

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2024



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Opening Hymn: 791 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

↑ Order of Service, Divine Service 4, LSB p. 203

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

Kyrie (Music: LSB p. 204)

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

C To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

**2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. ... O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:21–31

²¹Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; ²³who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:16–27

¹⁶If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

↑ Alleluia and Verse

(Music: LSB p. 205)

☐ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

These things are written that you may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29–39

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

☐ Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**☐ 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.**

↓ Hymn: 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Sermon

↑ Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P In thanksgiving for Christ Jesus, sent into our flesh; for His preaching of the Gospel and His casting out of the corrupting works of sin and Satan, which we could not overcome; and that, by His Word, He would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church, that God would give joy to His servants on whom He has laid the necessity to preach the Gospel, that many would be saved in every nation, and that together we may share in the blessings of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all Christian homes and for the endurance that comes from the Holy Spirit; and for husbands and wives, parents and children, that they may be disciplined and self-controlled in their duties, run their course in this life, and continue to the end in the holy Christian faith, ready to receive the imperishable wreath of eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our land, that the Lord who created this world's foundations and holds sway over the powers of nature and the rulers of the earth would graciously preserve it; and for our leaders and people, that God would not disregard us for our sins, but renew us, that our lives may be peaceful and our country governed according to His will, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those in any need, that through our prayers they would be brought to the Great Physician of body and soul whose hand turns away demon, disease and every ill effect of sin:... let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who commune, that we would come to Christ's Supper believing that where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation; and that the blood of Christ, which atoned for our sins, would make us whole, strengthen us against every spiritual attack of the devil, turn us in love toward our neighbor, and preserve us in body and soul to life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Liturgy: (Music: LSB pp. 208-212)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:
- C** 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.
- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

Agnus Dei

- 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

↓ Distribution Hymns:

**547 The Lamb
752 Be Still, My Soul
686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

↑ Post-Communion Liturgy: (Music: LSB p. 211-212)

- 1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**
 - 2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**
- [P]** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 Amen.

Closing Hymn: 727 On Eagles' Wings

Postlude: Peter Utecht (Organ)

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Worship Times: Sunday at 9:00 A.M. & Monday at 6:00 P.M.

Welcome

We are glad that you have joined us today as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you have any questions during worship, please feel free to ask an usher at any time.

Small children are part of the Body of Christ. We always welcome them in worship. However, we understand that it may not be easy to remain still or quiet. If a break is needed, “Busy Bags” are hanging up as you enter the Sanctuary.

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Presented to the Glory of God by Mike Canty in memory of
Mary.

Prayers



This Week at Redeemer

Sunday, February 4th

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

Monday, February 5th

8:15 am Finance

6:00 pm Worship

Tuesday, February 6th

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 7th

5:00 pm Catechism @ Good Shepherd

6:00 pm Youth Game Night @ Good Shepherd

Thursday, February 8th

6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting

Friday, February 9th

Saturday, February 10th

10:00 am Sledding

Sunday, February 11th

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

Last Week Attendance: 141 Last Week Offering: \$6,093

Statement on Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here every weekend and on other holy days. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation. All members of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor before communing for the first time. When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:17-34), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.

Bible Study Update

Pastor Schmitt WILL be holding Bible Study at Redeemer each week. The men's Bible Study will be Tuesdays at 7:00am and the women's Bible Study will be on Tuesdays at 9:00am.

2024 Altar Flowers

The sign-up sheet for 2024 altar flowers is available at the Welcome Center. Thank you to everyone that contributed flowers in 2023!

Fellowship Sign-Up

Just a reminder that there is a sign-up sheet for Fellowship at the Welcome Center. All groups/friends/families are encouraged to sign-up to host fellowship for a week. If you don't want to bake, there are always cookies available to set out. Thank you!

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has now spoken with all the candidates that were open to an interview and will be meeting in the days ahead to confirm the final list to be presented to the Congregation, should all those candidates still be open to a call. In case some are not interested, we have proactively asked the District to provide more names for consideration. At the time of printing this bulletin we are still waiting to hear back from some of the candidates that we previously interviewed so look to future bulletin's to provide further updates.

Redeemer Preschool Update

Our Preschool continues to be a blessing to our church and a blessing to our community – and we give thanks to God for that, and for the amazing team of teachers that make the program the success that it is. Two of our staff, Preschool Director Patti Fellows and Preschool Teacher Jerri Rathjen have advised the Board that this will be their last year at Redeemer.

Firstly, we want to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible impact they have had on the lives of so many young children that have come through the doors at Redeemer. Their dedication, passion, and nurturing spirit have created a foundation of learning and love for Jesus that will last a lifetime.

Now, we start the search for those that will fill the shoes left behind. As we work towards finalizing the details and documents to officially start the search, we also ask the members of Redeemer to think of who they might know that could step into one of these roles, or to reach out to others that might be able to offer insight or recommendations. Should you have any names to pass along – or any questions, please feel free to contact Beth Utech or Michael Gregurich.

2024-25 Preschool Registration Is Open

We are now accepting registrations for preschool. All forms are available in the office or on our website. Please share this information with friends and family! Word of mouth is our best advertising.

Lenten Soup Supper

Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center for our Lenten Suppers. These will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and continue for the next 5 Wednesdays throughout Lent. If any group would like to host a soup supper or multiple soup suppers, please sign your group up at the Welcome Center.

Sledding

Save the Date: Family Ministry would like to invite everyone to join us for sledding on February 10 at Wilson middle school hills from 9-11 a.m., weather permitting. Contact Beth Utecht 952-240-4817 with any questions.



We Need Ushers!

We need ushers! It is getting tougher and tougher to fill our schedule. It is a pretty straight forward task to serve your fellow church members on a Sunday or Monday. Handing out bulletins, lighting the candles and ushering communion are the key responsibilities. If you are interested, please let the office or one of the board members know. We will set up training for those that sign up, and anyone currently ushering that would like a refresher course. Thank you!

Thank You!

Thank you for the donations made for Bingo. A wonderful time was had by all 32 people who were able to attend.
Thank you,
Family Ministry

Redeemer Lutheran Church – Mission Project

There is a student support program at the University of Pretoria, in South Africa, called Life Abundant, through which they help young adults from various townships and villages throughout South Africa as they pursue their dreams of becoming stable, productive members of society.

This process of transformation, from the scarcity of their past to the abundance we believe God has waiting down the road, means helping them address some of the obstacles they face along the way. If students cannot pay their tuition fees, or cover the cost of rent, or keep groceries in the cupboard, the team at Life Abundant step in and help out, trusting that one day they will graduate, enter the world of work, and share their own abundance with others.

One such young adult is named Rifumo. Rifumo grew up in poverty in a township in South Africa where she didn't have access to even basic health, hygiene or medical providers. Where Rifumo truly struggled was with her dental hygiene, and this was quite apparent to the team at Life Abundant when they had the opportunity to meet Rifumo for the first time. They quickly scheduled a visit with a dentist who informed them that Rifumo suffered from a hereditary condition which kept enamel from covering her teeth, and also caused them to grow in very skewed. The only solution she could determine, after consulting with colleagues in her medical fraternity, is to remove what is left of Rifumo's teeth, and provide her with both upper and lower dentures.

At present, while Life Abundant has raised partial funds, they are still trusting God for the difference of \$1,136 USD to come from somewhere. This is where Redeemer comes in. Rifumo is a Christian woman in a place where it is often challenging to

see the grace and blessings from God – but that has not weakened her faith. Helping her transform her life and give her confidence is not only something that will benefit her, but it is something that the team at Life Abundant believes will help take the beloved communities of Africa to a better place someday, because of the person that Rifumo is.

Over the next 3 weeks, we will be taking a Free Will Offering to help raise the funds to cover the outstanding balance for the work that Rifumo needs. If you feel so moved, you can leave a donation of any amount in the offering plate found as you walk into the Sanctuary; you can place a donation in an envelope with 'Rifumo' or 'Mission Project' in the offering box, or you can leave a donation with the church office.

For more information on Life Abundant, please contact Michael Gregurich.



Rifumo Khoza

Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without heart.



Snow Removal Update

A family has agreed to do the snow sidewalk removal for the church. However, they are out of town/unavailable the following dates: Feb 16-18, March 28-3.

If it would snow and you are willing to help with the snow removal any of the above dates, please contact Kyle Weidmayer at (517)-282-0309 or by email at kweidmayer76@icloud.com.

Thanks for your help!

Youth Game Night

Youth Game Nights are on February 7th and 21st, from 6:00 - 6:30 pm (following confirmation). Please note the new location: ***Good Shepherd Church in Two Rivers!*** The February puzzle is below:

Haiku from Mark 1:
The time is fulfilled,
the kingdom of God at hand
Repent and _____.

Kwik Trip, Restocked!

The Kwik Trip cards have been restocked in all denominations (\$10, \$25, \$50, \$100). Thank you for your continued support of this preschool fundraiser!!

Winter Weather

As winter weather is upon us again there might be a time when worship or other activities may need to be canceled. Every effort will always be made to have worship. Since the most likely time to cancel something would be on a weekend, we have learned that it is easier to contact some media outlets over others on the weekend. We will try to make sure every TV station has our information, but WBAY (channel 2) and NBC26 will be the first place that information will be posted along with Redeemer's Facebook page.

