



"Mary's Light"

Pastor John Fiene

December 21, 2025 ~ 10:15am

REDEEMER BY THE SEA ~ "A PLACE TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN"

We are honored to recognize our niche in God's Kingdom work. Here we will faithfully worship and teach in alignment with God's Word and we're a small enough fellowship where you can know and be known by most of the people around you if that's your desire. Here you will be missed if you're gone and prayed for when you have needs. You are welcome to contact the office (kay@redeemerbythesea.org) with any questions or to get connected.

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org

Dec. 24th	3:00pm	Candlelight Christmas Worship – Traditional
Dec. 24th	5:00pm	Candlelight Christmas Worship – Blended
Dec. 25th – 26th		Church Office Closed
Jan. 1st		Church Office Closed
Jan. 3rd	9:00am	Men's Fellowship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING

Luther's Catechism on Baptism

People: What does such baptizing with water indicate?

Pastor: It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

People: Where is this written?

Pastor: St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Rom. 6:4)

OPENING SONG

"My Lighthouse"

INVOCATION

INTRODUCTION AND PSALM

Psalm 19:1-14

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

People: Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

Pastor: There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

People: Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the he has set a tent for the sun,

Pastor: which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

People: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Pastor: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

People: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Pastor: the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

People: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Pastor: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

People: Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

Pastor: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

People: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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.

PRAYER TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONG

"Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)"

RISE & SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL

GREET ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE GOD'S PEACE

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

INTRODUCTION AND OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:1-15

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ But the serpent

said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

INTRODUCTION AND EPISTLE READING

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:46-55

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

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PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"We Believe"

WORSHIP | GROW | SERVE

OFFERINGS: Visitors: please consider yourselves our guests and do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. In faithful obedience and joyful response to God's grace in our lives, we humbly and gratefully bring our tithes (a regular first portion percentage of our income) and offerings (gifts over and above our tithes for other kingdom work). You may deposit your envelope, check, or cash in the box next to the exit; give online with your phone using the QR code, or text "GIVE" to 442-222-2448. All of these options are also available on our **website: www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/**



CALL UPDATE: We are pleased to report that we will have a new Pastor beginning February 2026. We praise God for joining us on our call process and for the many *touches* He provided individuals on the Call Committee, guiding us to Pastor Eli Thomas.

Our current plan is for Pastor Thomas to join Redeemer in February, leading his first Worship Service Feb. 8th. The installation service will be conducted on Sun, Feb. 15th at 2:00pm.

Join us in our prayers of thanksgiving and hope for this wonderful new chapter in the life of Redeemer by the Sea's journey to save the lost.

CHURCH OFFICE: The church office will be closed on Dec. 25th, Dec. 26th and Jan. 1st to allow staff to be with their families.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Sat. Jan. 3rd at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP ONLINE and choose your optional breakfast from Panera then join us for a time of fellowship and a men's study. Following breakfast, please stay and help decorate Redeemer for Christmas!

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM: Thank you for your generosity, Redeemer by the Sea. 160 gift cards were given to children of marine families at Camp Pendleton. These gifts are greatly appreciated and will help make their Christmas special.

POINSETTIAS FOR OUR SANCTUARY: Help decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. The cost is \$13.00 each and is available on our website. Your poinsettias may be taken home after Christmas.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT: In the spirit of the season, it has been a tradition at Redeemer to bless our staff with a financial Christmas bonus from the congregation. The gift gets divided proportionally among our team of three part time office administrators, six musicians, a sound tech, a Sunday School Superintendent, a confirmation teacher and a nursery worker who all do so much to bless and equip us. If you feel so led, please express your appreciation to them with an over and above financial gift. Please include the memo of "staff gift" on the envelope or check. These can be dropped into the offering box at the back of the sanctuary, mailed in, or made digitally through our website.

WELCOME REV. DR. JOHN FIENE: Rev. Dr. John Fiene has been a Church Planter of Grace Lutheran Church in Sandy City, Utah, and later, Advent Lutheran Church, Zionsville, Indiana. Both congregations, subsequent to their own founding, initiated successful new mission congregations. He recently served as pastor at University Lutheran Chapel on the UC campus in Boulder, CO. Pastor Fiene has served as Vice-President of the Indiana District of the LCMS and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Rocky Mountain District. He has taught on the subject of mission planting as an adjunct professor at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana as well as various pastors' conferences. Pastor Fiene and his wife Solvig Fiene (nie. Preus) currently live in Carlsbad and they have 4 children (3 in California) and 13 grandchildren.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

3:00PM TRADITIONAL

5:00PM BLENDED

