



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 25, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White

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Order of Worship

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Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

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** *Thy Strong Word*
All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

ELW #511

***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

(continues on the next page)

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)

Assistant:



Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:



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 uni -
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

to Refrain

for ev - er.

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to

make us peo - ple of God; to make

to Refrain

all things new.

***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...Lord God,

your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Ministry of Music

We Need You, Lord

Senior Choir

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.

First Reading: *The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 27: 1,4-9

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴ **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze
upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will
sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸ **My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”**
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

Second Reading: *Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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
Optional Repeat
 life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel: Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

***Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
 on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers.

¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Message

Rev. Stephanie White

***Hymn of the Day**

Faith Begins by Letting Go

ACS #1004

***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 People**

...Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

***Sharing of the Peace**

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

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.

***Offering Hymn**

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #465

***Offering Prayer**

God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal 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.

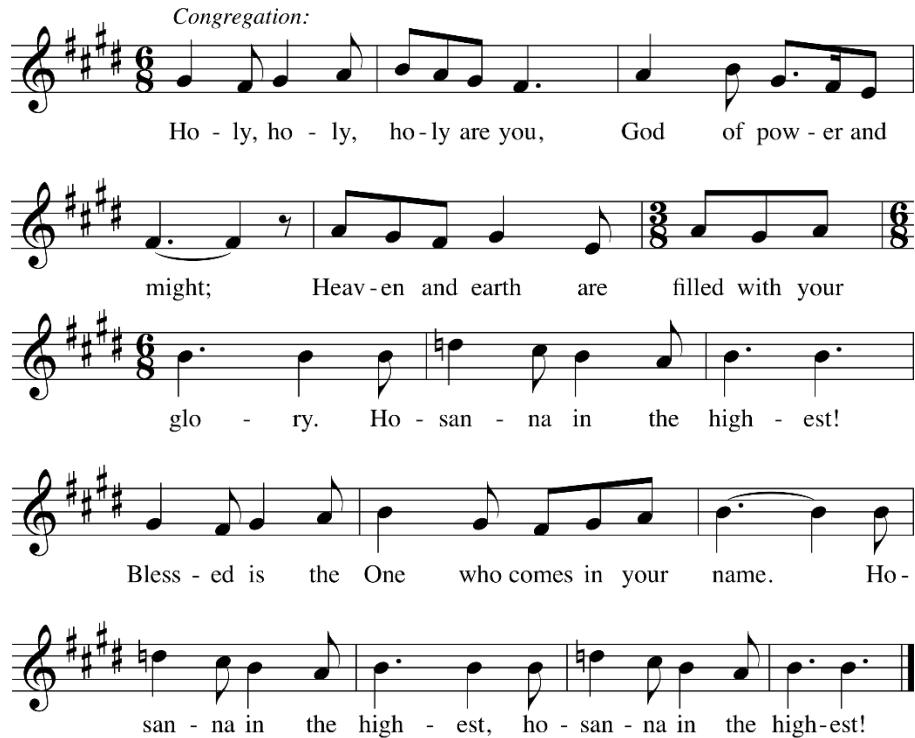
***Great Thanksgiving**

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

Congregation:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - 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 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

The cantor sings the “assistant” part on each verse; all sing on the final verse.

Congregation:

Congregation or Assistant:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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)

Know that all who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please approach the serving station using the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. After receiving the Bread of Life, please take an empty cup before approaching the wine station; if you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please take one of the pre-filled cups of white grape juice from the center of the tray. Return to your pew using the side aisles.

Our bread is gluten- and other allergen-free.

Hymn during Distribution *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* ELW #815

***Post-Communion Blessing**

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

Amen.

***Post Communion Prayer**

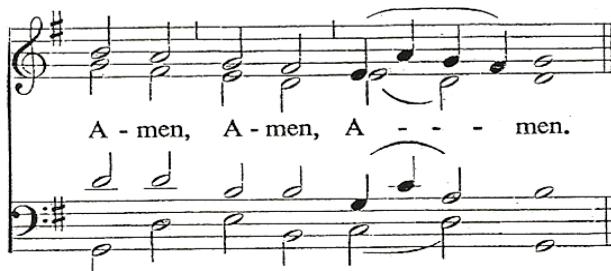
Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*
All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.

ELW #843

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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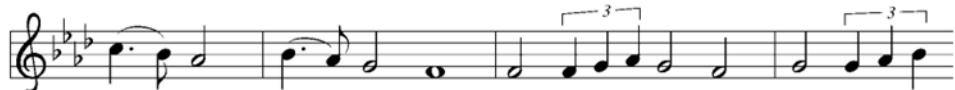
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Jan Nordin, *council president*
Dave Ulrich, *videographer*

Reid Froiland, *organist/liturgist/choir director*
Chris Cuppett, *cantor*
Paula Adamson, Greg Dally, and Dean Dalen,
staff musicians

Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - quiring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 fill our songs with alleluias,
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,
 praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976

Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944

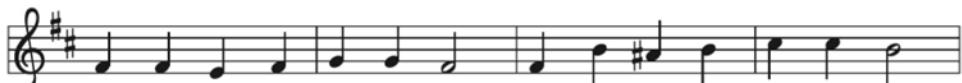
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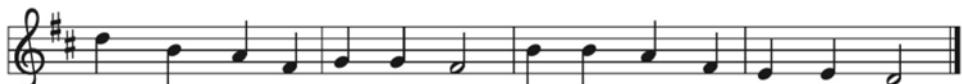
Faith Begins By Letting Go



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press-ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar-ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com-mon-place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at- ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen- tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris -'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de -mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis -ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des -ert's burn-ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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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

**Altar flowers are given by Tom Kays in memory of Dianne Kays
Blessed be her memory**

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

Week Ending January 11, 2026

\$1,065.00

**Weekly Shortage/Overage
(\$5,236.96)**



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.

S.W.E.E.T.S. will meet on Thursday, January 29th at the Pizza Ranch at 5:30pm.

The first All Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:00pm. This is for all members of our various committees.

Council Orientation will be held on Saturday, February 7th from 9am to 12pm.

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!

Looking for an evening Bible study?? The Eve Circle will be meeting on Thursday, February 12th at 7pm. The meetings are once a month with no summer meetings. So grab your Bible and join in!

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.

Projects:

1. Replacing the shingles on the roof.
2. Replacing the doors on the East and West sides.
3. Repair/replace dishwasher.
4. Upgrade current computer system.

For more information, contact a Church Council member.

Jan Nordin, Missy Hall, Leona Bugge, Scott Dcamp, Terri Cuppett
Ken Froschheiser, and Deb Jacobson.

Thank you and God Bless!



January Birthdays

.....Happy Epiphany!

January Birthdays –

1 – Suzanne Browning **2** – Hillary Teie, Kenneth Olson **3 – 4** – Brenda Poe, Paul Hejlik **5** – Deb Neimela, Hudson Eidelbes, Liam Mapes **6** – Deb Jacobson, Janelle Nelson **7** – Darlene Newland, Dena Halsa, Tom Goddard, John Azure **8 – 9** – Kaitlyn Sanden, Lois Hejlik, Kim Gilbert, Jayce Olson **10** – Kathi Jenkins, Haley Olson, Presleigh Ryba **11** – Sue Bendickson **12 – 13** - Lillian Lund, Javyn Eidelbes **14** – June Johnson, Houston Kirkeide **15** – Sara Johnson, Sharon Odegaard **16** – Kyla Klaven **17** – Greg Dally **18** – Jett Cornelius **19** – Doug Disterhaupt **20** – Angie Westling, Emily McLean **21** – Ashley Borchardt, Kylie Gustafson **22** – Alivia Ann Conely, Skya Wilson **23** - Christi Halbasch, John Bugge, Diane Eggerud, Piper Kezar, Ryan Hible **24** – Taylor Berg, Jeff Gilbert **25** – Larry Forsberg **26** – Zeb Nelson, Cora Hintz **27** – Arlo Johns **28** – Dee Wollenzien, Blake Halbasch, Shawn Sandahl, Livia Thibert **29** – Chris Cuppett **30** – Michaela Myhrer, Emmett Gustafson **31** – Beth Wilson

THE PEOPLE WHO

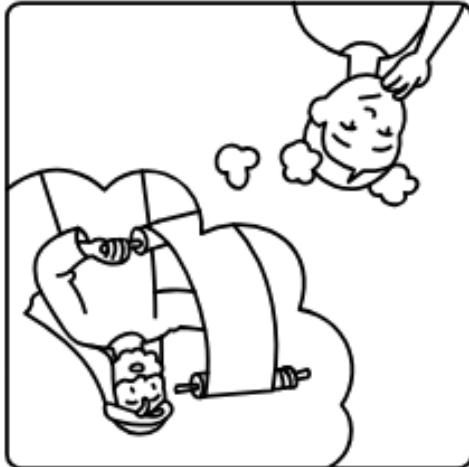
WALKED IN DARKNESS

Have Seen A Great Light.

3. "The people who stumbled around in the dark
have been met with radiant light. Those who were
stuck in a land of murky shadows—light has
illuminated and cleared their path!"



2. For generations, our faith ancestors have
trumed to this message of comfort and hope that
the prophet Isaiah shared with Israel. During this
time of confusion and fear he said, "Though you
live in distress now, the gloom won't last forever."



4. "Gone is the yoke of oppression! No longer
must they carry a great weight of grief. The people
celebrate! Joy overflows like a bountiful
harvest—for the chains are broken, the bars are
bent, and the people are free."



1. Sometimes life feels clear and steady; we know
what's happening and what's coming next. Other
times, it doesn't; we don't know what's happening
or what's coming next. It can feel like we're trying
to find our way in the dark or across a muddy
pond.