



**4th Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday February 1st , 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.

CONFSSION 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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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 \dagger Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG – *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* – ELW 873

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mer - ey.

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

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - ey.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en-ly King, al-might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - ey on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

P: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, 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: Micah 6:1-8

A: A Reading from Micah

¹ Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has a case against his people,

and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you?

 In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt

 and redeemed you from the house of slavery,

and I sent before you Moses,

 Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,

 what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,

 that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD

 and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,

 with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,

 with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,

 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,

 and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice and to love kindness

 and to walk humbly with your God?

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

The Psalm is read responsively.

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your ¹ tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your ¹ holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do ¹ what is right,
who speak the truth ¹ from their heart; R**

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ¹ to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- ¹ on a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those
who ¹ fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take ¹ back their
word.**

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes
a- ¹ gain against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be ¹ overthrown. R

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



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Rev. Ghislaine Cotnoir

The assembly remains seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY – *Let Streams of Living Justice* – ELW 710

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 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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 – *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* – ELW 551

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, Joe Wolf, Mason Family, Nina Liptak, Barbara Laudenbacker, Jim Kellmer, Jill Edwards, Dorrie Schenkel, Mark Strenger, Freddie Schrat, Terry Burk, Karen Giampietro, Dave Speece, David May.

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 was \$5,800, and we received \$8,742.

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.

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 8th – We will celebrate the “Souper Bowl”. Please bring canned soup for Feast of Justice. You can place your donation in the box in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, February 8th - Bassoonist, Aaron Scarberry, will be joining us for worship.

Wednesday, February 18th – Redemption will not be hosting Ash Wednesday services. Please visit our neighboring churches, St. John's. Imposition of Ashes & Blessing 12:00p.m. – 2:00p.m. Full Service 7:00p.m. St. Timothy's Full Service 4:00p.m.

Sunday, February 22nd – We will be holding a Bingo Fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. \$25 per person at the door. Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary. Also, please let Cindy or Christy know if you are able to donate a basket.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 1st – We will complete the rescheduled MLK Day service project after worship. We will prepare snack bags for the non-profit (Caring for Friends).

Sunday, March 8th – Rescheduled Congregational & Transition Meeting. We will approve the second half of our fiscal year 2025/2026 Budget (January - June 2026). The Transition Team will hold an information meeting. Pizza will be provided.