

+ SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE +

	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>
<i>This 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
<i>Next Week, 1/24 & 1/27</i>		
Sunday, 8:00 A.M.	Ed T.	Don H.
Sunday, 10:30 A.M.	Damian T.	Don H.
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Dana B.	N/A

+ THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER +

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<i>Sunday (17)</i>	8:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	9:15 A.M.	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Divine Service
<i>Monday (18)</i>	6:30 P.M.	Church Council
<i>Tuesday (19)</i>		
<i>Wednesday (20)</i>	10:00 A.M.	Altar Guild
	5:30 P.M.	Youth Confirmation Class
	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
<i>Thursday (21)</i>	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
<i>Friday (22)</i>		Pastor's Day Off
<i>Saturday (23)</i>		
<i>Sunday (24)</i>	8:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	9:15 A.M.	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Divine Service
	6:30 P.M.	Quarterly Voters' Meeting

+ GIVING REPORT & BUDGET UPDATE +

<u>WEEKLY OFFERINGS</u>		<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	
<i>Last Week Offering:</i>	\$2,399.00	<i>Year-to-Date Offerings:</i>	\$4,475.00
<i>Other Income and Gifts:</i>	\$31.08	<i>Other Income and Gifts:</i>	\$181.08
<i>Total Income This Week:</i>	\$2,430.08	<i>Total Income This Year:</i>	\$4,656.08
<i>Needed for Budget:</i>	\$2,921.14	<i>Needed for Budget:</i>	\$5,842.28
<i>Difference:</i>	<i>-\$491.06</i>	<i>Difference:</i>	<i>-\$1,186.20</i>

+ ATTENDANCE REPORT +

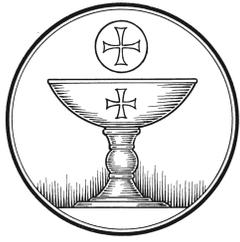
	<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>7:00 P.M.</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>(Sun.)</u>	<u>(Sun. In)</u>	<u>(Sun. Out)</u>	<u>(Wed.)</u>	
<i>Last Week:</i>	17	39	0	9	65
<i>Last Year:</i>		93		N/A	93



+ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY +
 Sunday, 17 January A+D 2021 · 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
 Wednesday, 20 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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	Renee Wilson, Secretary secretary@ourredeemerkingsford.org

+ 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 THE EPIPHANY +

JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE REVEALS GOD'S GLORY The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that *"the mountains shall drip sweet wine"* (Amos 9:11–15). When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine (John 2:1–11). With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The *"back"* of God (Ex. 33:12–23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation's curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His life for the Bride (Eph. 5:22–32), and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to *"love one another with brotherly affection . . ."* and to *"outdo one another in showing honor"* (Rom. 12:6–16).

+ NEWS & NOTES +

THANK YOU *"I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and prayers during the holiday season, and also to wish everyone a Very Happy and Healthy New Year". Sincerely, Carol P.*

CPR/AED CLASS If anyone is interested in attending a CPR/AED class, please call the church office and leave your name. If we have enough interested, we will announce a date and time.

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

2020 GIVING STATEMENTS are available in your mailboxes in the Narthex.

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

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

OUR "BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS" continues throughout 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 QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING is next 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.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR (SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY): Perhaps we could raise the level of respect and honor for marriage if we focused less on what it isn't and more upon what it is, and teach, as Paul, that "it refers to Christ and the church" (Ephesians 5:32b). *Lord, help us see marriage as a picture of Your sacrificial and loving relationship to Your Church. Amen.*

"ABORTION ISN'T SOMETHING HAPPENING IN ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTY OR CITY. It is happening right in our backyards. And now we know many [who have had abortions] attend churches regularly and are sitting in our church pews looking for answers. May the Lord provide the answers needed to send a message of hope and forgiveness as well as proclaiming abortion to not be in God's will." *Virginia J. Flo, Minnesota Regional Director & National Conference Director for Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE
EPIPHANY

17 January A+D 2021

Liturgy: Divine Service, Setting Four, pg. 203
Hymns: 408, 402, 644, 631, 533
Sermon: "The Lord Is the Giver of Good Wine"
Amos 9:11-15

INTROIT

Psalm 66:1–5, 20; antiphon: v. 4; 92:1

- P** All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;
C **they sing praises to your name.**
P It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
C **to sing praises to your name, O Most High.**
P Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
C **sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**
P Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
C **So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.**
P All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;
C **they sing praises to your name."**
P Come and see what God has done:
C **he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.**
P Blessed be God,
C **because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!**

**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.**

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL

Psalm 107:20–21

- P** He sent out his word and healed them,
C **and delivered them from their destruction.**
P Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
C **for his wondrous works to the children of men!**

VERSE

Psalm 148:2

Alleluia. Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Alleluia.

OLD TESTAMENT *Amos 9:11-15*

¹¹"In that day I will raise up
the booth of David that is fallen
and repair its breaches,
and raise up its ruins
and rebuild it as in the days of old,
¹²that they may possess the remnant of
Edom
and all the nations who are called by
my name,"
declares the LORD who does this.
¹³"Behold, the days are coming,"
declares the LORD,
"when the plowman shall overtake the
reaper
and the treader of grapes him who
sows the seed;
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,
and all the hills shall flow with it.
¹⁴I will restore the fortunes of my people
Israel,
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities
and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and drink their
wine,
and they shall make gardens and eat
their fruit.
¹⁵I will plant them on their land,
and they shall never again be uprooted
out of the land that I have given them,"
says the LORD your God.

EPISTLE

Romans 12:6-16

⁶Having gifts that differ according to
the grace given to us, let us use them: if
prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if
service, in our serving; the one who
teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who
exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who
contributes, in generosity; the one who
leads, with zeal; the one who does acts
of mercy, with cheerfulness.

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is
evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love
one another with brotherly affection.
Outdo one another in showing honor.

¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in
spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope,
be patient in tribulation, be constant in
prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the
saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless
and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with
those who rejoice, weep with those who
weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one
another. Do not be haughty, but
associate with the lowly. Never be
conceited.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding
at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of
Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited
to the wedding with his disciples. ³When
the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said
to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus
said to her, "Woman, what does this
have to do with me? My hour has not yet
come." ⁵His mother said to the servants,
"Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Now there were six stone water jars
there for the Jewish rites of purification,
each holding twenty or thirty gallons.
⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars
with water." And they filled them up to
the brim. ⁸And he said to them, "Now
draw some out and take it to the master
of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When the
master of the feast tasted the water now
become wine, and did not know where it
came from (though the servants who had
drawn the water knew), the master of the
feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to
him, "Everyone serves the good wine
first, and when people have drunk freely,
then the poor wine. But you have kept
the good wine until now." ¹¹This, the
first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in
Galilee, and manifested his glory. And
his disciples believed in him.