



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
Sunday, 12 January A+D 2025 • 10:00 A.M.



OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION. If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR: Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See *LSB*, page 326, "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?")
5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, "What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?")

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Lutheran Service Book,
Divine Service, Setting Four, pg. 203

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” LSB 803

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a



Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

I will tell of | the decree:*

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,*
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

**You shall break them with a | rod of iron*
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”**

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

**Serve the | LORD with fear,*
and rejoice with | trembling,**
for his wrath is quickly | kindled.*

Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

KYRIE

LSB 204

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204

EPISTLE*Romans 6:1-11*

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Stand***ALLELUIA AND VERSE***LSB 205***HOLY GOSPEL***Luke 3:15-22*

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

APOSTLES’ CREED*LSB 192**Sit***HYMN OF THE DAY***“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” LSB 405***SERMON***“The Benefits of Being Baptized into Christ” Luke 3:15-22**Stand***INSTALLATION OF 2025 CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS****PRAYER OF THE CHURCH***Each petition ends with:***P** Lord, in Your mercy,**C** hear our prayer.*Sit*

OFFERING

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

PREFACE	LSB 208
SANCTUS	LSB 208
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	LSB 208
LORD'S PRAYER	LSB 209
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD	LSB 209
PAX DOMINI	LSB 209
AGNUS DEI	LSB 210

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Guests are asked to please read "A Word to Our Guests About Holy Communion" on page 2 of this week's bulletin.

Those who are communing are encouraged to prepare themselves using "Preparing for the Sacrament of the Altar" on page 2 of the bulletin.

The Lord's Supper is distributed at the altar rail. Each table is dismissed with the following blessing:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" LSB 740

"O Lord, We Praise Thee" LSB 617

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS	LSB 211
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT	LSB 212
BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION	LSB 212
HYMN TO DEPART	<i>"Have No Fear, Little Flock" LSB 735</i>

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NEWS & NOTES

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS is this morning during the Divine Service. Our officers and board members for 2025 are:

- Skip Schoenborn (Chairman)
- Dave McFarland (Vice-Chairman)
- Bradley Linsmeyer (Treasurer)
- Stephanie Sotka (Secretary)
- Sherry Caduto (Financial Secretary)
- Rob Kuehl (Elder)
- Will Patton (Elder)
- Jim Reed (Elder)
- Eric Rhode (Elder)
- Bob Roska (Elder)
- Jim Sleik (Elder)
- Tony Caduto (Trustee)
- Mark Mortl (Trustee)
- Dustin Sotka (Trustee)
- Erin Forsberg (Education Chair)
- Debbie Sleik (Missions Chair)
- Lisa Swanson (Stewardship Chair)

WE WANT TO THANK CLAIRE RHODE for her work as our office secretary since October 2023. Claire will be stepping away from this role as she focuses her time and energy on other endeavors. **WE ARE SEEKING APPLICANTS** for the role of Church Office Secretary. The job is for 15 hours per week with competitive pay, flexible scheduling, and paid time off provided. If interested, please speak with Pastor Ruesch or email him at pastor@ourredeemerkingsford.org.

JOIN US FOR MIDWEEK DIVINE SERVICES each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. This Wednesday will be the second in a three-part special sermon series on Holy Baptism entitled “Christ’s Work, Our Gift.”

OUR NEXT QUARTERLY VOTERS’ MEETING will be on Sunday, January 26th, following the Divine Service. All voting members (confirmed members at least 16 years old) are urged to attend.

PASTOR RUESCH WILL BE IN FORT WAYNE for his Doctor of Ministry courses from January 27th through 31st. *During that week, there will be no Confirmation Class, Midweek Divine Service, or Thursday Bible Study.* He can still be reached via email during that time at pastor@ourredeemerkingsford.org or on his cell phone at (906) 396-7401.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *Luke 3:21 – “Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying ...”* We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn’t need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

	<u>MUSIC</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>FELLOWSHIP</u>
<i>Week of 1/12</i>				
Sun., 10:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen & Choir	Jim Reed	Maridol Bey	NEEDED
Weds., 7:00 P.M.	Dustin Sotka & Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Maridol Bey	N/A
<i>Week of 1/19</i>				
Sun., 10:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Rob Kuehl	Lisa Swanson	Youth Group
Weds., 7:00 P.M.	Dustin Sotka & Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Lisa Swanson	N/A

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (12)	8:45 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	11:30 A.M.	Coffee & Fellowship
Monday (13)	6:30 P.M.	Committees Meeting
Tuesday (14)		
Wednesday (15)	5:30 P.M.	Choir Practice
	5:30 P.M.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 P.M.	Midweek Divine Service
Thursday (16)	9:30 A.M.	Bible Study
Friday (17)		<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
Saturday (18)		
Sunday (19)	8:45 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	11:30 A.M.	Coffee & Fellowship

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
Receipts:	\$21,318.11	\$210,538.53
Expenses:	\$19,618.68	\$235,106.05
Difference:	+\$2,441.72	-\$24,567.52

This report represents raw monthly and year-to-date receipt/expense data ("money-in"/"money-out"), including expenses for which funds were reserved from memorials and designated gifts.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sun., Jan. 5 th , 10:00 A.M.	84	70
Weds., Jan. 8 th , 7:00 P.M.	18	16