



## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 28, 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. 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](mailto:kay@redeemerbythesea.org)) with any questions or to get connected.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS: [www.RedeemerbytheSea.org](http://www.RedeemerbytheSea.org)**

Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Take Down Christmas Decorations
Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>		Holy Hackers
Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	LWM Business Meeting
	10:15am	"Serving our Preschool"
Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	Women's Friday Fellowship



## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING SONGS**

**“Open the Eyes of My Heart”  
“Heart of Worship”**

### **INVOCATION AND PRAYER TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS**

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE/SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL**

### **GREET ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Isaiah 63:7-14**

I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. <sup>8</sup>For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely.” And he became their Savior. <sup>9</sup>In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. <sup>10</sup>But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. <sup>11</sup>Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, <sup>12</sup>who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, <sup>13</sup>who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. <sup>14</sup>Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

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Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE READING

**Galatians 4:4-7**

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,<sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.<sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"<sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 2:13-23**

Pastor: The Gospel reading today comes from Matthew chapter 2.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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Now when [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."<sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt<sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

<sup>16</sup>Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.<sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup>"A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

<sup>19</sup>But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,<sup>20</sup> saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."<sup>21</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.<sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee.<sup>23</sup> And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

*Rev. Jim Henkell*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: *(concluding each petition)* Lord, in Your mercy:

**People: hear our prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**CLOSING SONG**

**"Trading My Sorrows"**

# 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/](http://www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/)**



**TAKE YOUR POINSETTIAS** – If you purchased a poinsettia to decorate the church -thank you! You are welcome to take it home after worship.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS!** The staff would like to "thank our God through Jesus Christ for all of You!" (Romans 1:8). Thank you for the generous Christmas gifts that we received. It's a joy and privilege to serve you and our Lord through the ministry of Redeemer.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER:** for Jan – Mar 2026 are available in the lobby. Take a copy home today!

**2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the lobby. Pick yours up today. If you would like a box, please contact the office – **[office@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:office@redeemerbythesea.org)**.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Sat. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** Time to take down our Christmas decorations. Plan to come and help - **Sat, Jan. 11th at 9:30am**. We need you to do the job quickly.

**HOLY HACKERS:** Our next golf event will be **Sat. Jan. 10th**. (Please note the date change due to the Pastoral candidate visit). This outing follows a scramble format, making it fun and accessible for golfers of all skill levels — whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out. Please email Rhonda at **[Rhonda@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:Rhonda@redeemerbythesea.org)** to sign up and she will confirm tee times.

**LWM – PROJECT DAY:** LWM will begin 2026 with service to our Preschool and Kindergarten. Several options are available: story time, preparing teaching materials and providing the staff with lunch. Please join us on **Tues. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>** for our business meeting **at 9:30am** and service project will begin about **10:15am** in the Fellowship Hall. "I know what I have planned for you," says the Lord... "I have plans to give you a future filled with hope..." Jeremiah 29:1 (NET)

**INSTALLATION OF PASTOR ELI THOMAS:** Please mark your calendars: The installation service for Reverend Eli Thomas, our incoming Pastor, is scheduled for **Sun, Feb. 15th at 2:00 PM**. We invite you to join us as we begin a new chapter in the life of Redeemer by the Sea.

**WELCOME REV. JIM HENKELL:** Pastor Jim Henkell serves as the Ministry Executive for the Pacific Southwest District (LC-MS), encouraging and advising churches and church workers through southern California, Arizona, and southern Nevada. He previously served as Senior Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in San Diego for 20 years. Pastor Jim has preached and spoken at more than 200 events across the country with creative, impactful messages focused on the Gospel. He and his wife, Liane, are the proud parents of three adult children, along with a terrific son-in-law, and are enjoying their new experience as grandparents.

**SERMON NOTES**

**Date** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Series/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

**MAIN POINTS:**

**ACTION/REFLECTION/PRAYER:**