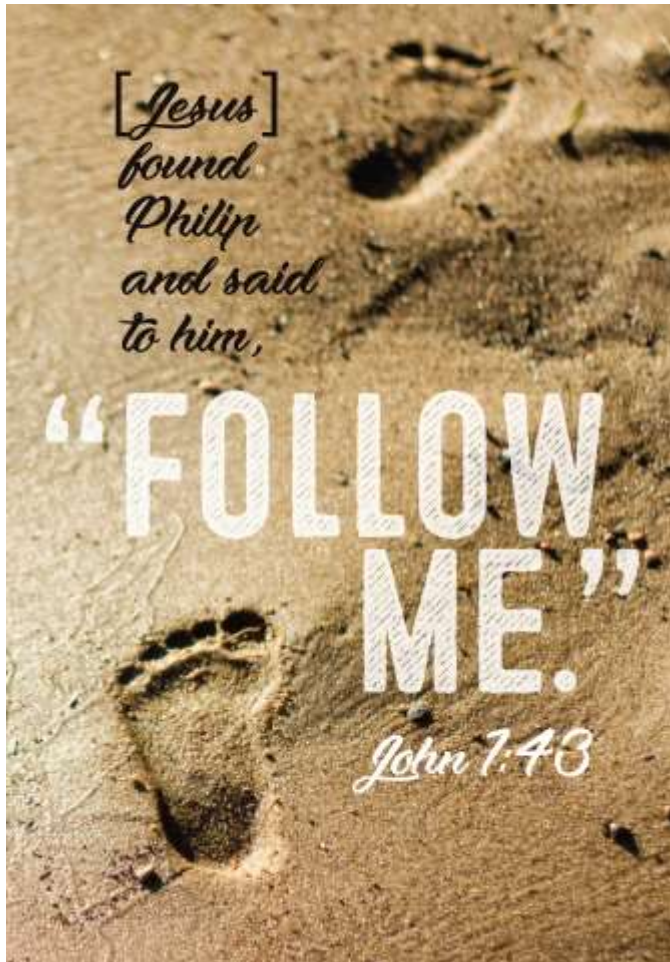


# OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 7, 2024



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## **OUR MISSION**

“The Our Redeemer church family exists to **welcome** people to faith;  
help people **grow** in the faith that works in real life;  
and **serve** our community and the world together in **Jesus**’ name.”

## **GUESTS AND MEMBERS – WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER**

We’re happy that you’ve joined us in worship, especially if you are a visitor with us.  
We pray that the Lord who led you here would lead you into a time of knowing Him better,  
trusting in Him more, and growing deeper in His love as He places His Word  
and cross before your eyes, ears, and hearts.

We like to know you worshiped with us today. Please sign the Friendship Pad located on  
the aisle side of the pew and pass it along to others in the pew.

## **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, HYMNALS & LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE**

Please see an usher for assistance with these items.

### *Serving Us Today*

**Guest Pastor** – Rev. David Ehlers

**Pianist** - Tracy Holloway

**Elder**                      Danny Kiedaisch                      (309-212-0504)

**Reader**                      Kris Boerger

**Ushers**                      Mike Mounce (Lead) and Mark Semingson

**Altar Guild**                      Cally Robertson

### *Altar Flowers*

*The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Doris Davenport  
in celebration of her birthday and grandson Hunter’s 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING I

WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

LSB 405

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### PSALM

*Psalm 29*

P: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

P: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

**C: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

P: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**C: He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

P: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**C: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

P: The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**C: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

P: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### KYRIE

*LSB 152*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise  
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## “This Is the Feast”

LSB 155



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 1:1-5 (Pew Bible pg. 1)*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE

*Romans 6:1-11 (Pew Bible pg. 942)*

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

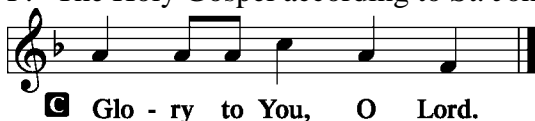


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

*John 1:43-51 (Pew Bible pg. 887)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN            “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake”            LSB 688

SERMON                            “An Invitation of Divine Magnitude”  
John 1:43-51

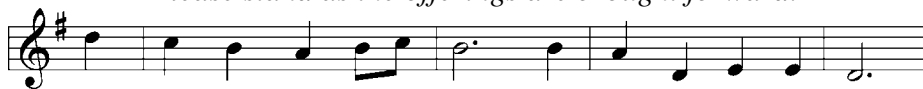
TITHES AND OFFERINGS PRESENTED AT THE ALTAR

*\*Tithes and offerings are collected in the offering box in the Narthex. If you have a tithe or offering to share, you may place it in the offering box following worship.*

*\*Please sign the Friendship Pad located on the aisle side of the pew and pass it along.*

OFFERTORY                    “We Give Thee But Thine Own”            LSB 781 (v. 1-2)

*Please stand as the offerings are brought forward.*



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 160

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LSB 161



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*LSB 162*

**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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*LSB 162*

## PEACE OF THE LORD

*LSB 163*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## LAMB OF GOD

□ 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.

*Please be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION

HOLY COMMUNION ... Because we believe Jesus' word that in communion He gives us His body and blood, forgives our sins, and strengthens our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we welcome to communion those

- \* who are part of God's family through baptism;
- \* who are growing by the power of the Holy Spirit in true faith in Jesus as their savior;
- \* who are truly repentant and sorrowful for their sins; and
- \* who intend by the power of the Holy Spirit to amend their lives.

If you feel your relationship with God is not of this nature, you may still come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms at the communion rail), rather than communing to your spiritual harm. For those communing, both wine and grape juice are available.

*(If you are unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand after the last table of communicants has been dismissed.)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“When All the World Was Cursed”

*LSB 346*

“God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

*LSB 594*

POST-COMMUNION SONG

“Thank the Lord”

LSB 164



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

LSB 166

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



**C** A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“All Who Believe and Are Baptized”

LSB 601

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