



## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 4, 2026 ~ 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 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](mailto:kay@redeemerbythesea.org)) to get connected

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

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN (please stand)

### "The People That in Darkness Sat"

LSB 412



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring  
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a  
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In  
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their  
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All  
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.  
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r  
Shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based,  
His reign shall have no end,  
His reign shall have no end.

6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
And make us Thine alone,  
Who with the Father ever art  
And Holy Spirit, one,  
And Holy Spirit, one.

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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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(a few moments of silence for specific confession and personal reflection)*

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**People: Amen.**

## KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## 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.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## GREET ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### OLD TESTAMENT READING (please be seated)

### **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.<sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you."<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup> 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.<sup>8</sup> 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.<sup>9</sup> 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?"

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.<sup>11</sup> 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,<sup>12</sup> 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.<sup>13</sup> 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.<sup>14</sup> 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."

<sup>15</sup> 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.

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Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: 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,<sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love<sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,<sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,<sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight<sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ<sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.

<sup>11</sup> 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,<sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.<sup>13</sup> 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,<sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### ALLELUIA AND VERSE (please stand)

**LSB 205**



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



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## 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.

<sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> 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, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> 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." <sup>49</sup> And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> 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.

<sup>52</sup> 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.**

## 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE (please be seated)

**"Within the Father's House"**

**LSB 410**



1 With-in the Fa-ther's house The Son has found His home,  
2 The doc-tors of the Law Gaze on the won-drous child  
3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might - y truth to know,  
4 The se - cret of the Lord Es - capes each hu - man eye,



And to His tem - ple sud - den - ly The Lord of life has come.  
And mar-vel at His gra-cious words Of wis-dom un - de - filed.  
To lift the earth - ly veil that hides In - car-nate God be - low.  
And faith-ful pon - d'ring hearts a - wait The full e - piph - a - ny.

5 Lord, visit Thou our souls

6 Till we behold Thy face

And teach us by Thy grace

And know as we are known

Each dim revealing of Thyself

Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

With loving awe to trace

Coequal Three in One.

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## MESSAGE

"Law and Order"

Seminarian Dayton Dangel

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (please stand)

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

## "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

## LSB 685



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

## SENDING

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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**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/](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).

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:** Happy New Year – the office will be closed on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

**TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** Time to take down our Christmas decorations. Plan to come and help - **Sat, Jan. 10th at 9:30am**. We need you to do the job quickly.

**HOLY HACKERS:** Our next golf event will be **Sat. Jan. 10th**. 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)

**WOMEN'S FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP:** **Fri. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 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 44<sup>th</sup> 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!