



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 4, 2026 ~ 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) with any questions or to get connected.

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org

Jan 1 st		Church Office Closed
Jan. 10 th		Holy Hackers
Jan. 10 th	9:30am	Take Down Christmas Decorations
Jan. 13 th	9:30am	LWM Business Meeting
	10:15am	Serving Redeemer Preschool and Kindergarten
Jan. 16 th	5:30pm	Women's Friday Fellowship
Feb. 15 th	2:00pm	Installation of Pastor Eli Thomas

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

"Who You Say I Am"

INVOCATION AND PRAYER TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 119:97-104

Pastor: Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

People: **Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.**

Pastor: I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

People: **I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.**

Pastor: I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

People: **I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me.**

Pastor: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

People: **Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**

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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 3:4-15 (ESV)

And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you."⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day.⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in.⁸ And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude.⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.¹¹ And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,¹² behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days.¹⁴ And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵ And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14 (ESV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:40-52 (ESV)

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

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

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it,⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their

relatives and acquaintances,⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.⁴⁸ And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress."⁴⁹ And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

"Law and Order"

Seminarian Dayton Dangel

SONG OF PRAISE

"Take You At Your Word"

PRAYERS

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

People: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

Closing Song

"Behold"

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 these options are on our website: 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.

PORTRAITS 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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: Happy New Year – the office will be closed on Jan 1st.

TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Time to take down our Christmas decorations. Plan to come and help - **Sat, Jan. 10th at 9:30am**. Remember 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 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. 13th** 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)

WOMEN'S FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP: **Fri. Jan. 16th at 5:30pm** for Happy Hour and Bible Study with friends from RBTS. Our hostess will be Rhonda Sutherlin. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided, but please bring your own beverage. RSVP online to obtain the address and directions.

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 SEMINARIAN DAYTON DANGEL: I was born and raised in Valley Center, CA. My dad is a deacon, and my mother is the Director of Discipleship at my home church, Community Lutheran Church in Escondido. Church was a second home for me when growing up, somewhere that nurtured me spiritually, physically, and intellectually. I graduated high school in spring of 2017 and attended Concordia University Portland. Due to the closure of Portland's College of Arts and Sciences, I transferred to Concordia University Irvine, where I graduated in 2021 with my Bachelor of Arts in Theology, summa cum laude and a minor in pre-seminary studies. From there, I attended Concordia Seminary St. Louis, where I am on the verge of completing my Master of Divinity and seeking ordination in the LCMS. After my second year at CSL, I did study abroad at the University of Cambridge, where I received my Diploma in Theology for Ministry. Following study abroad, I served my vicarage at Messiah Lutheran Church in Clio, Michigan. It was an honor to be their 44th vicar. The opportunities and experiences I had there were truly invaluable for my pastoral formation. I enjoy either being active, being in the kitchen, or petting a dog. I love cooking and baking, even owning my own bread business at one point. (Check out @d.b.b.co on Instagram) I am a self-proclaimed foodie and so trying new foods and restaurants is one of my favorite things to do!