

+ Contemporary Worship +  
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

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9:45 am February 11, 2024

**Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.**



*The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.*



## **PRELUDE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth; it was a formless void and darkness covered the deep. God said: “Let there be light!

**All And there was light.**

Pastor In the middle of life, when we become more aware of our flaws and the shadows that surround life, God calls us into the illuminating presence of His Word.

**All Lord, your Word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.**

Pastor In the fog of life, when good and evil compete and when our future is put in doubt, we are reminded of the true power of God in Christ Jesus.

**All The true light, which enlightens everyone,  
has come into the world.  
The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness does not overcome it.**

Pastor Epiphany is the season of light. As we continue our life’s story, as we deal with challenges, pursue goals and occasionally fail, may we always know that Christ is our light.

**All Jesus said: I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life. Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

*Please stand and sing.*

### I Was Glad

*Refrain*



I was glad when they said to me, "Let us  
go to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they  
said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."



1 Called from ev - 'ry na - tion, called from ev - 'ry race,  
2 Words that must be spo - ken, grace that must be heard,  
3 Here the poor are wel - comed, here the lost are claimed.



gath - ered here for wor - ship in this ho - ly place;  
mer - cy and for - give - ness from God's ho - ly word,  
Bro - ken lives are mend - ed, deep - est fears are named.



God is here a - mong us, lift your hearts and sing,  
here will be re - peat - ed; peace to all pro - claimed,  
Here the wise are child - ren and the weak are strong.

*Refrain*



make the walls and raf - ters ring.  
shout - ed out in Je - sus' name.  
Here, in Christ, we all be - long.

Text: Psalm 122:1, refrain; Jay Beech, stanzas  
Music: PSALM 122, Jay Beech

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## **CONFESSION**

Pastor Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I will be among them." Christ is here, in our hearts and souls as we gather for worship. Christ is here, to heal and redeem. Let us open our hearts and minds for God's healing ministry!

*Silence and reflection*

Pastor Most merciful God,  
**All Come into our lives,  
come and heal what is broken,  
correct what is sinful,  
bless what is small and tender,  
uncertain and in need of growth.  
Come into our lives  
and anoint our community  
that it may serve your kingdom  
in this world!**

Pastor The God of truth who renews us in body, mind and soul, grant us insight, foresight and a desire to follow the path of Christ. In the tender compassion of our God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit your sins are forgiven. May the blessings of God rest upon us all.

**All Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor Let us pray.  
Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Please stand and sing.*

### Open our eyes, Lord

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

Je - sus, to reach out and touch

him, and say that we love him.

O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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## INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Reading: 2 Kings 2:1–12**

*Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.*

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader      Word of God, word of life.  
All          **Thanks be to God.**

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3–6**

*The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.*

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader      Word of God, word of life.  
All          **Thanks be to God.**

## Thy Word

**CHORUS**

♩ = 70 F C/E F B♭/D C F

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

5 C/E F B♭/D C F *Fine*

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

Pastor            The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.  
All                **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.*

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## SERMON

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*Please stand and sing.*

## Come to the Mountain

1 Je - sus took Pet - er, James, and John  
2 "This is my Son!" said a voice from the cloud.  
3 We will be changed like Je - sus our Lord,

up to the moun - tain to be a - lone.  
"Lis - ten to him . . . . . and do what he says!"  
and live with him . . . . . in heav - en a - bove.

While they were watch - ing Je - sus was changed;  
Soon as it came . . . . . that vis - ion was gone,  
But while we live on this earth - ly home,

and they saw Mo - ses face to face.  
and they saw Je - sus stand - ing a - lone.  
our work as ser - vants nev - er is done.

*Refrain*

Come to the moun - tain to see the light.

Come to the moun - tain to hear God's word.

Go to the val - ley, it is your home.

Go to the val - ley to serve the Lord.

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Music: MOUNTAIN AND VALLEY, Kathleen Donlan Tunseth

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Asst. Min. With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

**All** 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**

*Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. After each portion of the prayers:*

Asst. Min. God of grace,

**All** receive our prayer.

*At the end of the prayer:*

Pastor Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All** Amen.

## **SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE**

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All** And also with you.

*Please greet one another with words such as "God's peace be with you."*

*Please sit.*

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please give as you are able. We appreciate those who give in-person and those who give electronically.*

*Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.*

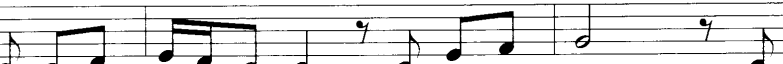
## **OFFERING MUSIC**

*'You Have Saved Us' words and music by Paul Baloche and Ben Gowell*

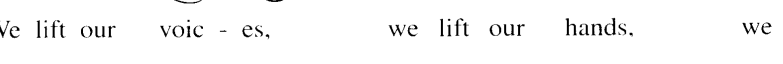
**SONG OF OFFERING**  
*Please stand and sing.*

We are an offering

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We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our



lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor  
All

Let us pray.  
**Blessed are you, Holy One,  
for all good things come from you.  
In the bread and the wine you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.  
Amen.**

**MEAL**

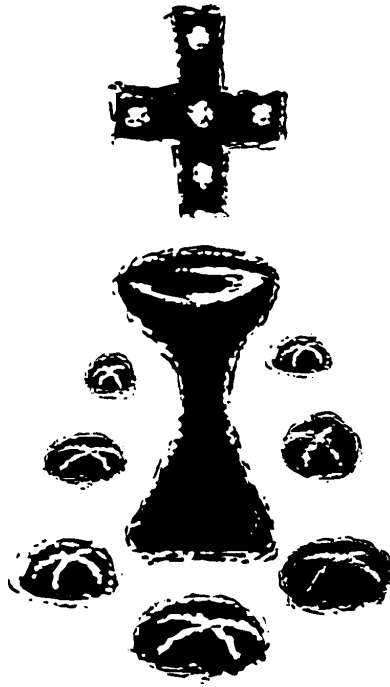
Pastor                    The Lord be with you.  
All                        **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.  
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
All      **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor      Revealing God we give thanks and praise to you. You send your light into the world, and in that light we see the truth of who you are and the truth of who we are. You call us to worship you. You direct us to yourself. You become what we are that we might become what you are. And so with the choirs of angels gathered around your eternal throne we join in their hymn of unending praise:

**All** Holy, holy, holy Lord  
**God of power and might,**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**



## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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.**

Pastor      Come, for all is now ready.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

***All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.***

*Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine are invited to come forward for a blessing. You are an important part of our faith community. For those taking Holy Communion: Pastor will give verbal instructions on how Holy Communion will be distributed.*

**COMMUNION SONG**  
*All sing.*

# O Redeeming One

Luke 1:68-69, 78-79



1. Je-sus, you are light in the dark - est place; in a
2. Je-sus, you are hope in a hope - less land; you're my
3. Je-sus, you are truth in a world turned grey; you're the



world of sor - row you're my song of praise. You're the  
 so - lid rock when there's sink - ing sand. You're my  
 lamp that guides all a - long the way. Though I



sac - ri - fice that has saved my soul; you're the  
 shel - ter from eve - ry troub - led storm; in the  
 fall in sin, still you pick me up; when I



heal - ing balm that has made me whole. O re -  
 cold - est night your love keeps me warm.  
 thirst for you, you will fill my cup.



deem - ing one! You have set me free, for you know me well, yet you



still love me. I will sing your praise 'til your face I see!



Then I'll be with you, and you'll be with me. me.

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### **TABLE BLESSING**

*Please stand.*

Pastor            May the body and blood of Christ fill you with all love and peace, this day  
and always.

**All                Amen.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Asst. Min.        Let us pray.  
Giver of every gift,  
Raise us to new life by your power  
in Christ's body and blood,  
for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
now and forever.

**All                Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

Pastor            God who names you,  
Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
+ bless you and remain with you always.

**All                Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**  
*All sing.*

**Awesome God**

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Our God is an awe - some God, he  
reigns from heav - en a - bove with wis - dom,  
pow'r, and love— our God is an awe - some God!  
Our God is an awe - some God! Our God is an awe - some God!

**DISMISSAL**

Asst. Min.  
**All**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

### Just Listen

There are transfiguration moments in everyday life that can absolutely stop us in our tracks with the glory of Christ's presence: The smell of a new baby. Flowering trees blooming in the spring. The embrace of a friend when we need them most. Voices raised in cries for justice. The bravery of difficult conversations. The sacred minutes just before death. It may not be Jesus in dazzling clothes or a visit from the ancestors on a mountaintop, but by God's grace, we perceive the love of Christ shining brightly in these ordinary, yet holy, moments.

When they happen to us, what are we to do? It can be difficult, when in the presence of the divine, to know quite what to say. Peter, grasping at straws, offered to make three dwellings. You can't blame him—we all make weird choices when we are terrified! But a voice came from heaven: "Listen." It is not necessary to do or say anything. This moment is simply a gift. Our job is only to listen to Jesus.

Have you ever spent time just listening? Maybe outdoors, on a hike or in a park—listening to the sounds of creation. Or during a quiet moment in worship—the sound of cars driving by outside, or your neighbor breathing, or your own heart beating. Perhaps you have listened compassionately to a loved one who didn't need advice but just needed to be heard.

As people accustomed to doing, we can find it challenging to just listen. We may have learned that it is important for us to have something to say, something to offer, something to provide. But the good news of grace is that Christ's love has come to us even before we could do anything. That's why we baptize even helpless infants. That's why, when we come to communion, we do so with hands outstretched and empty, ready to receive: "This is the body of Christ." All we can do is listen . . . and say, "Amen."

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*Next Sunday's Scripture:*

*Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God.*

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