



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, February 8, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White

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Order of Worship

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Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

Key to hymnals in the pews:

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

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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 an e-mail to redeemer@gvtel.com to let us know from where you are worshipping.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection. Those who wish to may kneel.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

Water is poured into the baptismal font.

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in \dagger Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

***Processional Hymn**

Lord of Light

ELW #688

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

Lord of Light



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - crea - sing, at your feet may
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:



Refrain
Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

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*Greeting

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

And also with you.

*Kyrie

Refrain

Assistant:

Congregation:



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,



Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

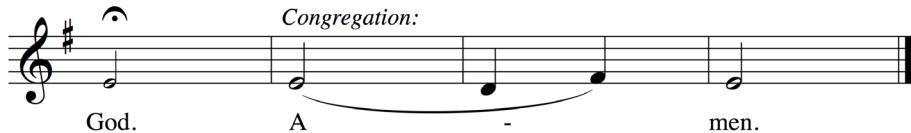
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Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



Help, save and de - fend us, O



God. A - men.

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*Canticle of Praise

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain

Congregation:



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



to the God of life and love and

free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

to Refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ for ev - er.

to Refrain

Verse 3

Congregation:



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new.

to Refrain

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*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...Lord God,

with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

First Reading: *Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.

³ "Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."
[^{9b}] If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in..]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 112:1-10

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;**
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;**
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken;**
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,**
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;**
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Second Reading: *Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶ "For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?"
But we have the mind of Christ.]

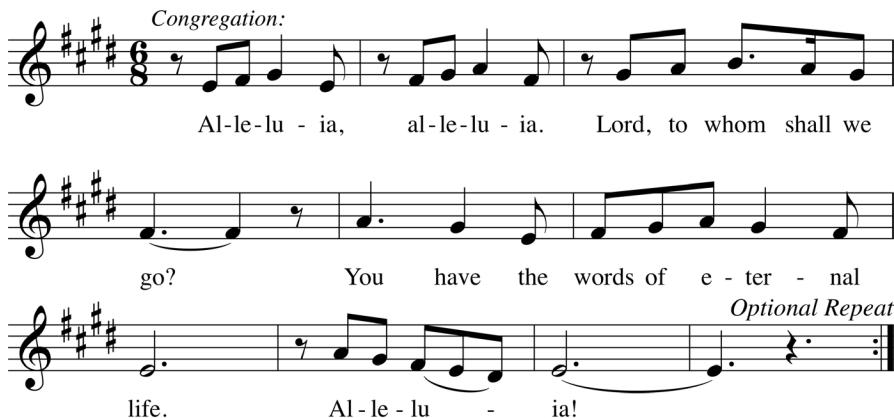
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Acclamation

All sing the acclamation once; the cantor sings the proper verse for the day, then all repeat the acclamation.

Congregation:



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

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Gospel: *In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

*Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew...

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great

in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Rev. Stephanie White

***Hymn of the Day**

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW #715

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
 darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
 church gathered to day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT. Bernadette Farrell

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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 forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Installation of the Congregational Council

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

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Congregational Representatives

Scott DCamp

Terri Cuppett

Ken Froschheiser

Missy Hall

Deb Jacobson

Dane Froiland

Cory Anderson

Lexi Dennis

Dolly Kainz-Ault

Tim Maas

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.

(The presiding minister addresses those being installed.)

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 council faces the assembly. 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?

Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

(Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.)

I now declare you installed as officers /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.

Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering box before the service or at this time. 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 along.

Ministry of Music

Walk in the Light

The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain:

Senior Choir

Walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

OffertoryCreate in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW #188

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

***Offering Prayer**

God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet daily you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

***Prayers of the People**

...Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

***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



SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*Benediction and Threefold Amen

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever.

*Sending Hymn

Go, Make Disciples

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

ELW #540

Go, Make Disciples

“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach-ing them.

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples."

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson

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*Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY 9:30 A.M.

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Ushers: Grant Nelson & Ken Froschheiser

Organist: Reid Froiland

Lector: Deb Jacobson

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Communion Assts.

Video: Dave Ulrich

Serving at the Altar:

Acolytes:

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Tom Gustafson, Larry and LaVonne Forsberg, Tamara Vaughan, Darren Bakke, Shawn Groven, Mason Laidley, Joyce White, Cindy Hughes, Jim Potucek, Rick Harbott, Sara LaFayette Valentine, Michelle Kasprick, Shari Safranski, Bob and Barb Horien, Rick and Tami Hanson, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye and Laurie Miller.

Financial stewardship
2025 Budget
\$329,106.00
Needed monthly
\$27,425.50
Needed Weekly
\$6,328.96

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

Altar flowers are given by
Shirley Booth
In loving memory of
Donald Booth.
Blessed is his memory.

Week Ending January 25, 2026
\$1,598.00
Weekly Shortage/Overage
\$4,703.96



Volunteers are needed to read, usher and serve communion. If you can help out in any of these roles, please fill out a volunteer sheet found on our new church app. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 8th. Come vote for your favorite team that day and all proceeds will go to the Thief River Falls Food Shelf. Go Team Redeemer!

A Capital Campaign has begun! Redeemer is currently facing upcoming projects/repairs. Some are costly and some – not so much but we don't have the funds to pay for them. Prayerfully consider making a donation. Please make your check to Redeemer and designate Capital Campaign on the memo line.

Mark your calendars! Ash Wednesday is February 18th. Worship is at 6:30pm. Soup supper (begins at 5:15) and Lent services (6:30) featuring "The Holden Evening Prayer" begin on February 25th. JAM kids will still meet at 5:30. All confirmation students please attend worship at 6:30.

Attention Youth – the Ski Trip to Buena Vista for 6th-12th grade is on Monday, February 16th. Registration needs to be turned in by February 10th. Forms are available on line. See Pastor Steph if you have any questions.

Our turn to deliver Meals on Wheels is February 16th – 20th. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. We need two volunteers each day. Thank you for your time and willingness to serve our community.

Thank you to the new members of the Church Council for volunteering to help lead our church. Dane Froiland, Cory Anderson, Alexis Dennis, Dolly Kaniz-Ault and Tim Maas. Thanks are also extended to those who are continuing to fulfill their terms, Ken Froschheiser, Terri Cuppett, Deb Jacobson, Scott Dcamp and Missy Hall.



February Birthdays

February Birthdays –

1 – Lona Anderson 2 – Christopher Anderson, Hans Harder 3 – 4 – Anthony Garcia, Cody Hempel, Blair Lund 5 – Darren Bakke, John Jacobson, Bo Hintz 6 – Kelly Little, Evan Anderson, Nicole Peterson, Karen Halsa 7 – Dana Sorenson, Aaron Halsa 8 – Valera Noel, Jerome Sorenson, Evelyn Jesme 9 – Jessica Olson, Mike Eickman 10 – Ken Froschheiser, Laney Fay 11 – Dylan Gustafson, Paul Ihle, Krystal Zutz 12 – Melanie Ortloff 13 - Delores Nomeland 14 – Maiah Benter, Ryan Stromlund 15 – Wyatt Nelson 16 – Jan Anderson 17 – 18 – Denice Nelson, Kendall Voecks 19 – Emmy Eickman, Shawn Newland, Evie Skiple 20 – Harold Dupree, Ryan Philipp, Kate Ihle 21 – Diane Peterson, Breanna Weinen, Lisa Nelson 22 – Tricia Kostrewski, Peyton Olson 23 - Ella Harbott, Kate Anderson 24 – Kenya Olson, Matt Voecks 25 – 26 – Yvonne Bergerson, Sandy Sunsdahl 27 – Glen Haugen, Brooke Hickerson, Melani Reuter, 28 – Marlys Anderson, June Kruta, Elaine Gunderson, Jan Milender

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Chris Cuppett, *cantor*
Dave Ulrich, *videographer*



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and

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