



# Our Redeemer

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## Epiphany of Our Lord

January 6, 2026

8:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m. Education Opening and 9:40 a.m. Christian Education

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (ORLC) is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We are a traditional denomination of over 5700 churches that believe that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God and that Jesus died to atone for our sins. This Jesus also rose again bodily and has sent the Holy Spirit to call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify us. More information about the LCMS can be found at [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)

**GUESTS/VISITORS: We welcome you!** Please stop at our welcome center and get information about our Church, programs and ministries! If you have a question, we would consider it a joy to be a resource to you in your walk with Jesus.

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### WHEN CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is very important to us at Our Redeemer. We ask that you read the following questions and if your answer is "Yes" to each of them, then joyfully receive the Lord's gift in His Sacrament.

- Have you confessed your sins, asking God to forgive and do you resolve, with His help, to amend your sinful ways?
- Do you believe that faith in Jesus Christ as Son of God is the only way to eternal life?
- Have you been baptized and confirmed (or received adult instruction)?
- Do you believe that with the bread and wine are Christ's true body and blood (received in the eating and drinking of the Lord's Supper)?
- Do you understand that in the Lord's Supper you receive forgiveness of your sins?

If for some reason your answer is "No" to a question and you still wish to receive the Lord's Supper, you may talk to the service Captain or the Pastor for additional clarification.

### Prelude/Welcome & Announcements

Hymn

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.

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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## Service of Light

- L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
C **the light no darkness can overcome.**  
L Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
C **and the day is almost over.**  
L Let Your light scatter the darkness  
C **and illumine Your Church.**

### Phos Hilaron

*LSB 244*

- L Joyous light of glory:  
C **of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.**  
**We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light.**  
**We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:**  
**You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.**  
**O Son of God, O Giver of life: the universe proclaims Your glory.**

### Thanksgiving for Light

*LSB 245*

- L Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

### Psalm 141

*LSB 245*

- C **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**  
! O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to You.  
C **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**  
@ Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.  
! Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;  
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.  
@ But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.  
C **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.**  
**Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**  
L Let us pray. Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.  
C **Amen.**

## Reading

*Isaiah 60:1–6*

L A reading from Isaiah, chapter 60.

1Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
2For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. 3And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.  
4Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. 5Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. 6A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

*Ephesians 3:1–12*

L A reading from Ephesians, chapter 3.

1For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— 2assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, 3how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. 4When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. 6This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

7Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. 8To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, 10so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

*Matthew 2:1–12*

L A reading from Matthew, chapter 2.

1Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” 3When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6“‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

7Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” 9After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

11And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Office Hymn

Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555 sts. 1, 8-10



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and  
8 The Law re - veals the guilt of sin And makes us con - science -  
9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in Him un -  
△ 10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They  
strick - en; But then the Gos - pel en - ters in The  
ceas - ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With  
Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus  
sin - ful soul to quick - en. Come to the cross, trust  
love and hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can  
glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
Christ, and live; The Law no peace can  
jus - ti - fy; Works serve our neigh - bor  
heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
ev - er give, No com - fort and no bless - ing.  
and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.  
sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

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Sermon  
Offering

Prayer

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence;

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 251

C 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.

### Liturgy of Holy Communion

P I will go to the altar of God,

C to God my exceeding joy.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P Beloved in the Lord, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He strengthens our faith by giving us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do, for this holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve. Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life. We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth. Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

### Words of Institution

**Distribution** (*Quiet music plays as people come forward to receive the Sacrament*)

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in T peace.

C Amen.

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

Hymn

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB 839

1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light. En - light - en  
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now  
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with

those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose  
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
 wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to

hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.  
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion and blinds.  
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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P Chosen in Christ in our Baptism,

C We now go, gifted to serve Him always.

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colyte	Mark Reitz	
leader	usan Shipman	
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