



# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 28, 2025 ~ 8:30am

## **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)**

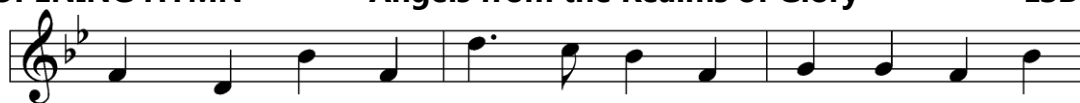
<b>Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Men's Fellowship Breakfast</b>
<b>Jan. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Take Down Christmas Decorations</b>
<b>Jan. 10<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Holy Hackers</b>
<b>Jan. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>LWM Business Meeting</b>
	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>"Serving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

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING HYMN

### "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

LSB 367



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in  
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.  
Ye have seen His na - tal star.  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

#### *Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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## INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(silence for further personal reflection and specific confession)*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen**

Pastor: For you who believe and trust that Jesus is God and Savior, through Him and for His sake God has heard our prayer. The Father sent His Son into our world, to die for us and to rise again that we may have new life. As a called and ordained servant of the word, and at the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen**

## GREET ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE GOD'S PEACE

### 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**

But 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.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

**LSB 156**



## HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 2:13-23**

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

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

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.**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



1 Now sing we, now re - joice,      Now raise to heav'n our voice;  
 2 Come from on high to me;      I can - not rise to Thee.  
 3 Now through His Son doth shine      The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.  
 4 Oh, where shall joy be found?      Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth      Poor in a man - ger lies;  
 Cheer my wea - ried spir - it,      O pure and ho - ly Child;  
 Death was reign - ing o'er us      Through sin and van - i - ty  
 Where the an - gels sing - ing      With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth      The sun in yon - der skies.  
 Through Thy grace and mer - it,      Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,  
 Till He o - pened for us      A bright e - ter - ni - ty.  
 Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing      In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art!      Thou my Sav - ior art!  
 Draw me un - to Thee!      Draw me un - to Thee!  
 May we praise Him there!      May we praise Him there!  
 Oh, that we were there!      Oh, that we were there!

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## MESSAGE

*Rev. Jim Henkell*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

**People:** hear our prayer.

## 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

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen**

## CLOSING HYMN

### "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"

LSB 900



1 Je - sus! Name of won-drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,  
2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid-en moth - er told,  
3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth  
4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
Kneel-ing in her low - ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.  
For the prom - ise that it gave, "Je - sus shall His peo - ple save."  
When the cup of hu-man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.

5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n  
Under all the mighty heav'n  
Whereby those to sin enslaved  
Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,  
Human name of God above;  
Pleading only this, we flee  
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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## SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord with joy;

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

### "Toccata on Good King Wenceslas"

by A. Heron

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# 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 at right, or text "GIVE" to 442-222-2448. All of these options are 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:**