



2nd Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday January 18th, 2026
Redemption Lutheran Church
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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

(The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God)

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: 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.

C: Amen.

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

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: 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.

C: Amen.

P: 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,

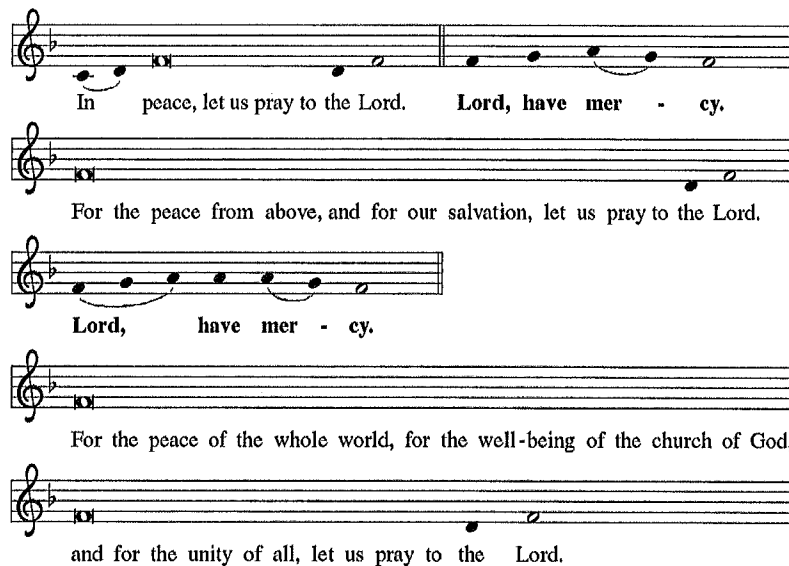
and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.
C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG – *Arise, Your Light Has Come* – ELW 314

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.

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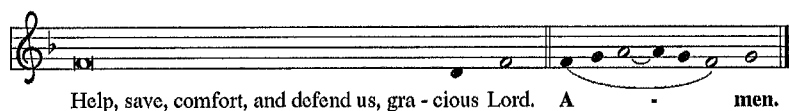
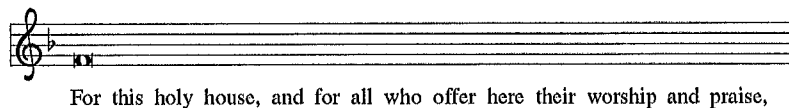
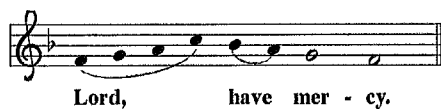
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

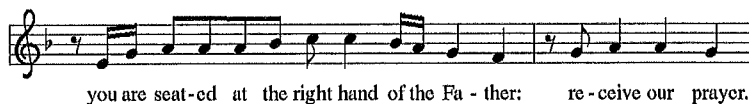
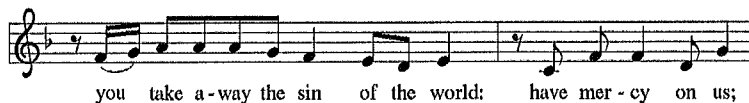
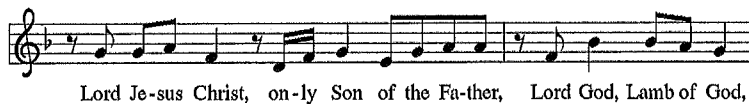
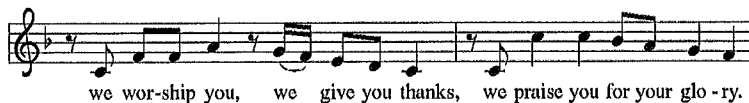
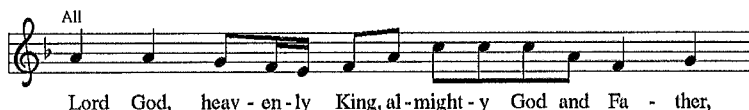
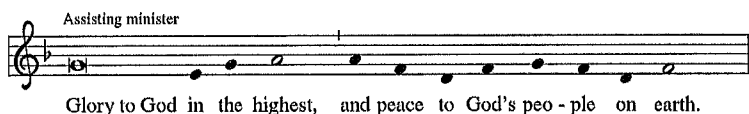
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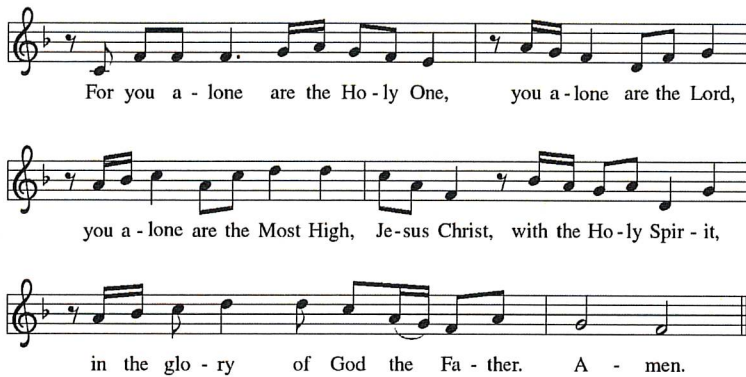
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

(God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49: 1-7

A: A reading from Isaiah

- ¹ Listen to me, O coastlands;
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born;
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD
and my reward with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷ Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

A: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40: 1-11

The Psalm is read responsively.

¹ I waited patiently up- | on the LORD,
who stooped to me and | heard my cry.

² **The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.**

³ The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.

⁴ **Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!**

They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies. R

⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for
us, none can be com- | pared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than | I
can count.

⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you
have | not required. R**

⁷ And so I said, "Here I | am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

⁸ **'I love to do your will, | O my God;
your law is | deep within me.' "**

⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O | LORD, you know.

¹⁰ **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of
your faithfulness and | your deliverance;**

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the | great
assembly.**

¹¹ You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually | keep me safe. **R**

SECOND READING: 1Corinthians 1:1-9

A: A Reading from 1Corinthians

A: ¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

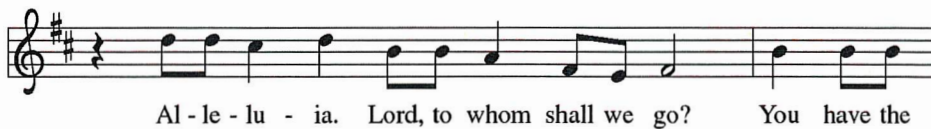
³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



GOSPEL: John 1: 29-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Rev. Gwendolyn King

The assembly remains seated

HYMN OF THE DAY – *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult* – ELW 696

The assembly stands.

CREED

C: 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 INTERCESSION

Each prayer ends with the words, "Merciful God," and the congregation responds, "receive our prayer"

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

MEAL

(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.)

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray

P: 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.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

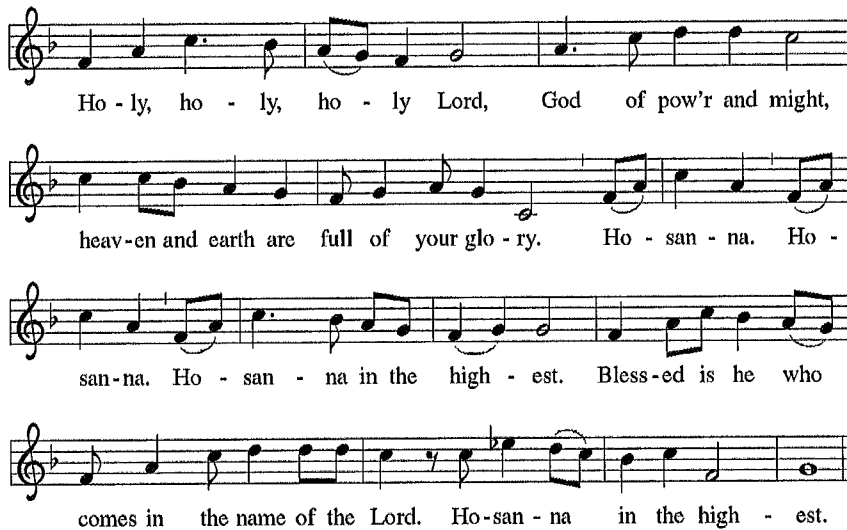
PREFACE

The presiding minister continues:

P: 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Gathered at the Lord's table last week, our congregation remembers with thanksgiving that:

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ. This same bread and cup, shared in our community of faith, are here given for you.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

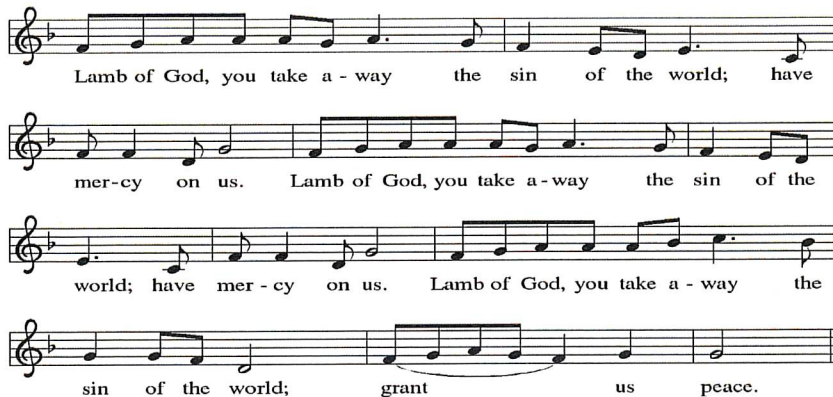
P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

The assembly may be seated. The bread is broken for communion.

COMMUNION

You may come to the rail to receive communion. The bread is gluten free, and you may dip it in the wine or grape juice. If you can't come to the rail communion will be brought to you.

LAMB OF GOD



The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

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

C: Amen

SENDING SONG – *We Are Marching in the Light* – ELW 866

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Our Prayer List

Our Community: Bob Conn, Mabel Turner, Ethel Metz.

Our Friends: Terry Gara, Lea and Paul Ressler, Melissa Kuchler, Linda Moore, Robert Donnelly and Family, Patricia Weiser, Eileen Krygier, Kathy Schultz, Shannon Puitro, Josh, Sue & Dave Goldstein, Jack Horvath, friend of Diane & John Graham, Joe Wolf, Mason Family, Nina Liptak, Barbara Laudenbacker, Jim Kellmer, Jill Edwards, Dorrie Schenkel, Mark Strenger, Freddie Schrat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During this time of pastoral transition, we want to share our financial status with the congregation by reporting the amount budgeted for monthly offering income, versus actual monthly offering income. Budgeted monthly offering income for January is \$4,200, and to date we have received \$8,440.

Feast of Justice Collection – Personal Care items are needed. Full-sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Soap, toothpaste, deodorant and especially feminine products would be greatly appreciated. You can place the items in the box in the Narthex.

Feast of Justice Food Pantry – We will be collecting a different shelf sustainable food item every Sunday for the Feast of Justice Food Pantry. We will collect for a total of 8 weeks (through January 25) to help restock their shelves. You can place the items in the box in the Sanctuary. **On Sunday, January 25th please bring Juice.**

Sunday, January 18th – We will be completing an MLK Day service project after worship. We will prepare snack bags for the non-profit “Caring for Friends”. See the sign-up sheet in the back of the church for items to be donated.

Sunday, January 25th – There will be a Congregational Meeting after worship. We will approve the second half of our fiscal year 2025/2026 Budget (January-June 2026). Following the Meeting, the Transition Team will hold an information meeting. Pizza will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, February 1st – Special Music Bassoonist, Aaron Scarberry, will be joining us for worship.

Sunday, February 8th – Join us for our 2nd Galentine's Day Brunch after worship (11:30 a.m.) at Gallo's Seafood Restaurant. The menu is a la carte with specialty cocktails and there will be a DJ. See the sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.

Sunday, February 22nd – We will be holding a Bingo Fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m.