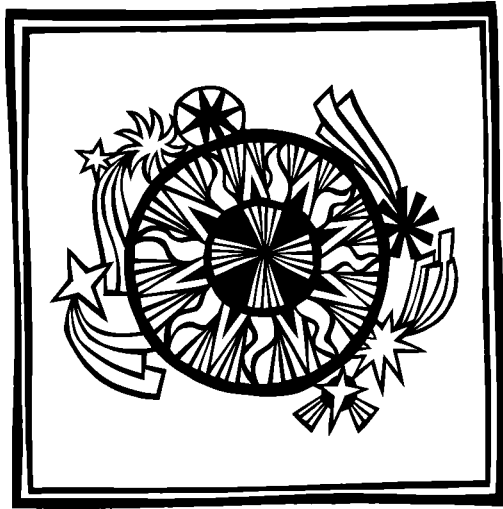


# **Redeemer Lutheran Church**

743 East Magnolia Road, Salina, Kansas 67401  
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Sunday January 4, 2026

Welcome!

May our hearts be open to our creator and to one another as we share in worship together.

Pastor Del Strecker, Transition Pastor  
Tom Mertz and Mary Bridges, PMA's  
Ruth Mirtz, Organist

Ann Metcalfe, Director of Music

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (WOV p. 12)

### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin. Reconciling God,

**we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.**

God's grace upon grace flows over you.

✝ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.

Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad! **Amen.**

### ENTRANCE HYMN (WOV p. 12)

## O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;  
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
it is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,  
oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.  
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

## 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



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## HYMN OF PRAISE



**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**I** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

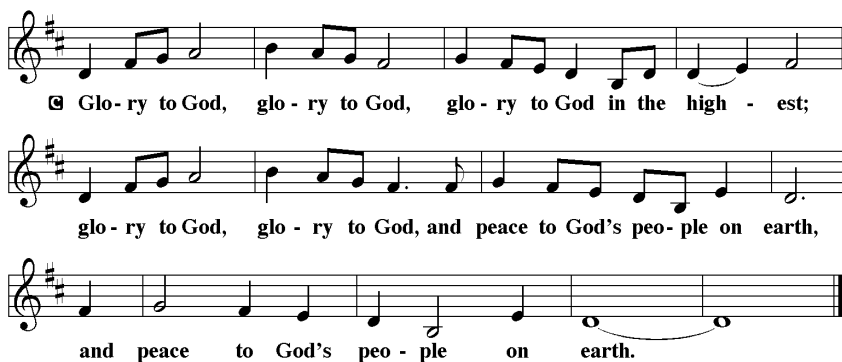


wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.” <sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup> With weeping

they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock.” <sup>11</sup> For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. <sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. <sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow. <sup>14</sup> I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20**

**Refrain**

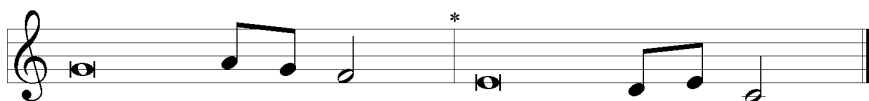


Wor-ship the LORD, O Je - ru - sa - lem; praise your God, O Zi - on.

<sup>13</sup> Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;  
praise your | God, O Zion;

<sup>14</sup> **for he has strengthened the bars | of your gates;**

- he has blessed your chil- | dren within you.
- <sup>15</sup> God has established peace | on your borders;  
and satisfies you with the | finest wheat. **R**
- <sup>16</sup> **God sends out a command | to the earth,**  
**and his word runs | very swiftly.**
- <sup>17</sup> God gives | snow like wool;  
he scatters | frost like ashes.
- <sup>18</sup> **God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.**  
**Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?**
- <sup>19</sup> The Lord sends forth the | word and melts them;  
the wind blows, and the | waters flow. **R**
- <sup>20</sup> **God declares the | word to Jacob,**  
**statutes and his judg- | ments to Israel.**
- <sup>21</sup> the Lord has not done so to any | other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah! **R**



## SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood,

the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9] 10-18**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

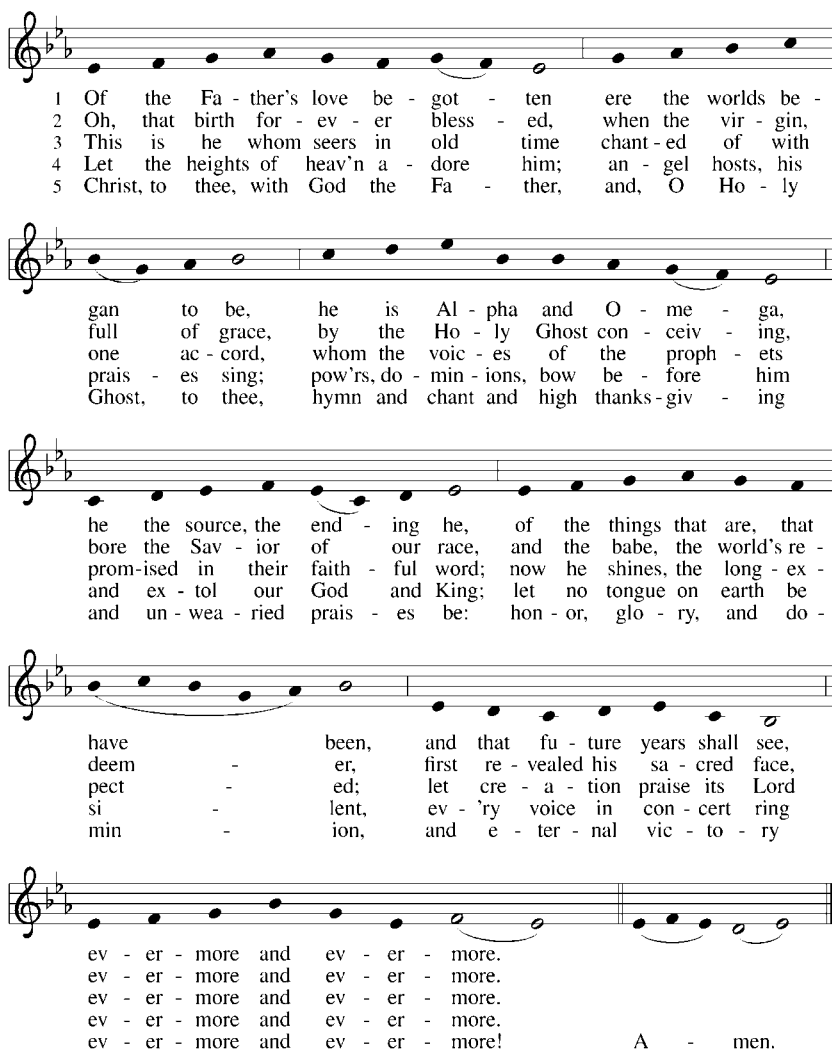
<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has

ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON – Pastor Del**

**HYMN OF THE DAY (WOV p. 18)**

## Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -  
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be -  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

A - men.

## CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God**

**from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **THE PRAYERS**

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

O God, you reveal yourself wherever two or three are gathered in your name. Be with us now, not only in the infant Jesus and resurrected Christ, but in the beloved people of this assembly. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You reveal yourself in the waters of the womb; in brooks, ponds, and oceans; and in the waters of baptism. Grant us

wisdom to tenderly care for the earth as a garden watered by your grace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You reveal yourself in blessed diversity. Help us to look for you in people near and far, in bodies of all kinds, and in kindred young and old. Let us seek you in many places, praising you in many tongues. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You reveal yourself in new life. Support those beginning a new job, a new relationship, or a new living situation, especially those displaced because of tragedy or loss. Be with all others who need your life-giving touch this day especially **Marge Hansen, Cecelia Anderson, Paige Alstatt, Barb Wire, Dorothy Hanke, Jerome Herrman, Zach Swanson, Beverly Alstatt, Sandra Anderson, Larry Shulda, Sue Jacobson, Susan Burkland, Will Biggs, Cody Larson, Darla Personney, Dan Ott, Chuck Hadlauer, Allie Paine, Maxi Cardelle, T.J. Karst, Frank and Mary Gwing, Rev. Melinda Melhus, Kyler Russell, and Becky Shulda, and the family of Wayne Hanke, We lift up Eric Blomberg, Tanner Gibson, and Brayden Harper** who are serving in the military. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You reveal yourself in holy communion. Sustain all who provide food and fellowship in this congregation and in the wider community. Make our tables signs of your welcoming presence among us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You promise to turn mourning into joy and to comfort those who weep. We remember those who have died and

look to being united with them in your glory. Hear us, O God.

### **Your mercy is great.**

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

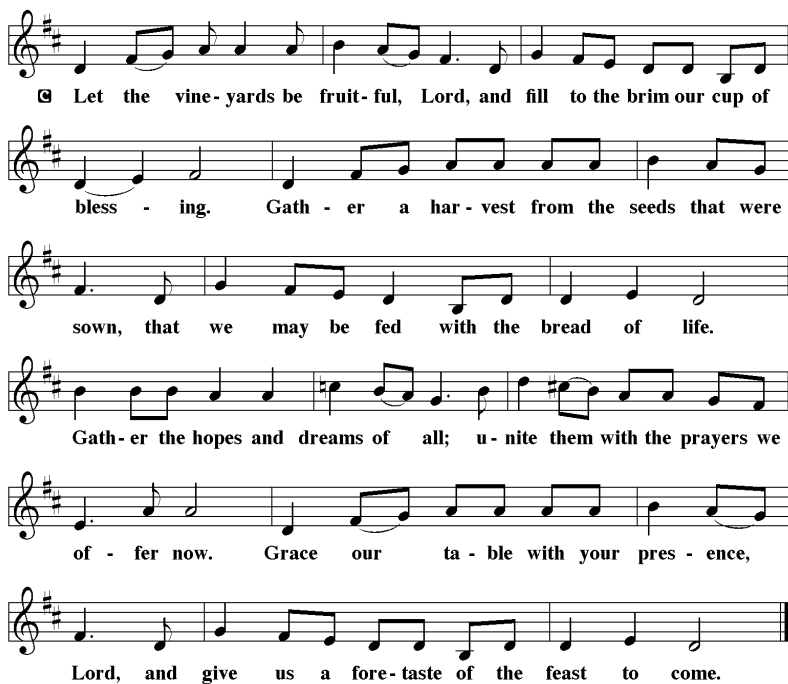
**And also with you.**

**Peace be with you.**

### **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING MUSIC**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

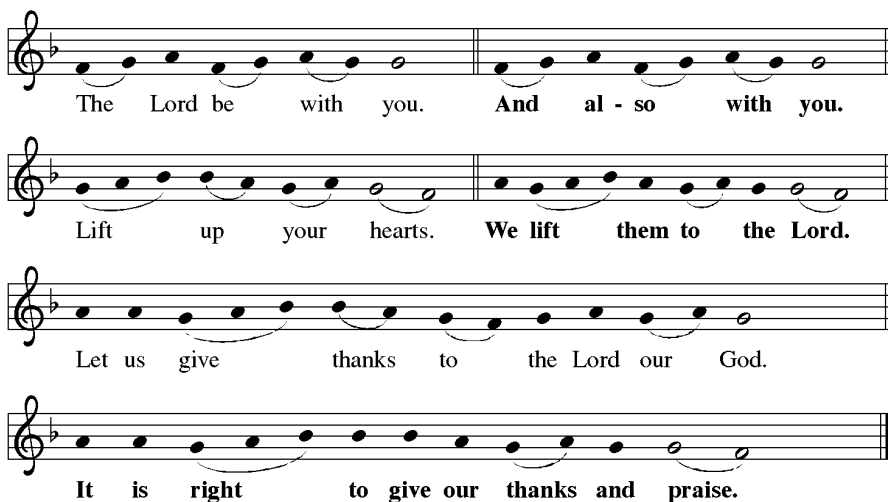
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the

Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you  
in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your  
promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets'  
hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness  
to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh. 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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

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

## COMMUNION HYMN



☞ 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, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

## TABLE BLESSING

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation,  
and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May  
your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy  
people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you  
now and forever. **Amen**

## SENDING HYMN

### The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

*Enviado soy de Dios*



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.  
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain  
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;  
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

## DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!

**And peace to God's people on earth!**

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Announcements**

**Congregational Meeting:** The second half of congregational meeting will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup> following worship.

**Rejoicing Spirits:** We need volunteers to help run Rejoicing Spirits, if interested please contact Shellee Callahan 785-822-6878 or Debbie Beckman 785-452-5662.

**Thank you from Pastor-** Dear members of Redeemer, Thank you so very much for the extremely generous gift. Your generosity reflects that you see God's gift to the world as a very general gift. You have responded with your hearts as well. It has been a tremendous joy to serve you these past six month. Pastor Del & Anita

**Poinsettia-** Please feel free to take home a poinsettia plant after service.

### **Schedule for the week**

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026:** 8:30am Transition team  
9:30 am Worship 10:45am Mutual ministry meeting.

**Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026:** 5:30 Church Council

**Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 :** 8:30am Breakfast Club,  
4:30pm independent connections meeting 6:30pm Guys night out.

### **Partners in Ministry**

**Sunday, January 04, 2026**

Greeters: Jan Jackson and Mary Shaffer

Ushers: Sam Neff

Lector: Mary Mertz

Communion: Debbie Beckman

Cantor: Kris Johanson

Sound: Ray Beckman

Fellowship: Jim and Vivian Cook

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**

Greeters: Rod and Rosemary Anderson

Ushers: Ray and Debbie Beckman

Lector: Kathy Lowman

Communion: Charlotte Herrman

Sound: Kris Neff

Fellowship: Rick and Betty Henderson

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

Greeters: Jim and Vivian Cook

Ushers: Mike Ramage and Joe Plumer

Lector: Phil Sedo

Cantor: Sam Neff

Communion: Sam Neff

Sound: Kyle Tonniges

Fellowship: Rick and Betty Henderson

**Prayer Request**

**MEMBERS:** Marge Hansen, Cecelia Anderson, Paige Alstatt, Barb Wire

**REDEEMER FRIENDS**

Dorothy Hanke (Mother of Debbie Beckman)

Jerome Herrman (Nephew of Charlotte and Dave Herrman)

Zach Swanson (Grandson of Sandi and Tom Drown)

Beverly Alstatt (Mother of Craig Alstatt)

Sandra Anderson, (Cecelia Anderson's daughter-in-law)

Wallace Cox (Father of Becky Shulda)

Larry Shulda (Husband of Becky Shulda)

Sue Jacobson (Sister of Wayne Keeler)  
Will Biggs (Charlotte and Dave Herrman's son-in-law)  
Cody Larson (Brother-in-law of Jordan and Zach Burkholder)  
Darla Personney (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)  
Susan Burkland (Sister of Kathy Heinrich)  
Dan Ott (cousin of Craig Alstatt)  
Chuck Hadlauer (Friend of Shelia Alstatt)  
Allie Paine (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)  
Maxi Cardelle (Friend's grandson of Kathy Lowman)  
T.J Karst (Cousin of Charlotte Herrman)  
Dee Wamika (Friend of Shelia Alstatt)  
Barbra Stucky (Friend of Kathy Lowman)  
Family of Wayne Hanke (Debbie Beckman's Father)

### **MILITARY**

Eric Blomberg, USS Laboon (Nephew of Mary Shaffer)  
Tanner Gibson Hill AFB, Ogden UT (Great-Nephew to Cecelia Anderson)  
Brayden Harper, USS Washington (Great Great Nephew) of Mary Bridges

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