

+ SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE +

	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>
<i>This Week, 1/3 & 1/6</i>		
Sunday, 8:00 A.M.	Ed T.	Don H.
Sunday, 10:30 A.M.	Mark M.	Don H.
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	David M.	N/A
<i>Next Week, 1/10 & 1/13</i>		
Sunday, 8:00 A.M.	Gary P.	Don H.
Sunday, 10:30 A.M.	Damian T.	Don H.
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	David M.	N/A

+ THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER +

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (3)	8:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	9:15 A.M.	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Divine Service
Monday (4)	6:30 P.M.	Board of Elders
Tuesday (5)		
Wednesday (6)	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Thursday (7)		
Friday (8)		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (9)		
Sunday (10)	8:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	9:15 A.M.	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Divine Service

+ GIVING REPORT & BUDGET UPDATE +

<u>WEEKLY OFFERINGS</u>		<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	
Last Week Offering:	\$3,787.76	Year-to-Date Offerings:	\$146,621.81
Other Income and Gifts:	\$140.00	Other Income and Gifts:	\$17,533.90
Total Income This Week:	\$3,927.76	Total Income This Year:	\$164,155.71
Needed for Budget:	\$2,988.54	Needed for Budget:	\$155,404.08
Difference:	+\$939.22	Difference:	+\$8,751.63

+ ATTENDANCE REPORT +

	<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>7:00 P.M.</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>(Sun.)</u>	<u>(Sun. In)</u>	<u>(Sun. Out)</u>	<u>(Weds.)</u>	
Last Week:	17	51	0	N/A	68
Last Year:		37		N/A	37



+ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS +

Sunday, 3 January A+D 2021 • 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.



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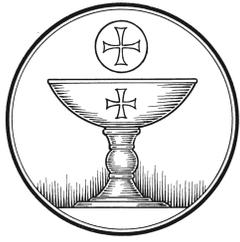
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+ TODAY WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION +



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

+ ABOUT THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS +

Jesus Is the Perfect Israel Israel and all his family went and dwelt in Egypt (Gen. 46:1–7). God made a great nation of him there, but that nation would prove unfaithful to the Lord. Therefore, the New Israel came. In fleeing the murderous Herod, our young Lord goes to Egypt (Matt. 2:13–23), that the prophecy might be fulfilled, “*Out of Egypt I called my Son*” (Hos. 11:1). Jesus brings to perfection what old Israel could not. He is the faithful Israel, the embodiment of the people of God. He offers His perfect and holy life in place of our own. He submits Himself to persecution and suffering in order to save us. Therefore, we should not think it strange when we who are in Christ experience trials because of the faith (1 Pet. 4:12–19). Rather, we rejoice to share in Christ's sufferings, knowing that we will also share in His glory.

+ NEWS & NOTES +

STARTING IN JANUARY, the secretary's office hours are Tues., Weds., and Thurs. 9:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.

JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. for a special Epiphany Divine Service with Holy Communion.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available in the narthex for members to pick up.

PASTOR RUESCH WILL BE ON VACATION from January 7th through 15th. If you are in need of pastoral care during that time, please contact Pastor Tom Mackey at (308) 216-0563.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES will resume on Wednesday, January 20th at 5:30 P.M. with in-person instruction. **THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY** will resume on Thursday, January 21st at 10:00 A.M.

PLEASE NOTE: It's winter and we will be in an enclosed space for services. To keep each other well, please wear a mask, carry hand sanitizer if you can or use the sanitizer at the entrance to church when coming into church, before Holy Communion and after leaving.

OUR NEXT QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING will be on Sunday, January 24th at 6:30 P.M. All voting members are encouraged to attend. (Voting members are those who are confirmed and are at least 16 years old.)

PLEASE BE AWARE that the 10:30 A.M. Sunday service is being live-streamed on the Our Redeemer Facebook page.

HELPING HANDS FUNDRAISERS: Please consider our Giving Bean and Rada Cutlery fundraising groups. Giving Bean coffee can be accessed at the ORLC website under Helping Hands. Rada Cutlery can be accessed at radafundraising.com and selecting “your fundraising group” as Our Redeemer Michigan. There are also catalogues of the cutlery with order blanks on the table in the narthex.

INTROIT

Psalm 8:1, 4-6; antiphon: v. 2

P Out of the mouths of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,

C to still the enemy and the avenger.

P O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C You have set your glory above the heavens.

P What is man that you are mindful of him,

C and the son of man that you care for him?

P Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

C and crowned him with glory and honor.

P You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

C you have put all things under his feet.

**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.**

P Out of the mouths of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,

C to still the enemy and the avenger.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

GRADUAL

Psalm 106:47; Isaiah 63:16b

P Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations,

C that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

P You, O LORD, are our Father,

C our Redeemer from of old is your name.

VERSE

Psalm 145:21

Alleluia. My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever. Alleluia.

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 46:1-7

¹So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. ²And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here am I." ³Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. ⁴I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes."

⁵Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ⁶They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, ⁷his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 4:12-19

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-23

¹³When [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." ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and 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."

¹⁶Then 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. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸"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."

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But 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. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."