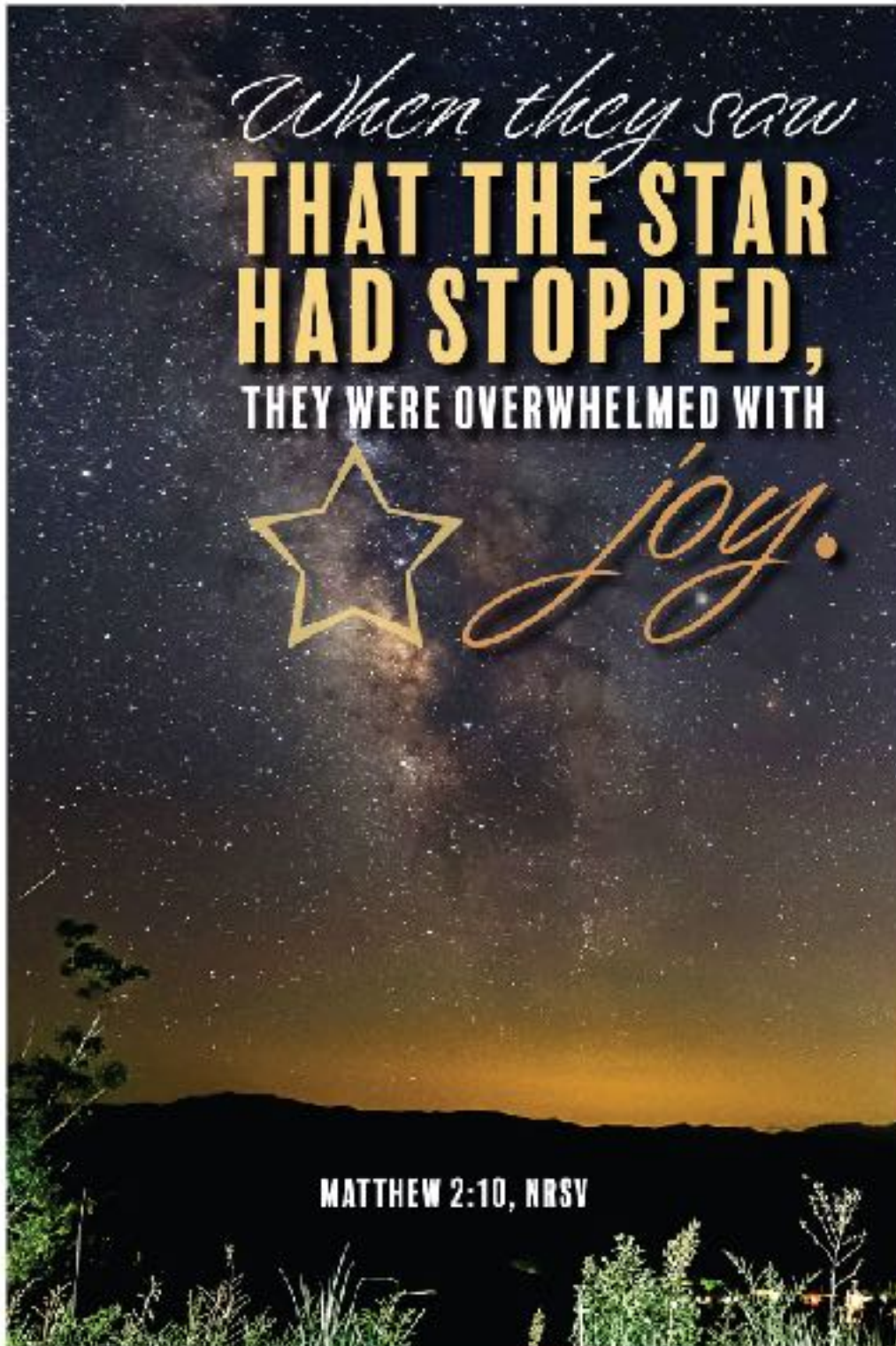


Redeemer Lutheran Church

You have a place at God's table. You have a place here.



Sunday, January 8, 2023 — Epiphany
Rev. Sara Gorman

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one
another.

Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from
you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly
sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us
our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and
things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and
uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve
you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.**

Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Emmanuel*

Words and Music by
Vince Ambrosetti

VERSE

Em D Em Bm⁷ Em



1. A vir - gin shall bring forth a first - born son, con - ceived by the
 2. Un - to you this day shall be born a king, the light for a
 3. A child who was born of such low - ly state, wrapped on - ly in
 4. All na - tions stand read - y to greet His face, a vig - il we

6 Am Em Bm⁷ Em Am D Em



Spir - it of God. _____ He shall save all His peo -
 world full of dark. _____ He shall be our sal - va -
 swad - dling clothes. _____ Kings shall pause to be - hold His
 keep for His birth. _____ He shall be filled with wis -

REFRAIN

12 Em⁷ Am⁷ Bm⁷ Em Em⁷ Am⁷



-ple, and die, our ran - som for sin. _____ Em - man - u -
 -tion, and so His name shall be Je - sus.
 sight, all knees shall bend at His name. _____
 -dom, and reign His peo - ple with love. _____

18 D Em Am Bm⁷ Em E



-el, Em - man - u - el, come and live in our midst; Em -

25 Am⁷ D Em D C²



-man - u - el, Em - man - u - el, come

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE (*tune Silent Night*)

Ky - ri - e (e)le - i - son. Chri - ste
(e)lei - i - son. Lord have mer - cy on us.
Christ have mer - cy on us Lord have mer - cy on
us Christ have mer - cy on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

C **Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

P A reading from Isaiah.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought 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 proclaim the praise of the Lord.

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

R A reading from Ephesians.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 188)



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.



Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *The First Noel*

VERSES



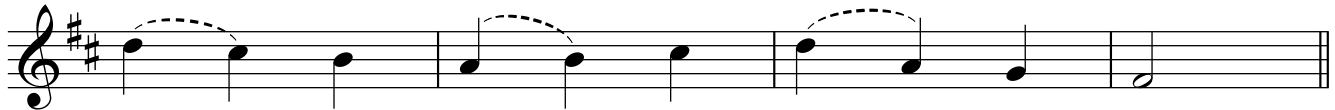
1. The first No - el, the an - gel did say, Was to
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing
3. And by the light of that same star Three
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er
5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full



1. cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In
2. in the east, be - yond them far; And
3. wise men came from coun - try far; To
4. Beth - le - hem it took its rest, And
5. rev - 'rent - ly up - on the knee, And



1. fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a
2. to the earth it gave great light, And
3. seek for a king was their in - tent, And to
4. there it did both stop and stay, Right
5. of - fered there, in his pres - ence, Their



1. cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
2. so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
3. fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
4. o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
5. gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.

REFRAIN



No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Please stand.

CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Offertory Song: *Instrumental*

Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray,

C God of abundance,
receive and bless these gifts we have offered.
Join our hearts with the song of the angels,
and gather us at your table of celebration.
Strengthen us to share with all the world
the abundance of your grace upon grace,
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sung Words of Institution

Eucharistic Liturgy set to *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

L The God of grace be here with you.

C The God of grace be also with you.

L Lift up your hearts in thanks and praise.
Our hearts and hopes to God we raise.

C Rejoice! Rejoice! For holy is the Lord,
On earth and in the heav'nly heights adored.

L When Jesus sat at table with his friends,
He took the bread, and blessing it, he said:
“This is my body, offered for you;
Take, eat, this meal of grace and truth.”

**C Rejoice! Rejoice! We share this living bread,
And seek a day when all shall be fed.**

L When supper ended, Jesus took the cup.
He blessed it and he raised it up.
“This cup is life poured out for you.
My promise to make all things new.”

**C Rejoice! Rejoice! We share the cup of peace
With those who thirst for justice and release.**

L O Spirit, fire of hope sent from above
Unite us in salvation and love.
Bless these, your gifts of bread and wine
And fill us with your joy divine.

**C Rejoice! Rejoice! We share this meal
And bless our God, who feeds and heals.**

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LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's table. You do not need to be a member of this congregation nor a Lutheran. Communion is a gift from God for the people of God, no matter where they are on their faith journey.

Gluten-free bread is available, as is grape juice. If you have questions about Baptism, Holy Communion, or faith, please take a moment and speak with the pastor.

COMMUNION SONGS

What Feast of Love

GREENSLEEVES



1. What feast of love is of-fered here, What ban-quet come from
2. What light of truth is of-fered here, What cov - e - nant from
3. What wine of love is of-fered here, What crim-son drink from



1. heav - en? What food of ev - er - last - ing life, What
2. heav - en? What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, What
3. heav - en? What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, What



1. gra - cious gift is giv - en? This, this is Christ the
2. won - drous word is giv - en? This, this is Christ the
3. pre - cious blood is giv - en? This, this is Christ the



1. King, The bread come down from heav - en. O
2. King, The Sun come down from heav - en. O
3. King, The sweet - est wine of heav - en. O



1. taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
2. see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
3. taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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We Three Kings of Orient Are

Words and Music by
John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

♩ = 132 VERSE

Em B⁷ Em B⁷ Em



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, in - cense owns a De - i - ty night;
4. Myrrh is mine, its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom:
5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise, King and God and sac - ri - fice;

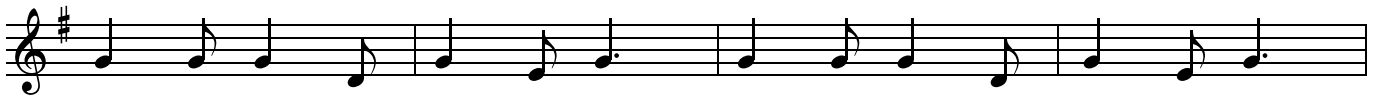
5 D G Am Em/B⁷ B⁷ Em D D⁷



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star. O _____
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
Prayer and prais - ing all men rais - ing, wor - ship Him, God on high.
Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Peals thru the earth and skies.

CHORUS

10 G C G C G



star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;

14 Em D C D G C G



West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

As With Gladness Men of Old



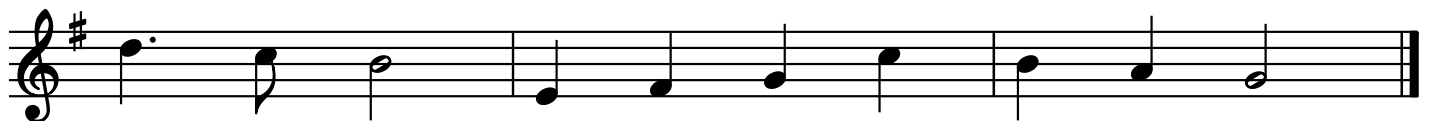
1. As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped To that low-ly
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare At that man-ger
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the
5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-



1. star be-hold, As with joy they hailed its light,
2. man-ger-bed, There to bend the knee be-fore
3. rude and bare; So may we with ho-ly joy,
4. nar-row way; And, when earth-ly things are past,
5. at-ed light; Thou, its light, its joy, its crown,



1. Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright, So, most gra-cious
2. Him whom heav'n and earth a-dore; So may we with
3. Pure and free from sin's al-loy, All our cost-liest
4. Bring our ran-somed souls at last Where they need no
5. Thou its sun which goes not down; There for ev-er



1. Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led to thee.
2. will-ing feet Ev-er seek the mer-cy-seat.
3. trea-sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
4. star to guide, Where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
5. may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

Text: 77 77 77; William C. Dix, 1837–1898.

Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823–1889.



Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C God our redeemer,
you have fed us at this table
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.
As you have gathered us in joy,
send us forth as messengers of your peace.
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly stands.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P God bless you and keep you,
✠ Jesus grant you grace and truth,
and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,
now and forever.
C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *I Love You Lord/I Exalt Thee*

I love You Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
O my soul rejoice
Take joy my King
In what You hear
May it be a sweet sweet sound
In Your ear

I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee oh Lord
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee oh Lord

We love You Lord
And we lift one voice
To worship You
Let our souls rejoice
Take joy O King
In what You hear
May it be a sweet sweet sound
In Your ear

I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee oh Lord
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee oh Lord (sing through twice – second time a capella)

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**



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Important Announcements

Check the weekly email (contact office.redeemerplymouth@gmail.com to subscribe) or our website (redeemerplymouth.org) for a complete list of announcements and community events

Church Undecorating Today!

We are looking for volunteers to stay today after the Budget meeting to help take down our Christmas decorations.

Sunday School Starts Today!

All ages are welcome to participate in our Sunday School. We will be meeting today after worship in the Gathering Room. We plan to hold class the first and third Sunday of the month. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Sara.

Calling All High School Youth! Join us Sunday, January 22 at 1:00pm

Join us for a time of fellowship, fun and faith! Friends are always welcome. Text Pastor Sara at 920-550-1160 if you have any questions.



Congregational
MEETINGS

2023 Budget Review Meeting TODAY!
Sunday, January 8, 10:15 am

2023 Budget Approval Meeting
Sunday, January 15, 10:15am

Annual Congregation Meeting
Sunday, January 29, 10:30am

All voting members are encouraged to attend. Voting members are those members who have made a financial contribution and who have received communion in the past 12 months.



AV Volunteer Training Sunday, January 22 after worship

We're looking for folks who would be willing to help out. We have written instructions at the tech desk and John Loehrke will provide some hands on training. Great opportunity for Confirmands and high school students, as well as adults!