

Liturgy at Redeemer-St. John's and  
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Saturday, January 24, 2026

5:00pm



***Update: Due to the snowstorm, worship has been moved from Sunday to Saturday.***

**Gathering**

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

**PRELUDE**

Pastoral

Herbert Sumsion

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.** *Please stand.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

Thy Strong Word

Hymn #511

## GREETING

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

## Kyrie

JAMES MACMILLAN

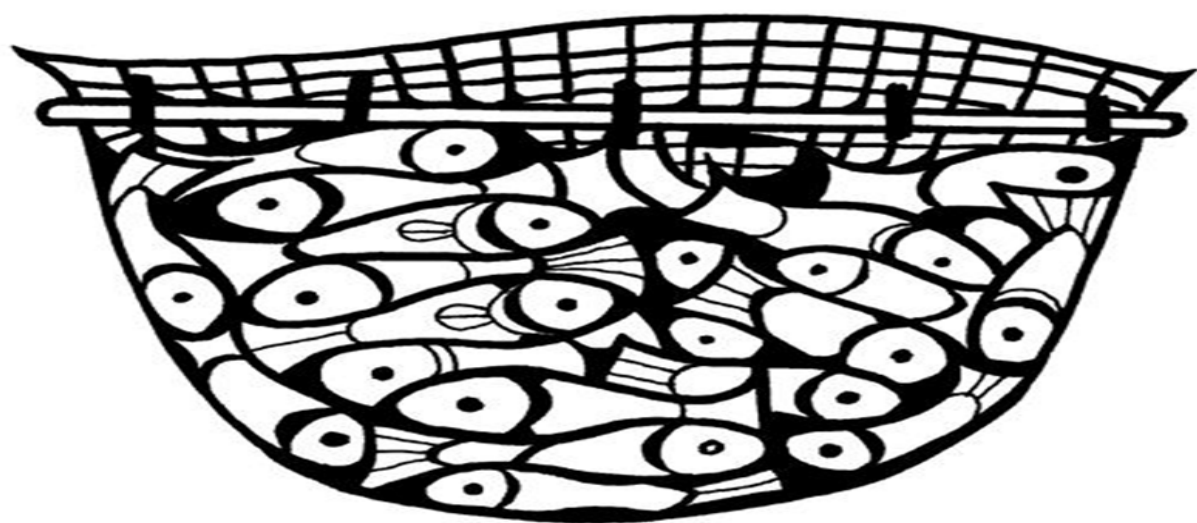
**Andante** ♩ = 80

Organ

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy.

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mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.



# Gloria

**PRIEST / CANTOR** **ALL**

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

3 We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you,

7 we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

9 Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

11 you take a - way the sins\_ of the world, have\_ mer - cy on us;

12 you take a - way the sins\_ of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seated at the

(13) right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For\_ you a - lone are the\_

(14) Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ,

17 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Let us pray.** Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.** *Please be seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.*

### FIRST READING

### Isaiah 9:1-4

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

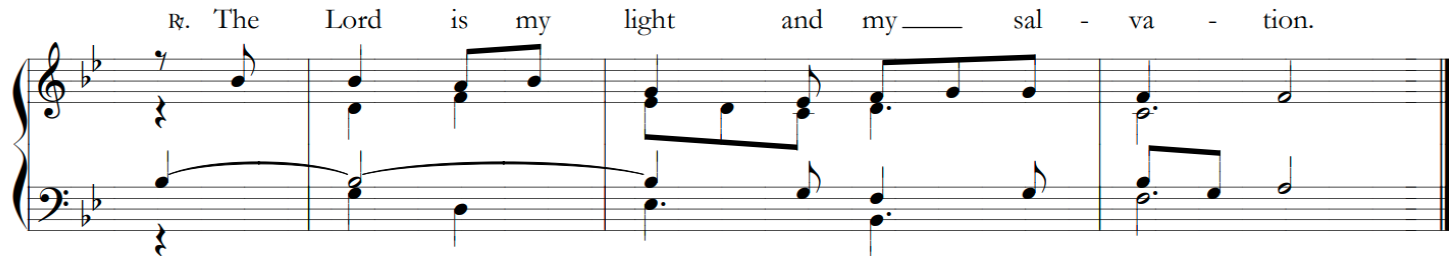
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Third Sunday  
Year A

*Tone VIII*

*Ps 27: 1 v. 1, 4, 13-14*



**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;  
of whom should I be afraid?

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

One thing I ask of the LORD;  
this I seek:  
to dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
that I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD  
and contemplate his temple.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;  
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

## SECOND READING

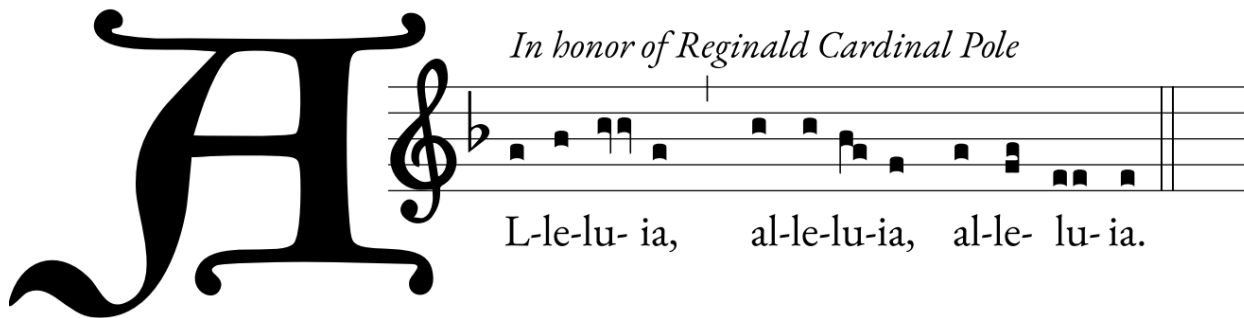
## 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



*Alleluia "Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom and cured every disease among the people." Alleluia (Cf. Mt 4: 23)*

**HOLY GOSPEL****Matthew 4:12-23**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the



boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HOMILY**

*Silence for reflection*

Rev. Khader Khalilia

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Will You Come and Follow Me

Hymn #798

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick. We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

# Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.** *The assembly sits after exchanging the peace.*

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, Peace be with you. You may consider a gesture without physical touch, perhaps a slight bow, or crossing over the chest, as a symbol of an embrace.*

*\*Please consider an offering to Redeemer-St. John's and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church by clicking at this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YQ3P/home> or scan the*



[QR code below.](#)

**AT THE OFFERING**

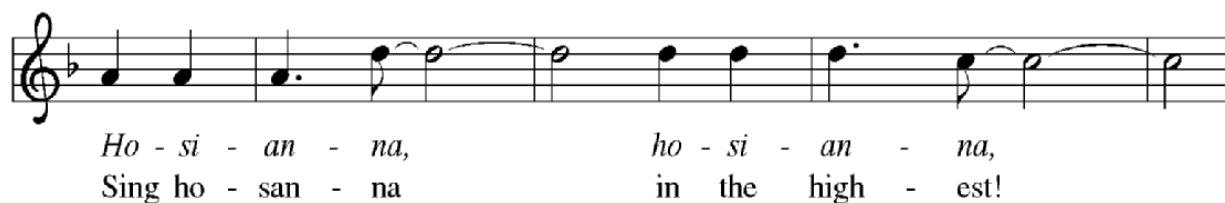
O Radiant Dawn

James Macmillan

**OFFERTORY VERSE**

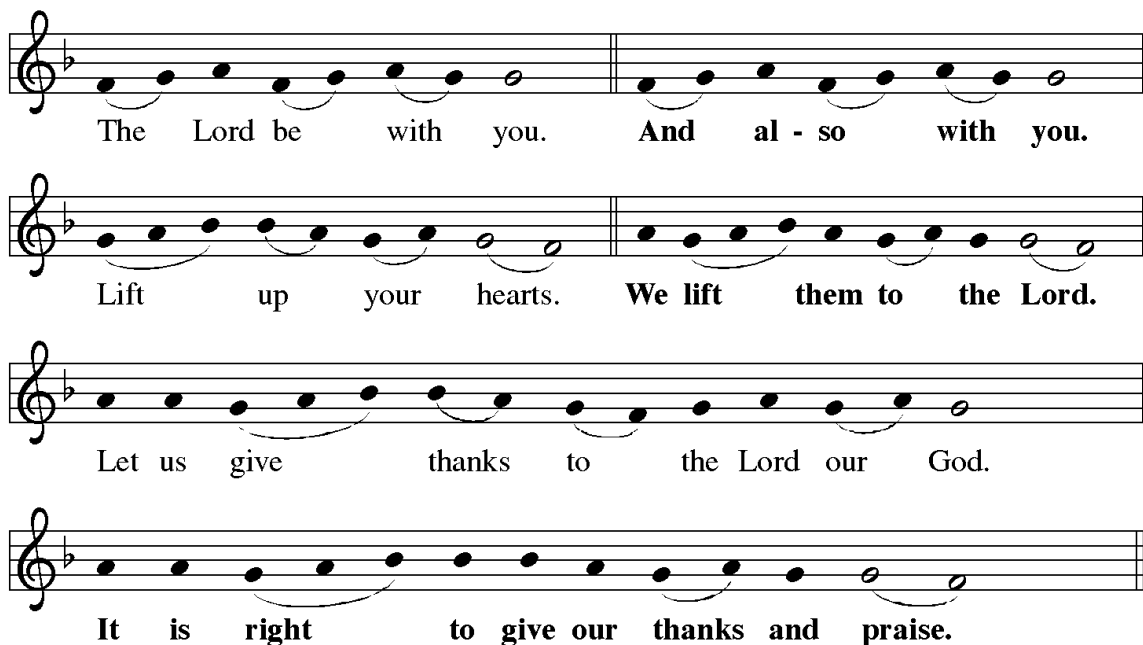
*Please stand.*

**YOU ARE HOLY (DU AR HELIG)**



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of glory,  
great are your wonders among us  
and many are the blessings you bestow.  
Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world,  
that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace,  
through Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**



## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their  
unending hymn:

# Sanctus

**Moderato** ♩ = 92-96

Organ

10 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of

18 hosts, God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

27 in the high - est. Blessed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup

we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Our Father

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## At the Distribution

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. In this Sacrament we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ for our forgiveness and salvation as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.*

**Slowly** **Agnus Dei**

8 Organ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have

mer-cy\_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy\_ on

15 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The musical score is written for organ and voice. It begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The organ part is marked 'Organ' and the vocal part is marked 'mp'. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy\_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy\_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.' The score includes measures 8 and 15, with a repeat sign at the end.



**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

*Please stand.*

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**Now, Lord**

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has  
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion  
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:  
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,  
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.  
May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts  
the mystery of your presence.  
Move us to discover the wonders of your love  
in the everyday moments of our lives,  
through Christ born in us.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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

## **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor ☩ and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**      I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Hymn #815

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Ceremonial March

H. Sumsion

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Crucifer

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Kirsten d'Aquino

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Christina Swanson

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Jackson Schroeder

## PARISH NOTES – January 25, 2026

Welcome in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We appreciate your joining us as we celebrate the love given to us through God's beloved Son. If you wish to be included on our mailing list, please sign the guest book or inform an usher or the pastor. Also, please join us for conversation and refreshments in the lower level after worship. May you feel richly blessed this day!



~John DeLuca, Beatrice Sarchapone, Maria Marsala, Roger Stern, Karen O'Brien, Phil Scherer, Milly Reistad, Pat Boyle, Steve Cerame, Diane Kerl, Family of Sandy Romano, Ruth Lundy, Dot Coy, Don Coy, Joshua Suzuki, Allison Lauer, Stanley Lieberman, Thomas Maulick, James Quigg, Norina Lundy, Carmen Delgado and Lenore Kerl.

Please let us know if you are in need of prayer.

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***Today, please note that we are using Mass setting: St. Anne's Mass***

***By James Macmillan***

***The Word In Season***” devotionals for January, February and March 2026 are available on the foyer table.

***Please note:*** All checks should be made out to Redeemer-St. John’s and Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church until Grace Lutheran Church becomes the official legal name.

### **Offering Envelopes 2026**

Please pick up your offering envelopes for 2026 from the table in the back of the church. If you do not see your name on the envelope set, please let Dorothy Fyfe or Pastor Khader know.



### **Eternal Candle and Altar Flowers:**

It is \$10 per week to sponsor the Eternal Candle and \$40 per floral arrangement for the altar.

### **RSJ Nursery School OPEN HOUSE – Thursday, Jan. 27, 2026 5pm-7pm**

Come meet our teachers and tour the classrooms. With full-day, family focused programming and caring staff, we have earned a reputation as one of Dyker Heights’ most beloved early childhood education centers for 50 years!

### **February is Heart Health Month**

**February 6, 2026 is GO RED FOR WOMEN day.** On Sunday February 1, 2026, we have a special heart healthy coffee hour, to include fruits, yogurt, granola, egg cups and healthy muffins. There will be heart health handouts and we will have CPR instructors available to teach HANDS ONLY CPR. Coffee hour money collected will be donated to the American Heart Association **GO RED FOR WOMEN campaign.**



## **February Project: SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

February 8 is Super Bowl Sunday. We invite everyone to join us after church for our annual Souper Bowl **soup** gathering. Come enjoy warm soup and fellowship while supporting a great cause.

All money collected will be donated to ELCA World Hunger.

Thank you for your continued support of our Social Ministry projects. We hope to see you there.

## **Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes**

Join us on Wednesday, **February 18<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 PM for our Ash Wednesday liturgy as we begin the solemn season of Lent. This service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, calling us to repentance and renewal of Christ.

## **Lenten Midweek Worship & Soup Suppers**

As we journey through Lent, you are invited to evening prayer services each Wednesday. Come for a simple meal of soup at 6:00 PM, followed by worship at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. We will pray together using “Holden Evening Prayer” liturgy – a contemplative and enriching time of reflection on God’s mercy.

Midweek Lenten Worship Dates:

- February 25<sup>th</sup>
- March 4<sup>th</sup>
- March 11<sup>th</sup>
- March 18<sup>th</sup>
- March 25<sup>th</sup>

To help foster our Lenten Fellowship, we invite volunteers to provide a variety of soups each week. Please inform Gregory Morales or Amelia Hazel if you wish to contribute soup or sign up on Midweek Worship and Soup Suppers form in Fellowship Hall.

Come, be nourished in body and soul as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

## **Annual Meeting and Budget – Sunday, February 22, 2026**

Redeemer St. John's and Our Saviour's membership will have a meeting following worship in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 22, 2026. The meeting is to vote on the Grace Church budget, elect church council members and review last year's reports and discuss our vision for the future. All adult and confirmed members are invited and encouraged to exercise their rights and responsibilities of membership by participating.

## **A Sneak Peek at Our New Website**

Our new website is live at [gracebk.org](http://gracebk.org)!

We're still in the process of legally changing our name, so we'll hold off on announcing it to the wider community for now. In the meantime, please take a look and let Pastor Khader know if you have any feedback or questions. You can direct them to Pastor Khader directly.

## **Virtual Bible Study**

Join us! We meet every Wednesday at 11:00 AM (via Zoom). All are welcome—bring your coffee and join the conversation!

## **Sunday School**

This interactive learning experience for children, 1st through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, focuses on exploring the key biblical stories, creating, wondering and reflecting. The class meets every Sunday morning during the at 9:40 am.

## **Confirmation Class ~ *Rooted in Word. Centered in Christ.***

Youth in grades 5–9 are invited to join this year's Confirmation Class which meets in person every Wednesday at 5:30 PM at **939 83rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228**.

This is a time of formation in faith, guided by Scripture, the Catechism, and the life of the Church. **Sunday worship at 10:30 AM is required.**

Contact **Pastor Khader at 718-833-7700** for more information.

## Weekly Events at Redeemer-St. John's – 1/25/26 to 2/1/26

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|-------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sundays</b>    | 10:30 am | Worship Service                                    |
|                   | 11:30 am | Coffee Hour                                        |
|                   | 12:00 pm | Greek Apostolic Church Service                     |
| <b>Wednesdays</b> | 7:00 pm  | Sons of Bill (Men's AA Meeting) – <i>In-person</i> |
| <b>Saturdays</b>  | 1:30 pm  | Al-Anon Meeting – <i>In-person</i>                 |

### Upcoming Church Celebrations – Join Us in Worship and Song!

Come and celebrate the heart of the season with worship services filled with the Word, the Sacraments, and the beauty of sacred music. We look forward to welcoming you and your loved ones to these special gatherings.

- **Presentation of Our Lord** ~ *Sunday, February 1st at 10:30 AM*  
Forty days after the birth of Christ we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law.
- **Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes** ~ *Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM*  
This service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, calling us to repentance and renewal of Christ.

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