

Seventh Sunday after The Epiphany

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Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church! Welcome to all and we extend a special welcome to our guests. Please sign the Guest Register, introduce yourself to the Pastor, and please, come and worship with us again.

Worship is a time when our Lord speaks and gives and we listen and receive his gifts of mercy, presence and forgiveness. We respond in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Enter, please, in silence for prayer and meditation.

Please keep a time before worship begins for silence and prayer and meditation. You may use this prayer to prepare for worship:

Lord Jesus Christ, giver and perfecter of our faith, I thank and praise You for the preaching of Your Gospel for my instruction and edification. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which will be spoken to me and by Your Holy Spirit increase in me saving knowledge of You, that day by day I may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Amen.

Here is prayer for use before taking Holy Communion:

O Lord, God, in Holy Baptism You have called me to be a Christian, Make me ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of my sins, and grant me a grateful heart to give thanks to you. Amen.

+ PRELUDE +

Stand

Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, #790

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28: 19)

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. (Hebrews 10:22)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 124:8)

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (Psalm 32:5)

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20: 19-23)

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Kyrie (“*Lord, have mercy*”; Mark 10:47)



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

Gloria in Excelsis



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.* O God, the Strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-15

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual for Epiphany (spoken together as printed below)

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (*John 20: 31*)



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: St. Luke 6:27-38

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn: **Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive, #843** (Tune: Alas and Did My Savior Bleed #437)

Sermon

Nicene Creed (Spoken by All)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church (1 Timothy 2: 1-4)

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart, #806 (as below)

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__

Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks.

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Service of the Sacrament *(LSB 208)*

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.** *(2 Timothy 4:22)*

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.** *(Colossians 3:1)*

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** *(Psalm 136)*

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die

eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21: 9*)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer (Spoken by all)

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.

The Words of Our Lord (*Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14: 22-24, Luke 22: 19-20, 1 Corinthians 11: 23-25*)

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini (Peace of the Lord) (John 20: 19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(We greet one another, saying, “The Peace of the Lord.”)

Agnus Dei (“Lamb of God”) (John 1: 29)

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

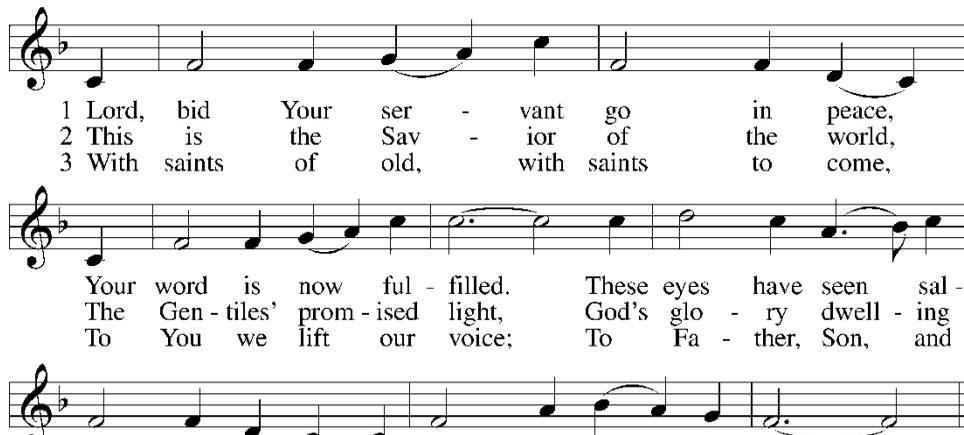
Sit

Distribution Hymns

- Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, #793
- How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds, #524
- Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing, #528
- May We Thy Precepts, Lord Fulfill, #698

Stand

Nunc Dimittis: Song of Simeon (#937; Luke 2: 29-32)



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
3 With saints of old, with saints to come,
Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and
va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest, Be hon - or, love, and praise.

Post-Communion Collect

P *Let us pray ...* Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn: Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service, #848

POSTLUDE

A BRIEF REPORT FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW OUR SERVICE TODAY. Please find your copy of the committee's report in your March Update. If you do not have one copies are available from an usher.

TAKING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT REDEEMER ... The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Redeemer in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, and any denial of His Holy Words, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Please fill out a Communion Registration Card (located in pew racks). If you are in any doubt about our confession of faith, are communing for the first time or are a member of another denomination, please speak to the Pastor before communing in person. Thank you.

SERVING REDEEMER: Bryson Burkett, Jacob Eury, Acolytes; Redeemer Senior Choir; Barbara Sigmon Director and Organist; The Reverend Greg Alms, Pastor; Phillip Davis and Bob Eury, Elder-Servers; Pem Andresen, Stephen Andresen, Brad Lael, Rodney Westray, Ushers.

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING March 11 at 7:00 p.m.

PARTS OF THE DIVINE SERVICE - PREFACE: The service of the sacrament begins with the Preface. The first part of the preface does not change. It introduces the Proper Preface, which changes with each season or festival day of the Church Year. At the close of the Preface the pastor says, "with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven." Our worship is not limited by time or space. Every time we worship, we join the angelic choirs and saints of every age in their heavenly worship of the Lamb who was slain. (*"A Simple Explanation of the Church Service"* pamphlet available in the pews and in the Narthex.)

THE WIFI NETWORKS at Redeemer have changed. There are two networks named: "Redeemer Lutheran" and "RedeemerLutheran1". The password for both is the church phone number: 8282412371.

MARCH UPDATES available this morning from Bill and Fran. Please ask for Updates for family members and neighbors who are unable to worship with us this morning.

STAY IN GOD'S WORD

- **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** 10:30 a.m. Parish Hall
- **WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP** 6:30 p.m.
- **THIS CHURCH IS A MESS!** Sundays at 9:00 a.m. with Pastor Alms
- The **BOOK OF ACTS** Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the educational wing.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Members of Redeemer

Edith Sigmon (Flu); Phillip Davis, Ann Steele; Mark Eury; Dot Eury, Jackie Sherrill; Mark Bell; Bobby Matthews; Brooks Laney; Avis Matthews; Betty Matthews; Bert Sigmon; Jeannie Sigmon; Marilyn Fertig; Shirley Stewart.

Friends of the Redeemer family

Billy Bowen, (brother-in-law Fran Little); Jason Smith, (nephew of Jackie Sherrill); Joe Little; Bradley Lyda, Bryanna Edmondson; Genita Hill; Cheryl Kiser; Chris Averitt; Carol Pelto; Tom Hurley, Travis Smith; Penny Sundell; Brian Sullivan; Rick Talledira; Jerry Kanipe; Shirley Grindstaff; Wilma Hoke, Erin Sipe; Jerry Tibbs; Linda Richards.

In thanksgiving for prayers answered on behalf of J.R. Littlejohn and Keith Dowdle.



If you, a friend or loved one has returned to normal activities or no longer need to be on the lists above, please drop a note in the offering plate or contact the church office so prayers of thanksgiving can be made and the name removed from the list. Thank you!