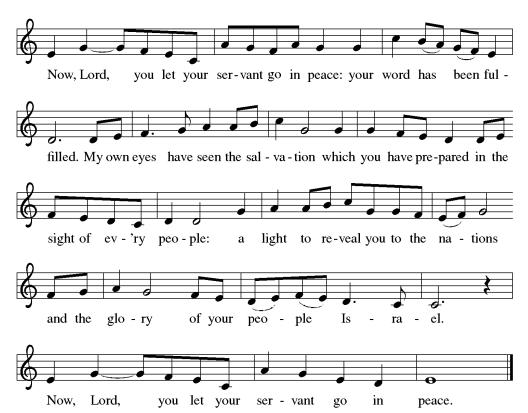
*Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

*Post-Communion Canticle

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SENDING

*Benediction and Threefold Amen

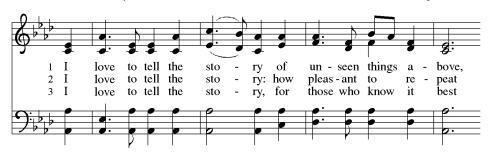


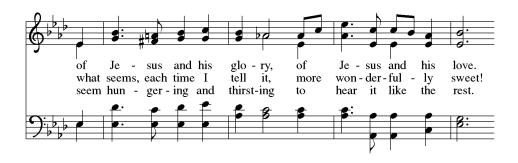
*Sending Hymn

I Love to tell the Story

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







Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding: Rev. Darrel Cory Lector/Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Communion Minister: Jan Anderson

Serving at the Altar: Phyliss Johnson and Susan Brekke

Organist: Reid Froiland 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 FEBRUARY 7-14, 2021

Sunday, February 7	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion Installation of council members
Wednesday, February 10	5:30pm 6:00pm	Live streamed BLAST Confirmation 6th, 7th & 8th, via Zoom
Saturday, February 13	Leadership F 9:00am 9:40am	Retreat New Council member orientation Council members and committee members join the retreat
Sunday, February 14	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion

"Looking Ahead at Events"

Monday, February 15	4:30pm 5:00pm	Finance Committee meeting Property Committee meeting
Tuesday, February 16	4:30pm 6:00pm	Evangelism and Social Ministry meeting Council meeting
Wednesday, February 17	6:30pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
Saturday, February 20	9:00-11:30am	Youth and Families of Churches Together (at Zion Lutheran church)
Tuesday, February 23	TBD	Altar Guild meting
Wednesday, February 24	6:30pm	Midweek Lenten Worship

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your prayers this week please remember Rick Hanson, 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 Jan Anderson and kids in memory if Bob Anderson.

We give our Christian sympathy to the family of Eleanore Forberg. Eleanore died on Tuesday, February 2 in New Prague, MN. A private service and committal will be held at the Camp Ripley Military Cemetery near Little Falls, MN.

Meals on Wheels: Redeemer delivers Meals on Wheels the week of March 1-5; the signup sheet is in the Narthex, or you can call the church office to volunteer. We need 3 drivers a day. Meals are picked up in the lobby of the Law Enforcement Center at 11:15am.

We will have ash kits available to families that would like to participate in Ash Wednesday at home. If you are interested please call the church office and reserve your kit by Thursday, February 11. Kits can be picked up from February 14-17 during normal office hours or anytime the building is open.

Offering envelopes are now available for pickup; they are in the Narthex. Please pick up your envelopes by Wednesday, February 17th. 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 Martell or the church office.