

*This Week at Our Redeemer*

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| Sun 12/28 | 8:00 AM<br>9:15 AM<br>10:30 AM | Praise & Worship Service with Holy Communion<br>Coffee Fellowship<br>Divine Service with Holy Communion           |
| Mon 12/29 |                                | Christmas Break (School Closed)   |
| Tue 12/30 | 9:30 AM<br>10:00 AM            | Christmas Break (School Closed)<br>Lectionary Bible Study (At Boxed & Burlap in Delavan)<br>Red Cross Bloodmobile |
| Wed 12/31 | 6:30 PM                        | Christmas Break (School Closed)<br>New Year's Eve Worship Service   |
| Thu 1/1   |                                | Christmas Break (School Closed)   |
| Fri 1/2   |                                | Christmas Break (School Closed)   |
| Sat 1/3   |                                | No Events   |



*General Information*

**Prayer Requests and Prayer Partners**

All prayer requests received by Noon on Wednesday will be added to the Sunday service folder and Prayers of the Church (unless otherwise requested).

**Food Pantry**

Our Church and School supports the Delavan Food Pantry as part of a cooperative effort with other area churches. Place donations of dry and canned goods in the “Food Bank” box in the narthex.

**Hearing Devices**

Devices are available for those who would like to use one. Please see an Usher or Elder.

**Prayer Shawls**

Shawls are available in both foyers of the church. Please sign the registry and take what you need.

*May the blessing of Christ coming to the world be with you and your family this season. Thank you for your prayers and remembrances. They are greatly appreciated.*  
*-Pastor Mark & Kim Wilkens*



***Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with School***

***Our Mission: Sharing the Redeeming Love of Jesus***

*A Congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod*

**Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**

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*Jesus taught that by eating the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, we receive his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins (Mt 26:26-28). St. Paul taught that the Lord's Supper is a confession of our unity in the faith (1 Cor 11:26) and can harm us if taken wrongly (1 Cor 11:28-29).*

*We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. Because of the above scriptures, if you are not a member of the LCMS and hold a differing confession, we ask you to refrain from communing until you speak with the pastor. You are still invited to come up, with your arms crossed over your chest, to receive a blessing. Your worship with us here is always welcomed!*

**For information about our church, to submit a prayer request, or e-giving.**



*First Sunday after Christmas  
Sunday, December 28, 2025  
Praise & Worship Service, 8:00 AM*

Opening Song: **Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven**  
Invocation  
Opening Sentences  
Confession of Sins  
Introit  
Salutation and Prayer of the Day  
Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 63:7-14**  
Epistle: **Galatians 4:4-7**  
Alleluia Verse  
Holy Gospel: **Matthew 2:13-23**  
Children's Message  
Song of the Day: **Welcome to Our World**  
Sermon  
Apostles' Creed  
Prayer of the Church  
Offering  
    Song: **Christmas Offering**  
Preface  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer  
The Words of Our Lord  
Pax Domini  
Distribution Songs:  
    **Make Room**  
    **All is Well**  
The Dismissal  
Post-Communion Collect  
Benediction  
Closing Song: **Holy Forever Christmas**



**Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual Healing**

Landon and Jackson Britzke  
Henry Forsyth, Abi Hummel  
Carole Larson, Debbie Lynn  
Nancy McIntyre, Kayla Poli  
Logan Sables, Chuck Schaller  
Janet Schmalings, Gerry Schmidt  
Robin Strom, Joy Wagner  
Richard Wheeler Jr., Richard Wheeler Sr.  
Jim Wilkins, Colette Witt

**Our Homebound**

Mildred Boness, Diane Carter,  
Duane Duesterbeck, David Gilbert, Barbara Hart,  
Darlene Langholff, Carole Larson,  
Joann Meinschock, Phyllis Patek, Esther Veley,  
Jackie Viel, Joy Wagner, William Wiedenhoef

**Our Service Members**

Richard Cameron, Ben Kastning, Daniel Loomer,  
Richard Wheeler III, and Jared Zeimentz

**Our School Students, Faculty, and Staff**

Deb Holt - PK4 Teacher  
Nevaeh James & Paisley Palenshus

**Milestone Birthday**

Patricia Reum

**Milestone Anniversary**

Mark & Christine Weerts

**Sunday, December 28th**

*8:00 AM Worship Assistance*

**Elder:** Jeremy Brockwell  
**Communion:** Jeff Holt  
**Lector:** Wayne Rhode  
**Acolyte:** Sarah Schuenke  
**Musician:** Becky Penniman  
**Ushers:** Rick Zur, Zac Zur, Mason Zur, Aidan Schuenke, Jacob Schuenke

*10:30 AM Worship Assistance*

**Elder:** Chris Keil  
**Communion:** Don Johnson  
**Lector:** Rita Rhode  
**Acolyte:** Zoe Schuknecht  
**Musician:** Brenda Wunderlich  
**Ushers:** Bill Alberts, Ron Wilson  
  
**Altar Guild:** Joann Koles, Judy Lenz, Wendy Kujawa, Dorothy Nietfeldt

**Sunday, January 4th**

*8:00 AM Worship Assistance*

**Elder:** Ron Deschner  
**Communion:** Eric Murphy  
**Lector:** Aidan Schuenke  
**Acolyte:** Jenna Katzenberger  
**Musician:** Barb Breitung  
**Ushers:** Jim Baar, Rick Getka, Eric Murphy, John Hopkins, Dave Bunnell

*10:30 AM Worship Assistance*

**Elder:** Richard Cameron  
**Communion:** Mark Rathke  
**Lector:** Aidan Schuenke  
**Acolyte:** Khloe Koepke  
**Musician:** Barb Breitung  
**Ushers:** Bill Lenz, Mark Rathke, Dave Newcomb, Ron Grair  
  
**Altar Guild:** Jean Duesterbeck, Nancy Delaney, Karen Sax, Pat Brockwell

*Congregational Giving*

|                                  | For the Week of Dec. 15-21 | Year-to-Date |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Actual Offerings Received</b> | \$17,078.01                | \$401,669.55 |
| <b>Budgeted Offerings</b>        | \$20,000                   | \$500,000    |

*Announcements*

**Record of Fellowship**

There are now red Fellowship Pads in the pews - please fill one out each time you worship with us to help us better understand our attendance trends and how to better serve our congregation.

**Office Closures**

The school and child care offices will be closed through Friday, January 2nd, and the church office will be open for reduced hours ; call or email ahead if you plan to visit the church office.

**Ushers**

Are you looking for a way to serve the Lord? We are always looking for ushers. Current schedules are every third week for either the 8:00 or 10:30 service. The only requirement is being confirmed. All men, women, and couples interested in helping, please contact Bill Duesterbeck, bduesterbeck@orlcs.org or 262-949-0005.

**Considering a Year-end Gift to ORLCS?**

Checks that are mailed and arrive at our office by Dec. 31, 2025 are calendar year 2025 gifts. In addition, a special rule allows gifts with a valid U.S. Postal Service postmark of Dec. 31, 2025 (or earlier) to be treated as a 2025 gift - even if the gift arrives in early 2025.

**Offering Envelopes**

Offering envelopes are ready to be picked up for those who receive them. Please stop in the Fellowship Hall between services or in the Church Office during the week to them up.

**Poinsettia Pickup**

Please feel free to take your poinsettia after the New Year’s Eve service on December 31st, or on Sunday, January 4th.

**Christmas Decor**

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, January 6th at 9am to help take down the Christmas décor! Thank you.

**RaiseRight News**

No physical orders will be placed this week. Reloadable and eCards will be available however. Next physical card order will be placed next week on January 3rd. Happy New Year! Any questions, please contact Lauren Romeo at orscrip@gmail.com or 262-325-3059.

**Stewardship Thought**

*Luke 2:49 – “And he said to them, ‘Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?’”* What a privilege the Lord has given to us by calling us to come to His house! It is not a burden but rather an honor and a blessing for us to always be able to come to a place where we know God is present for us in His gifts of Word and Sacrament. Likewise, the Lord has honored us by allowing us to support the work of His house with our tithes and offerings.