



Redeemer
Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the
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We are a *Reconciling in Christ*
congregation, affirming the
diversity of God's children



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Second Sunday of **EPIPHANY**



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Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...

an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Jacob's Ladder, arr. John Carter

Welcome

Hymn

Dona Nobis Pacem "Grant Us Peace"

1 *Canon*



Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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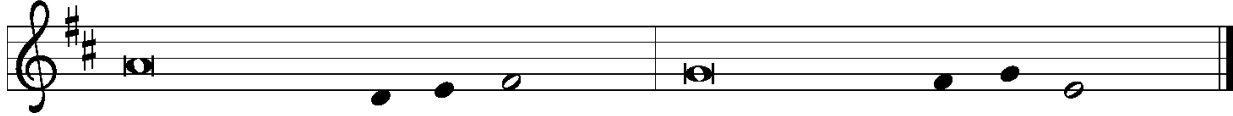
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Text: Traditional
Music: DONA NOBIS PACEM, traditional



WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Psalm 139: 1-6



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LORD, you have | searched me out;
O LORD, you | have known me.

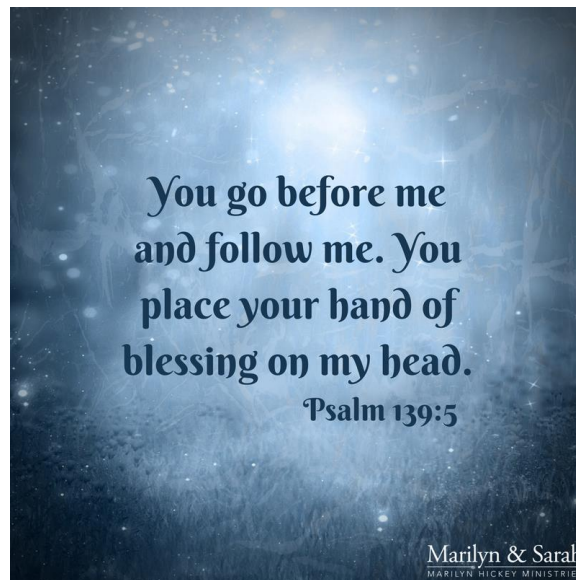
**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;
you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

**Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.**

You encompass me, behind | and before,
and lay your | hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.**



Gospel

John 1:43-51 (New Living Translation, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Come, follow me.” Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter’s hometown. Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth.”

“Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?”

“Come and see for yourself,” Philip replied.

As they approached, Jesus said, “Now here is a genuine child of Israel— a person of complete integrity.”

“How do you know about me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus replied, “I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.”

Then Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the Ruler of Israel!”

Jesus asked him, “Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.” Then he said, “I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Humanity, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.



Message

TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT WE HAVE SEEN

Bible Reading

Genesis 28:10-22 (New Living Translation, alt.)

A reading from Genesis

Jacob left Beersheba and traveled toward Haran. At sundown he arrived at a good place to set up camp and stopped there for the night. Jacob found a stone to rest his head against and lay down to sleep. As he slept, he dreamed of a stairway that reached from the earth up to heaven. And he saw the angels of God going up and down the stairway. At the top of the stairway stood the LORD, who said, “I am the LORD, the God of your grandparents Abraham and Sarah, and the God of your parents, Isaac and Rebekah. The ground you are lying on belongs to you. I am giving it to you and your descendants. Your descendants will be as numerous as the dust of the earth! They will spread out in all directions—to the west and the east, to the north and the south. And all the families of the earth will be blessed through you and your descendants. What’s more, I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go. One day I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have finished giving you everything I have promised you.”

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I wasn’t even aware of it!” But he was also afraid and said, “What an awesome place this is! It is none other than the house of God, the very gateway to heaven!”

The next morning Jacob got up very early. He took the stone he had rested his head against, and he set it upright as a memorial pillar. Then he poured olive oil over it. He named that place Bethel (which means “house of God”), although it was previously called Luz.

Then Jacob made this vow: “If God will indeed be with me and protect me on this journey, and if God will provide me with food and clothing, and if I return safely to my parents’ home, then the Lord will certainly be my God. And this memorial pillar I have set up will become a place for worshiping God, and I will present to God a tenth of everything I receive.”

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music

Jacob's Vision

Franklin Ritter (based on an English folk song)
Senior Choir

As Jacob with travel was weary one day,
At night on a stone for a pillow he lay;
He saw in a vision a ladder so high
That its foot was on earth and its top in the sky.

Hallelujah to Jesus who died on the tree,
And has raised up a ladder of mercy for me,
And has raised up a ladder of mercy for me.

This ladder is long, it is strong and well-made,
Has stood hundreds of years and is not yet decayed;
Many millions have climbed it and reached Zion's hill,
And thousands by faith are climbing it still.

Hallelujah to Jesus who died on the tree,
And has raised up a ladder of mercy for me,
And has raised up a ladder of mercy for me.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.



Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Doretha Holland, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Earl Bradley's brother Fay Bradley, David Hairston, Kay Ernsthansen, Marshall Edgington and his wife, Ken and Grace Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Bill Boys, Heidi Sherer's sister and brother-in-law Wendy and Sion, and her cousin Ann, Julianne Johnson's niece on the premature birth of a daughter, Sarah and David Kirkman family on the birth of Dylan James.

Children's Time

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.**

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In a refugee child playing under a star, in an anonymous young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

In the routine smallness of everyday life, in the jagged discomfort of struggle and transition, in the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine, God is waiting to be recognized and known, to transform our seeing and change our world.

Here, at this table, under the welcoming light of a morning star, the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered. So – though you may be weary and worn by your journey or stained and sore with travel – look up and see the star, lay aside your packs, and enter with joy for God waits here – to refresh and renew, to comfort and restore, to challenge and transform, to know, and be known.

Now, gathered around this table, we recall and recount how the Epiphany God appeared in the actions and words of Jesus as he shared a last supper with his friends in which Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper, Jesus took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me."

Recalling and treasuring these things, we join our voices with those of all creation to recognize and celebrate the grace and goodness of God present and at work in the world.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Epiphany God, send down your Holy Spirit now on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that we might recognize and know you present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of your love find ourselves renewed. By this meal, renew our commitment to make real the prayer Jesus teaches:

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. This is Jesus' table: he made no restrictions, and neither do we.

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us with the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. So may our loving and living become places of epiphany where you can be recognized and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

When Our Song Says Peace



- 1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will
- 2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will
- 3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will



sing de- spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
sing de- spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
sing de- spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,



who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.
who o - pens pris - on doors and sets the cap - tives free.
who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

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Music: JENKINS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Let All Things Now Living, arr. Mark Hayes

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ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

TODAY

January 17
11:30 am via ZOOM

To join the Zoom Meeting, use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87176701929?pwd=bW9KZzlzQ0FMmJEwVzZhYWWh2UnNlZz09>

Meeting ID: 871 7670 1929

Passcode: 226159

The phone number for the meeting is **1-646-876-9923**.



Bible
STUDY
Join us!

Tuesdays 1- 2:30 pm
The Book of Genesis
We'd love to have you join us via
ZOOM!

Topic: Tuesday Bible Study Zoom Meeting

Time: Tuesdays 1:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137366983?pwd=TONoUU5ORmNYNlYrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983

Passcode: 619946

Phone only: 646 876 9923



Coffee and Conversation

Third Wednesday of the month

1:30 PM

Via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83642944204?pwd=NXg3V1BbaVRsRzZvenlUK2lGcE9uZz09>

Meeting ID: 836 4294 4204

Passcode: 919121

Honest exploration of questions
about faith and life



Sister Act

BE BOLD!

Wednesday, January 20

6:30 pm

ZOOM

Bold Connections—

Card Making Craft

Please join us for fellowship and fun

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Michele Disbro
Reader	Michele Disbro
Cantor	Jennifer Young
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Producer	Sue Yehling, Michele Disbro

Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.


THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JANUARY 17 - 24

Today	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:30 am	ZOOM Annual Congregational Meeting
Tuesday	1:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	5:00 pm	ZOOM Outreach Team
Wednesday	1:30 pm	ZOOM Coffee and Conversation
	7:00 pm	ZOOM Congregation Council
	6:30 pm	ZOOM Sister Act
Next Sunday	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education



Birthdays this week:
18 - Gary Pawlowski
20 - David Detweiler
20 - Corinne Montgomery
20 - Tony Naess
20 - Eric Vivens
21 - Elizabeth George
21 - Shirley Miller
22 - Maureen Callahan
22 - Shirley Cannon

Adult Sunday School
11:15 am Sundays



DEAR CHURCH:
**A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to
the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.**

Topic: Redeemer Sunday adult ed Zoom Meeting
Time: Sunday mornings 11:15 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83783266885?pwd=S3hqd1dQR3lUbjdvYU9nWGk3MnI0dz09>

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