

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Reconciling in Christ Sunday



January 30, 2022 + 10:00 am

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Love Your Neighbor

- In keeping with the current mask update for Columbus, masks are required at worship services and other group activities inside the Redeemer Lutheran Church building.
- The sanctuary is set up for social distancing.
- Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- During the passing of the peace, we suggest you place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up inside the sanctuary door.
- If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use. Only one person at a time in the restrooms.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

The Love of Jesus Medley, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

Draw the Circle Wide

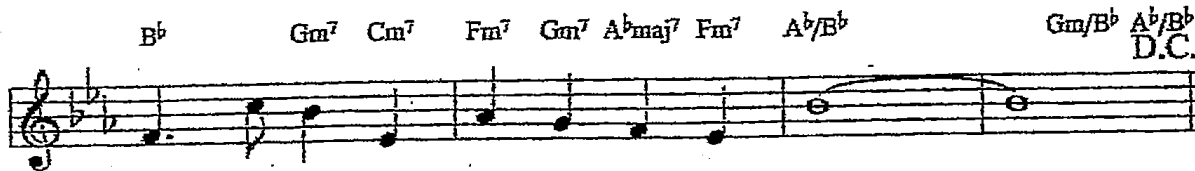
The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time, with a tempo marking of 132. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn: "Draw the cir-cle_ wide. Draw it wid-er still. Let this be our_". The second staff contains the second line: "song, no one stands a - lone, stand-ing side by side, draw the cir-cle_". The third staff contains the final line: "To verses" and "Last time, Fine" above the notes, and "wide_" below. Chord symbols are provided above the notes: Eb, Ab, Bb, Eb, Ab, Eb/G, Bb, Eb/G, Ab, Bb, Dm7(b9)/Ab, G G/B, Cm, Fm7, Abmaj7, Bb9sus, Am7(b9), Bb7, Eb, Ab, Fm7, Eb.



1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -
 2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass
 3. Let the dreams we dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er



- a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but
 great and small; let our lov - ing
 dreamed be - fore; let the dream of



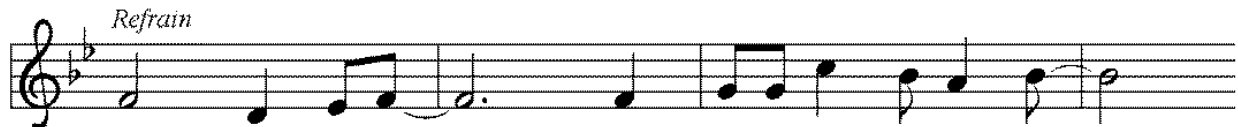
held for - ev - er in God's gra - cious arms _____
 know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call _____
 Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door _____

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise



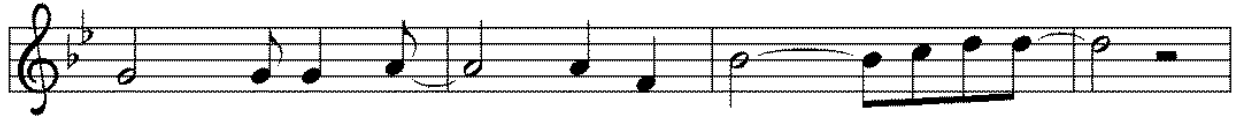
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



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



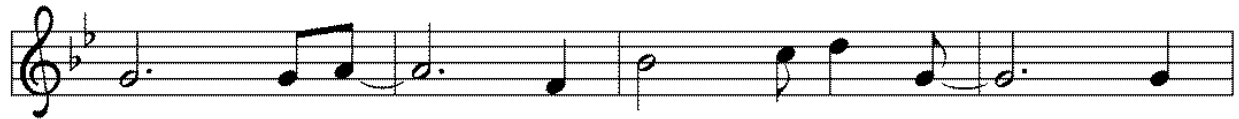
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



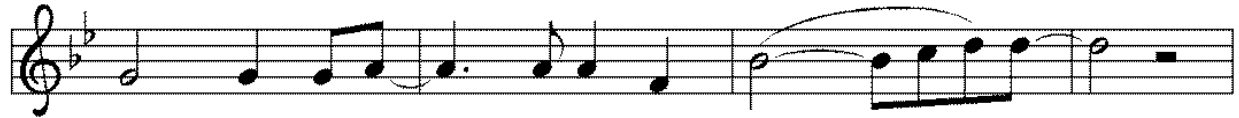
Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



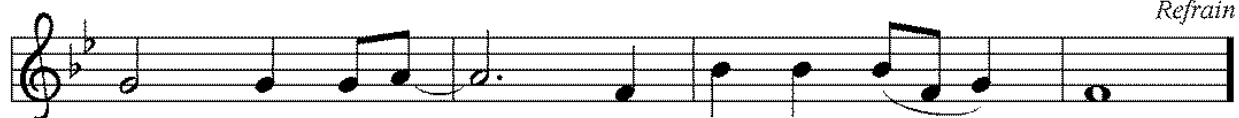
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



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



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

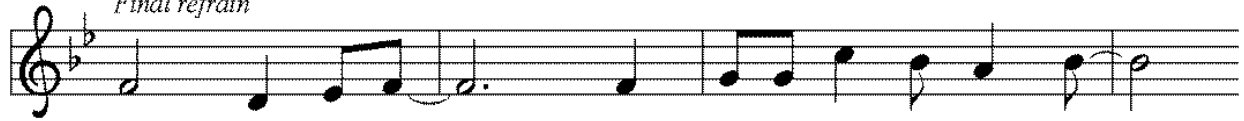


3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

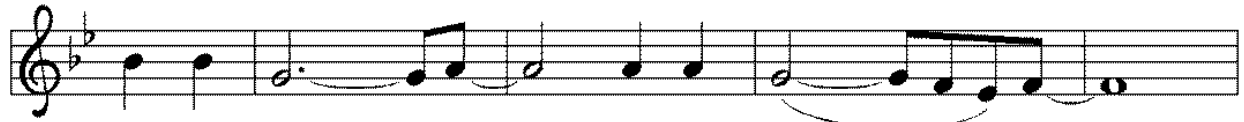


gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

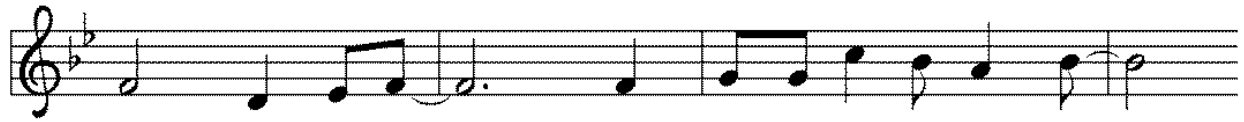
Final refrain



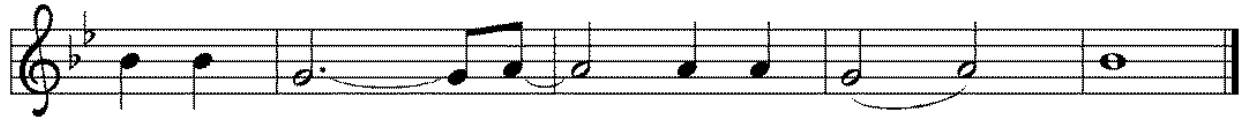
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading **I Corinthians 13:1-13** (Contemporary English Version)

A reading from St. Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth

I want you to desire the best gifts. So I will show you a much better way.

What if I could speak all languages of humans and of angels?

If I did not love others, I would be nothing more than a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

What if I could prophesy

and understand all secrets and all knowledge?

And what if I had faith that moved mountains?

I would be nothing, unless I loved others.

What if I gave away all that I owned

and let myself be burned alive?

I would gain nothing, unless I loved others.

Love is kind and patient, never jealous, boastful, proud, or rude.

Love isn't selfish or quick tempered.

It doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do.

Love rejoices in the truth, but not in evil.

Love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful, and trusting.

Love never fails!

Everyone who prophesies will stop,

and unknown languages will no longer be spoken.

All that we know will be forgotten.

We don't know everything, and our prophecies are not complete.

But what is perfect will someday appear,

and what isn't perfect will then disappear.

When we were children, we thought and reasoned as children do.

But when we grew up, we quit our childish ways.

Now all we can see of God is like a cloudy picture in a mirror.

Later we will see God face to face.

We don't know everything, but then we will,

just as God completely understands us.

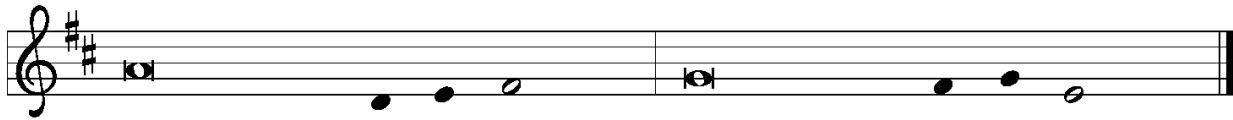
For now there are faith, hope, and love.

But of these three, the greatest is love.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 71:1-6



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In you, O LORD, have I | taken refuge;
let me never be | put to shame.

**In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free;
incline your ear to | me and save me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;
you are my crag | and my stronghold.

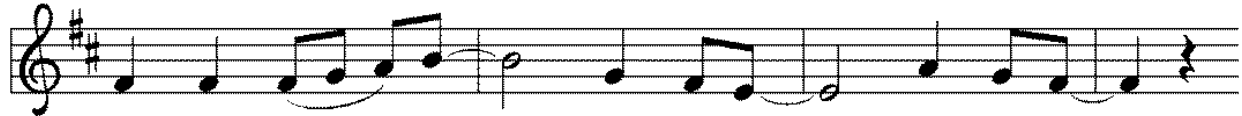
**Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor.**

For you are my hope, | O LORD God,
my confidence since | I was young.

**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's
womb you have | been my strength;
my praise shall be al- | ways of you.**

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Luke 4.21-30 (The Message, inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

[After reading from it,] Jesus rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he started in, “You’ve just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place.”

All who were there, watching and listening, were surprised at how well he spoke. But they also said, “Isn’t this Joseph’s son, the one we’ve known since he was just a kid?”

He answered, “I suppose you’re going to quote the proverb, ‘Doctor, go heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we heard you did in Capernaum.’ Well, let me tell you something: No prophets are ever welcomed in their hometown. Isn’t it a fact that there were many widows in Israel at the time of Elijah during that three and a half years of drought when famine devastated the land, but the only widow to whom Elijah was sent was in Sarepta in Sidon? And there were many lepers in Israel at the time of the prophet Elisha but the only one cleansed was Naaman the Syrian.”

That set everyone in the meeting place seething with anger. They threw him out, banishing him from the village, then took him to a mountain cliff at the edge of the village to throw him to his doom, but he gave them the slip and was on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

LOVING OUT LOUD

Ministry of Music

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson
Senior Choir

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love withing,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come spirit come, our hearts control.
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed.
By this we worship, we are freed. Amen.

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, Diane Louangrath, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their niece and sister-in-law, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Kathie Ehrich's sister Betty Weaver, Chad Eberle's mother, Pastor Al Debelak
The people of St. Paul Lutheran Church, St. Louisville; Redeemer community members Becky and Larry Trover

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Show gestures of peace.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

On the last Sunday of the month, we're using a version of the Lord's Prayer that comes from the prayer book of the Anglican Church of New Zealand. We do so as a way to keep broadening our sense of who God is and giving fresh meanings to this familiar and beloved prayer. The Worship Team invites you to pray these new words with an open spirit. Listen for ways the Spirit speaks to you through it. Please share your experiences of praying this prayer with the Worship Team or Pastor Dave.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

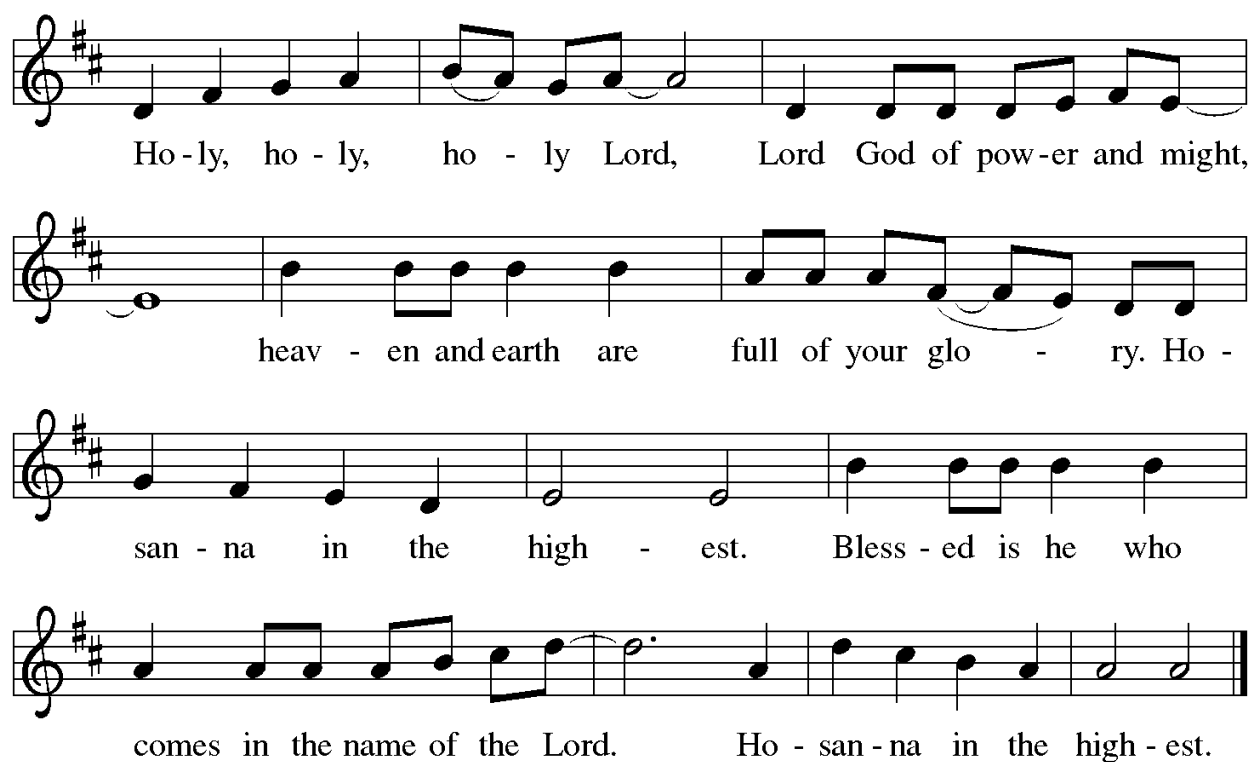
In a refugee child playing under a star, in an anonymous young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

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, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and
come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we [inflict and the hurts we] absorb, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
So do we.

The body of Christ, given for you. (*We eat the bread together.*)
The blood of Christ, given for you. (*We drink the cup together.*)

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

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

Community of Christ

Em B Em Am B G Am E Am D G B

1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the cross your own, live
2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church - 's door and
3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound— cry
4 When men - ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done, the

Em D G C G D Em C G D G

out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone: the
see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor. Take
out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world round: dis -
cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun; our

G B7 Em G D B Em C Em Am Em B

God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long, whose
hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street, take
arm the pow'rs that war and all that can de - stroy, turn
cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law, our

chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
 towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
 bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
 food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

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 Music: Hebrew melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751-1797
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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

All are Welcome, arr. Mark Hayes

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In relationships built through outreach and education, ReconcilingWorks shares Christ's message, the Gospel, which is for everyone equally. We advocate for systemic change in policy and practice in church and society, working to alleviate not only the painful symptoms of oppression but also to eliminate its root causes.


We are Lutherans working with the recognition that racism, sexism, ageism, ableism, heterosexism, homophobia, and all the other artificial distinctions that seek to raise one group into privilege and preference over another, conspire together to diminish our world and church.

An independent, Lutheran, membership-supported organization, ReconcilingWorks is committed to strengthen all of God's beloved for authentic, visible, faithful lives and to work for systemic change within the church and society.


You are invited to place your empty communion cups in a designated container on the back table after worship. They will be rinsed out, and the rinsed element poured into the ground to honor those who are no longer with us.




LSS Food Pantry
First Wednesdays
1-4 pm
Contact Kathleen Zwanziger
to volunteer



Adult Sunday School
11:15 am – 12:15 pm
Heaven, Hell, and Universal Salvation
In-Person and Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82256539706?pwd=Yjd4Q2VPWk93RVezSng4NE5GOURmOT09>
Meeting ID: 822 5653 9706 - Passcode: 804399
Phone only: 312-626-6799



The Letters of Paul
Tuesdays - 1:00 pm
In Person - Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88141970483?pwd=L1RkZ3F2UVlhSWIRWS85ZkFjS3NHUT09>
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Birthdays this week:
1 - Michael McClain Jr
3 - Karen Kent
4 - Donna Voelkel
5 - Andre Friederich
5 - Georgene Slagle

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Jon Disbro
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Crucifer	Skye Andree
Reader	Adam Howard
Cantor	Mary Benis
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Judith Bird
Verger	Wendy Stoica
Producers	Scott Steiner, Michele Disbro

*Flowers are dedicated by **Julianne Johnson** in memory of **Judy**.
Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 6

Today	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Outreach Team
Wednesday	12:30 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
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