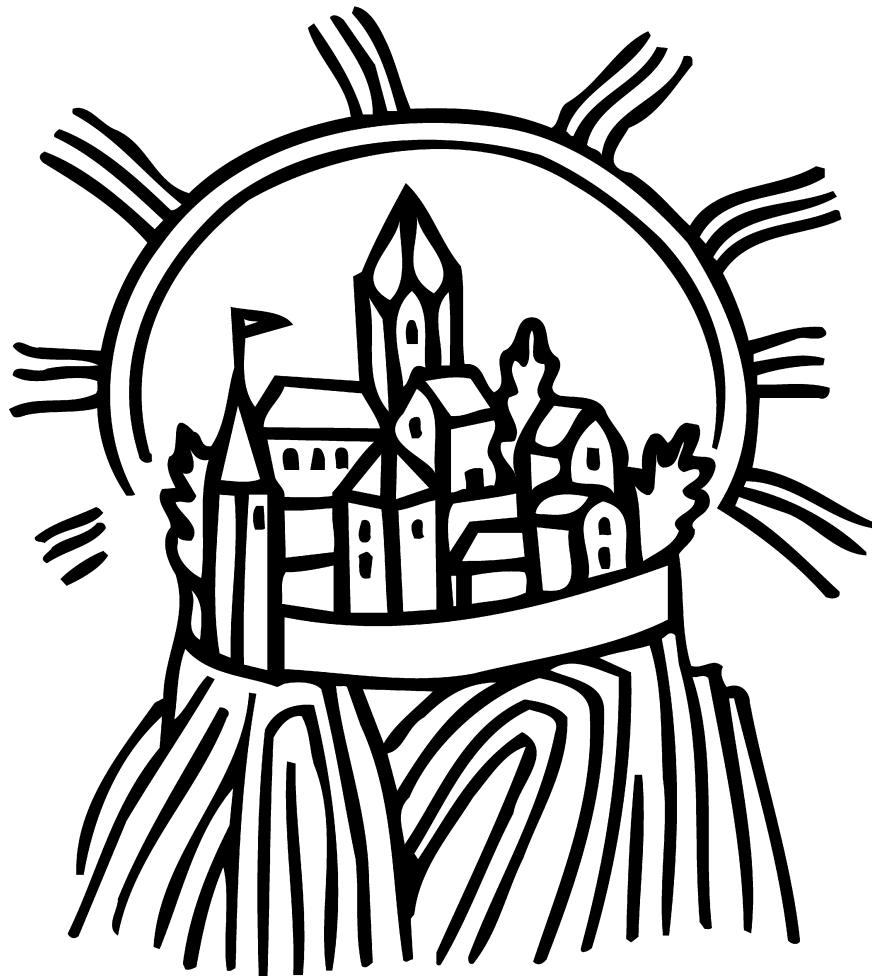


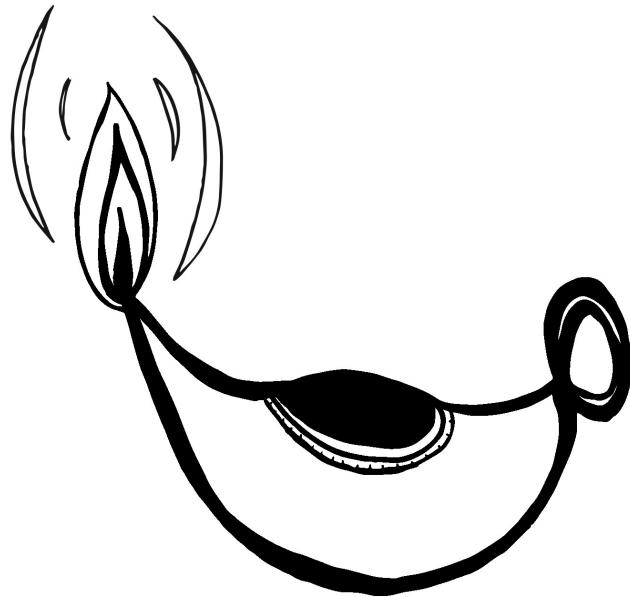
+ Contemporary Worship +  
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

*9:45 am February 8, 2026*

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



*Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*



## **+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +**

### **PRELUDE**

*Please stand.*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Based on Psalm 112*

Pastor      Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord  
**All**            **and have great delight in God's commandments.**

Pastor      Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
**All**            **the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

Pastor      They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
**All**            **Their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.**

Pastor      They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
**All**            **They will hold up their head with honor.**

**GATHERING SONG**  
*All sing.*

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Lord, I lift your name on high

Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.



### **CONFESSiON OF SiN**

Pastor      Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>+</sup> one God,  
                  the Creator of heaven and earth,  
                  the Word who spoke life into being,  
                  the Wind stirring the waters.

**All            Amen.**

Pastor      Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor      Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**All**            **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.  
                  Amen.**

Pastor      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 <sup>+</sup> Jesus' name.  
                  May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
                  and bless you with the gift of peace.

**All            Amen.**

*All sing.*

## I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will sing, I will sing. I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord. With my mouth will I make known thy faith - ful - ness, thy faith - ful - ness. With my mouth will I make known thy faith - ful - ness to all gen - er - a - tions.

*Fine*  
*D.C. al fine*

Text: Psalm 89:1  
Music: FILLMORE, J. H. Fillmore

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All

**Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## + THE WORD +

### **Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]**

*Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

<sup>1</sup> Shout out; do not hold back!  
    Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
    Announce to my people their rebellion,  
        to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me  
    and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
    and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments;  
    they want God on their side.

<sup>3</sup> “Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
    Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day  
    and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup> You fast only to quarrel and to fight  
    and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
    will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose,  
    a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush  
    and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
    a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
    to loose the bonds of injustice,  
    to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
    and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
    and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them  
    and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
    and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you;  
    the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9a</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
    you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

[<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you,  
    the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
    and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
    and your gloom be like the noonday.]

<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

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

### **Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]**

*Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. <sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup> and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup> God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [<sup>13</sup> And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup> Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

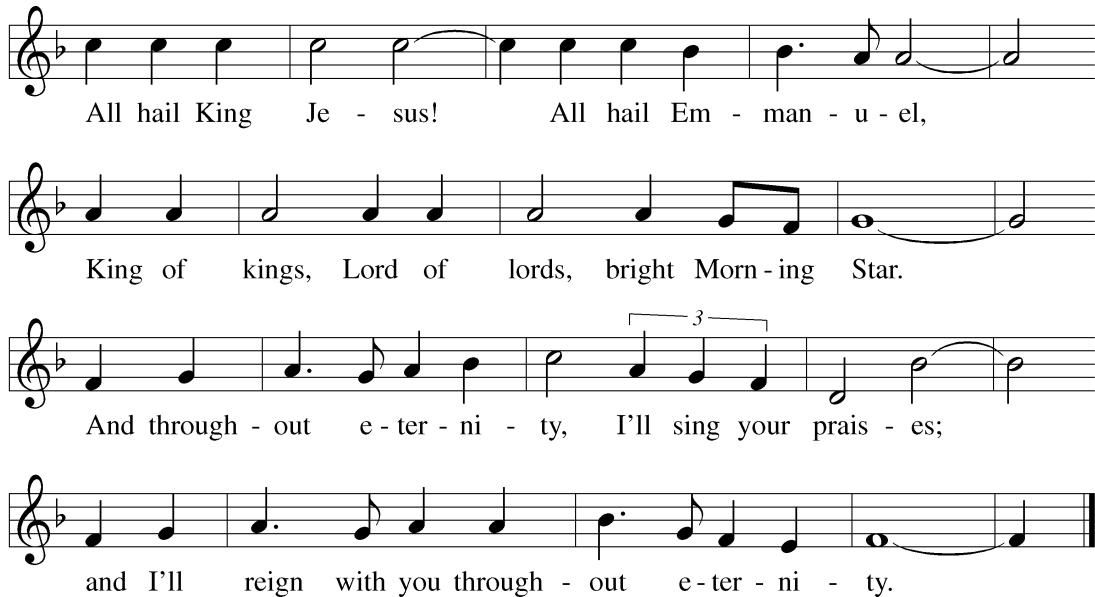
<sup>16</sup> “For who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.]

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

**Please stand and sing.**

## All Hail King Jesus!



All hail King Je - sus! All hail Em - man - u - el,  
King of kings, Lord of lords, bright Morn - ing Star.  
And through - out e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing your prais - es;  
and I'll reign with you through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Dave Moody  
Music: KING JESUS, Dave Moody

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

### **Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Pastor                    The Gospel of the Lord.            **All**                    **Praise to you, O Christ**

### **SERMON**

*God Dreams A Redeemer*  
*Pastor John Teitman*

*Please stand and sing.*

## More Love, More Power

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Jude Del Hierro

The musical score consists of eight staves of music. The first two staves are in Gm and Ebmaj7. The third and fourth staves are in Dm7 and Gm, with a Dm7(4) chord. The fifth and sixth staves are in Gm and Ebmaj7. The seventh and eighth staves are in Cm and Gm. The lyrics are as follows:

More love, — more power,  
more of You — in my — life. —  
More love, — more power,  
more of You — in my — life. And I will worship  
You with all of my heart. — And I will worship  
You with all of my mind. — And I will worship  
You with all of my strength, — for You are my Lord, —  
You are my Lord. —  
— You are my Lord.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

Asst. Min.  
Congregation

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.  
**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.                    Merciful God,  
**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                        May 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."*  
*Sit*

**+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +****OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Our offerings to God are first of all just that—offerings of thanksgiving to God. As you are able please continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts.*

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

## OFFERING

*“Unstoppable God” by Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, and Wade Joye*

## OFFERTORY

*Please stand and sing.*

We are an offering



The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff starts with a G chord, followed by a C<sup>2</sup> chord, then a Dm<sup>7</sup> chord, a C<sup>2</sup>/E chord, and a C/E chord. The lyrics "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our" are written below the notes. The bottom staff starts with an F chord, followed by a C/E chord, then a Dm<sup>7</sup> chord, a Dm<sup>7</sup>/G chord, and a C chord. The lyrics "lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing." are written below the notes. The music is in common time.

Text and music: Dwight Liles  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Asst. Min. Let us pray.

All 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.  
Amen.



## + COME TO THE TABLE +

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.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

### COMMUNION

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

*Communion will be offered by intinction.*

*For those not comfortable receiving from the pastor's hands, a separate tray with preset elements is available. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine is invited to come forward for a blessing. To receive a blessing, please cross your arms.*

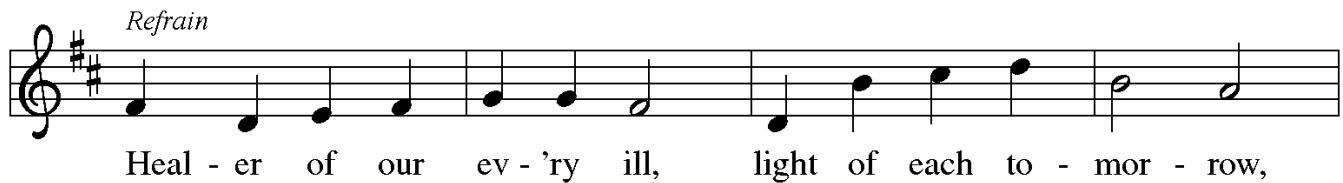
*You are an important part of our faith community.*

*In Holy Communion we receive the true body and blood of Christ.*

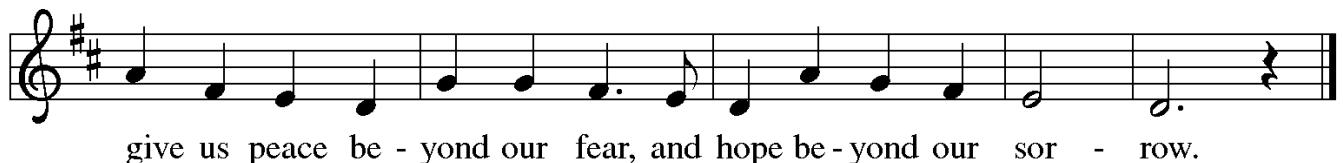
**COMMUNION SONG***All sing.*

## Healer of Our Every Ill

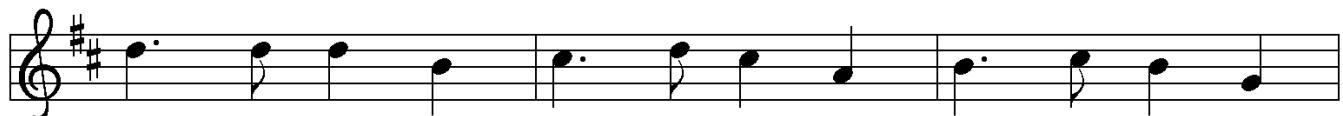
*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

*Refrain*



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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***Please stand.***

Pastor

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood,  
strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

**All**

**PRAYER**

Asst. Min.

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.

**All**

**Amen.**



**+ THE SENDING +**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor

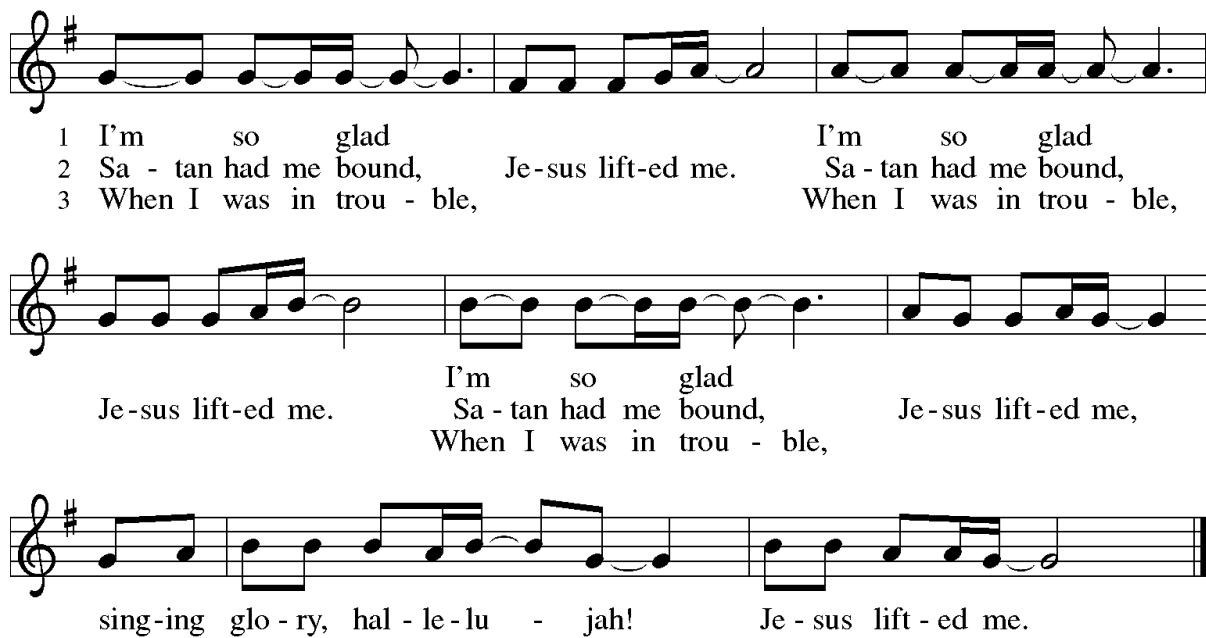
May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
☩ bless you now and forever

**All**

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG***All sing.*

## I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble, Je-sus lift-ed me.  
I'm so glad Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble, Je - sus lift - ed me.  
Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble, Je - sus lift - ed me.  
sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

**DISMISSAL**

Asst. Min. Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
All **Thanks be to God.**

## Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

**Children** are welcome in our worship. There is a children's worship bulletin for them. If you prefer, a nursery and/or childcare is available for children up to age 3 during all worship services.

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### *Sunday Services:*

**8:30 and 11 am for the traditional services and 9:45 am for the contemporary service**

Next Sunday's Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

### **It's Time to Lighten Up!**

This is a strange time of year. The days are short, the nights are long, and even though we dream of more daylight, we walk around hoping against hope that there won't be enough sunshine produced for a rodent (okay, a groundhog!) to see its own shadow. A quick scan of today's news can be equally as bleak. It is time for a little more light in an otherwise dark and dreary time.

Enter Epiphany. The missional emphasis of this season shines like a beacon of light and hope in the dead of winter, bringing good news in the middle of this world's not-so-good news. This week God provides the mission in Isaiah—feed the hungry, care for the homeless, clothe the naked. Upon accomplishing this mission God tells the people, "Your light shall break forth like the dawn." Paul continues his Spirit-led mission, encouraging the church in Corinth, "No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." Jesus teaches his disciples, "You are the light of the world. . . . Let your light shine before others" (Matt. 5:14, 16). Through these words in Jesus' sermon, he gives followers of every day and age a mission to share the light which scatters the darkness.

Whether you are looking in the news or out the window, things may seem pretty dark and dreary at this time of year, but do not miss the light of Epiphany! We are indeed created in God's image, therefore the spark of the divine is alive in all of us. The light shines through us as we live out God's mission for our lives each day. As Epiphany continues, we should all be prepared to let our light shine and share the good news.

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

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