

+ Contemporary Worship +  
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

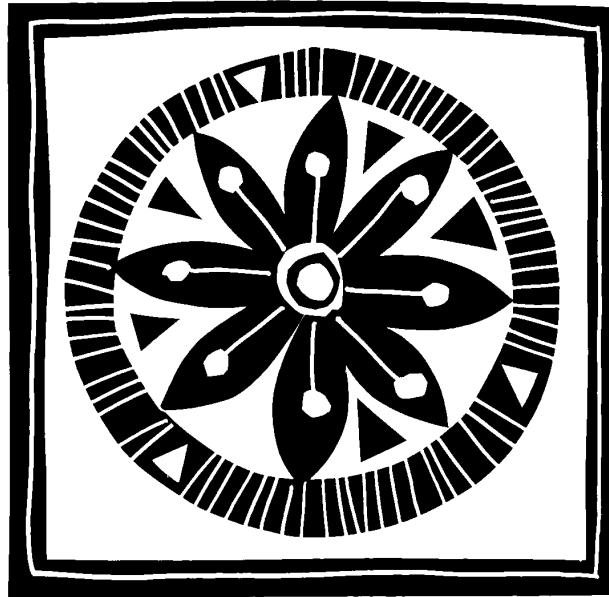
*9:45 am January 25, 2026*

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



*Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.*

*We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.*



## + WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

### **PRELUDE**

*Please stand.*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Based on Psalm 27*

Pastor      The Lord is my light and my salvation.  
**All**            **Whom then shall I fear?**

Pastor      The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
**All**            **Of whom shall I be afraid?**

Pastor      One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
**All**            **That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**

Pastor      To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord,  
**All**            **And to seek God in the temple.**

**GATHERING SONG**  
*All sing.*

## Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

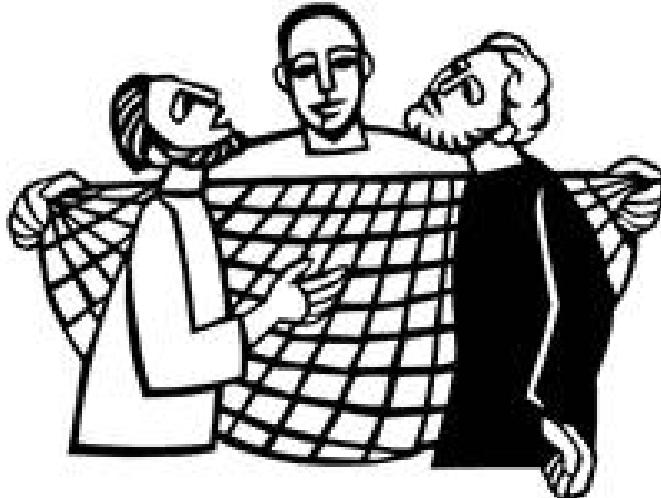
1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free, by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*Refrain*

Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:



### **CONFESSTION 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.

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

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor

Let us pray.

Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All

**Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## + THE WORD +

### **Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4**

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

### **Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

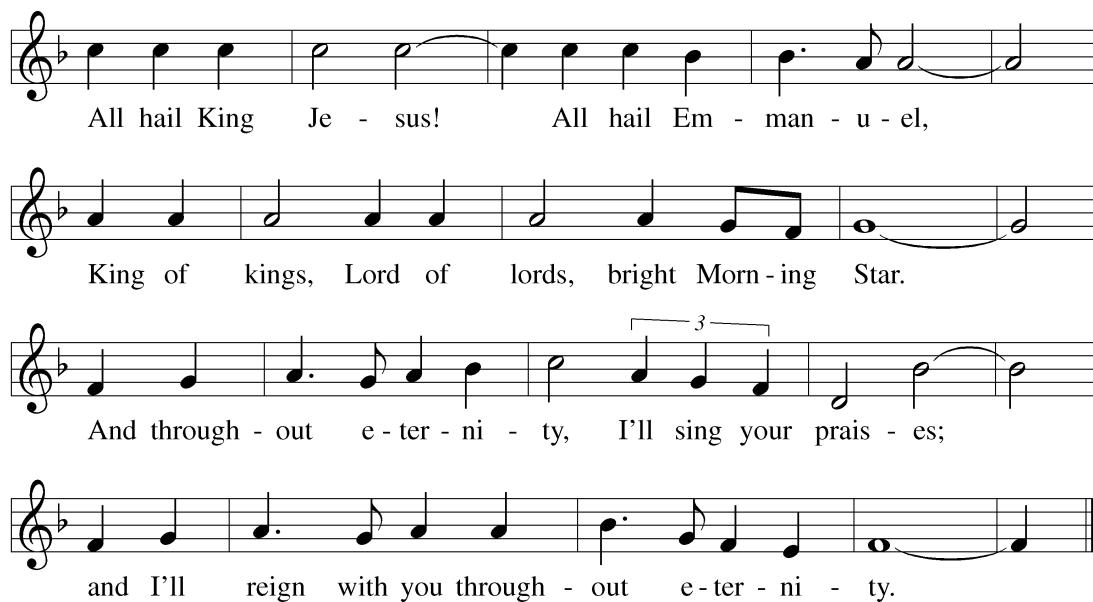
<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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 4:12-23**

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

### **SERMON**

*What Next?  
Pastor John Teitman*

**Please stand and sing.**

## Will You Come and Follow Me *The Summons*

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
pray'r in you and you in me?"  
mean in you and you in me?"  
sound in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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**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

**TEMPLE TALK****+ 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.*

**OFFERTORY*****Please stand and sing.*****We are an offering**

G                    C<sup>2</sup>                    Dm<sup>7</sup>                    C<sup>2</sup>/E                    C/E

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

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

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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.*

75

**O Redeeming One***Luke 1:68-69, 78-79*

♩ = 80

FMaj7 Dm7 G7 C F2 C

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

Am F Dm7 G2

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

C F2 C

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

F G F2 C

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.

F2 F C F2 F C Am F

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

Dm7 G F2 F C Am F

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

C G F2 [1, 2] C [3] C rit. C2 C

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

WORDS and MUSIC: Dan Adler

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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**

**Amen.**

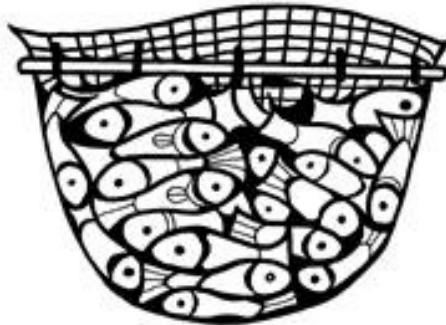
**PRAYER**

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****Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises**  
*Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona*

*Refrain—sung twice each time*

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

End

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I strong am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*

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**DISMISSAL**

Asst. Min. Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

All

**Thanks be to God.**



## Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

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Email: church@redeemermclean.org

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Church Phone: 703-356-3346

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

Next Sunday's Scripture: Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12

### A New Way to Follow

Nations wage war, gangs battle each other, families quarrel, communities of faith divide. We hear others say and even hear ourselves saying, "There is no other way."

In Jesus, the light of God's kingdom draws near and a new way shines for us to follow.

In today's gospel, Jesus first withdraws (Matt. 4:12). The word *anachoreo* (to withdraw) is used ten times in Matthew's gospel—each time as Jesus' response to violence or conflict. John the Baptist has been arrested, and tension is beginning to build. The way of God and the way of the world's rulers are beginning to collide.

In Jesus, a new kingdom has drawn near, a kingdom of nonviolence and non-retaliation. Jesus' withdrawal is not simply passivity but points to a vision of an alternate way of reigning as king. Jesus rules not with violence, abusive power, or through division but through voluntarily emptying himself of power, identifying with the oppressed and burdened, and healing that which is broken. Into this new reign, Jesus calls the disciples to follow him, a way that appears foolish and weak to those who cannot discern it. To those God calls, it is the wisdom and strength, the light and power of God.

To follow in the way of Jesus places one's life at risk, for it eventually leads to the cross. To follow, though, implies someone is leading. The way God calls us to follow has already been filled with the loving kindness and mercy of Jesus who has gone before us and who leads us to the foot of the cross. There, in the shadow of the cross, God makes a way for unity in the midst of division, for healing in the midst of brokenness, for peace in the midst of violence, for forgiveness in the midst of betrayal. Around the table, the kingdom of God draws near; Jesus' broken body announces forgiveness, healing, peace, and unity. Many bodies are nourished and formed into the one body of Christ, called and sent to follow in the way of Jesus, to be broken and shed for the sake of the world.

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