

+ SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE +

	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>
<i>This 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
<i>Next Week, 1/17 & 1/20</i>		
Sunday, 8:00 A.M.	Gary P.	Marian V.
Sunday, 10:30 A.M.	Mark M.	Marian V.
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Dana B.	N/A

+ THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER +

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (10)	8:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	9:15 A.M.	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Divine Service
Monday (11)	1:00 P.M.	Ladies' Guild
Tuesday (12)		
Wednesday (13)	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Thursday (14)		
Friday (15)		
Saturday (16)		
Sunday (17)	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:	\$2,076.00	Year-to-Date Offerings:	\$2,076.00
Other Income and Gifts:	\$150.00	Other Income and Gifts:	\$150.00
Total Income This Week:	\$2,226.00	Total Income This Year:	\$2,226.00
Needed for Budget:	\$2,921.14	Needed for Budget:	\$2,921.14
Difference:	-\$695.14	Difference:	-\$695.14

+ 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:	25	53	1	22	101
Last Year:		112		22	134



+ THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD +

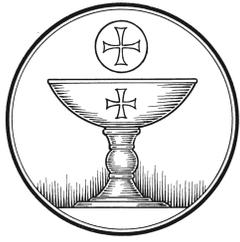
First Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Wednesday, 13 January A+D 2021 · 7:00 P.M.

 OUR REDEEMER ON BREITUNG	OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH 420 W. Breitung Ave., Kingsford, MI 49802 (906) 774-1844 www.ourredeemerkingsford.org
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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 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD +

IN HOLY BAPTISM, THE TRIUNE GOD REVEALS HIMSELF AND RECREATES US IN HIS IMAGE *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth"* (Gen. 1:1). Then, as *"the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters"* (Gen. 1:2), God spoke His Word: *"Let there be light, and there was light"* (Gen. 1:3). In the same way, *"the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ"* (Mark 1:1) brings about the new creation through the waters of Baptism by the same Word and Spirit of God. When John the Baptist came, *"proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,"* Jesus also came *"and was baptized by John in the Jordan"* (Mark 1:4, 9). Although He had no sins of His own, He took His stand with sinners in His Baptism and took the sins and mortality of the world upon Himself. He was baptized into His own death, by which the heavens are opened and the Spirit is given to us. God the Father is well pleased with His beloved Son and raises Him from the dead. As we share His Baptism and are *"united with him in a death like his"* (Rom. 6:5), we also share His resurrection unto *"newness of life"* (Rom. 6:4).

+ NEWS & NOTES +

TODAY WE INSTALL OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS during the 10:30 A.M. service. Those elected to serve in 2021 are Scott Schoenborn (Chairman), Bob Guy (Vice-Chairman), Claire Valeski (Secretary), Judy Walker (Treasurer), Sherry Caduto

(Financial Secretary), Gary Peterson (Board of Elders), and Jim Reed (Board of Elders). Please keep all of these individuals in prayer as they serve the Lord here at Our Redeemer.

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT the secretary's office hours are now Tues., Weds., and Thurs. from 9:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.

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

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.

OUR "BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS" begins today and lasts through the rest of January. Please bring in donations of diapers, wipes, and other items for babies to be gifted to young families. Donations can be placed in the crib in the narthex.

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.

"THE WORLD NEEDS YOUR VOICE to declare Jesus' words of eternal life. The world needs your voice to declare God's value of life in all of its stages. The world needs your voice to declare God's convictions born of His Word. The world needs your voice to declare that God's word of forgiveness purchased with the blood of Jesus extends to all of us sinners, including those who have chosen abortion. The world needs your voice!" *Rev. David Eibel, Living Word Lutheran Church, Grapevine, Texas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

First Sunday after the Epiphany

10 January A+D 2021

Liturgy: Divine Service, Setting Four, pg. 203

Hymns: 590, 405, 623, 601, 578

Sermon: "Baptism Is Creation" Mark 1:4-11

INTROIT

Psalm 89:1, 26–28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 89:20

- P** Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
C **and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.**
P I have found David, my servant;
C **with my holy oil I have anointed him.**
P I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
C **with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.**
P He shall cry to me, "You are my Father,
C **my God, and the Rock of my salvation."**
P And I will make him the firstborn,
C **the highest of the kings of the earth.**
P My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,
C **and my covenant will stand firm for him.**

**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** Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
C **and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.**
P I have found David, my servant;
C **with my holy oil I have anointed him.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL

Psalm 72:18–19

- P** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
C **who alone does wondrous things.**
P Blessed be his glorious name forever;
C **may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!**

VERSE

Psalm 143:10

Alleluia. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! Alleluia.

OLD TESTAMENT *Genesis 1:1-5*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

EPISTLE

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died

with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."