

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

**February 5, 2023
The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Ramsey, New Jersey**

PRELUDE

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WELCOME

GATHERING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG ELW 558

Lord God, We Praise You



1 Lord God, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, ac - tive and
 2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; ban - ish our
 3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing here be - fore you; sing - ing, we of - fer
 weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; bring us to heav - en,
 bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; thus we a - dore you.
 where your saints u - nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.
 gleam - ing and re - sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

Text: attr. Gregory I, 540–604; tr. composite
 Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

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.

GLORIA

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

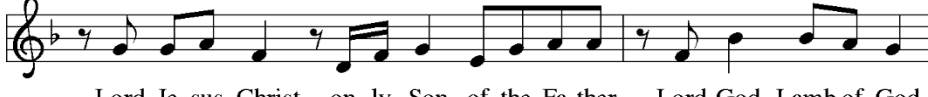
All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;




you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112:1-9 [10]



Psalm 112:4
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- ¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
- ²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- ³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
- ⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- ⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- ⁶**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- ⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- ⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- ⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

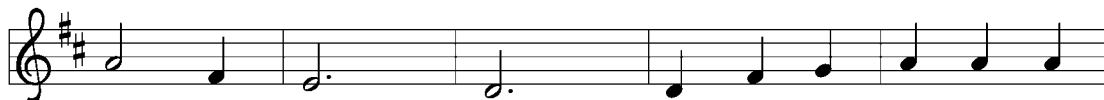
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 815

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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APOSTLES' CREED

**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 Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**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 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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice (*injustice such as systemic racism, church sanction of colonialism, church protection of sexual abusers may be named*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need. Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for (*the Martyrs of Japan and*) all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS – BOY SCOUT SUNDAY**OFFERTORY**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
 brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
 and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

We give thanks to God this day for His holy Word, dwelling among us.

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG ELW 553

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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MISSION STATEMENT

We dedicate ourselves to nurturing the awareness of God's presence in our world, and to sharing our blessings with others.

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This Sunday, Pastor Linderman is with his family in Frederick, MD, for the funeral of his father-in-law, the late Arthur Vento. He would like to thank everyone for their prayers during this difficult time. Thank you to all our volunteers for helping conduct our services this week.

Altar flowers are given by the Pacenza family in remembrance of Pat Pacenza Jr.'s birthday.

Today is Scout Sunday. Thank you to our Scouts and Scout families for their help at the 10:15am service.

There is **Sunday School** this Sunday at 9:15am.

Bible Study this coming Wednesday, 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we learn about the Parables of Jesus!

Social Ministry – February 2023 envelope collection will be for ELCA World Hunger Relief.

HOW TO FIND our Sunday sign-ups: Please go to our webpage, www.redeemerramsey.org, to sign up for **coffee hour** or to volunteer to **assist** in worship. You can also use the QR code for the links to volunteer to **assist** in worship.



Sunday Worship is live-streamed each week in 2 places:

1. **Facebook:** Here is the link to Redeemer's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/redeemerramsey/>

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for everyone.” 1 Timothy 2:1*

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| For the Family/Friends of Arthur Vento | Donna Dunkerley | Kathy Weir | Our sister |
| Al Boehm | Dorothy Kinzelmann | Kim Daehnke | congregation, St. |
| Aliece | Elaine | Kimberly | Stephan’s Grace |
| Allen Bron | Eliana | Kimmie | Community |
| Alvin | Elisabeth Gustowarow* | Krista Kyle Gauweiler | |
| Andrea | Elizabeth Ernst* | Landon Wilson | Pastor Janelle |
| Ann Slingland | Ellen Joyce | Larry | Neubauer, chaplain |
| Anne Mae Estep | Eric | Leo | at Muhlenberg |
| Ardizzone Family | Ernie | Linda Conboy-Schall | College, and her |
| Ashlin Klev | Evelyn Mamman & family | Lio Ortega | husband Simphiwe |
| Audrey Maune | Evelyn Quinn | Lois Berger | Hlophe. |
| Barbara Blanke | Frank | Lola Scala | |
| Barbara Parseghian | Frank Terrizzi | Mariann M | Daudi and his wife |
| Betsy | Gail | Marika | Kellen Msseemmaa |
| Betty Dicker | Gary H | Mary Certoma | (Our ELCA |
| Beverly Klingler | Ginny | Matthew | missionary in East |
| Bill & Joan Schaeffer | Griffin | Maureen Kopinski | Africa) |
| Brenda Morelock | Grundy Family | Melina | |
| Bruce Haskell | Gus Hess | Michael Sancilio | |
| Burri Family | Hans Kleipool | Michelle Owens | <i>To add or remove a</i> |
| Carl | Jack Kaiser | Michelle | <i>name from the</i> |
| Carla Backhaus | Jan Greten | Nancy Kaiser | <i>prayer list, please</i> |
| Carol H | Jane | Nora S. | <i>call or email the</i> |
| Carol Pope | Jane Donlon | Norman Duprez | <i>church office. Your</i> |
| Carol Weber | Jared Guarino | Pat | <i>devotion in praying</i> |
| Caroline Featherstone | Jean Gager | Pat Mulhall | <i>for people listed is</i> |
| Cheryl Ruocco | JeanMarie Livi | Peter Johnson | <i>sincerely</i> |
| Christopher Daniel | Jeanne Longo | Rachel Antorino | <i>appreciated.</i> |
| Christy | Jeannie Sarreshtedari | Richard & Barbara | <i>(“*” denotes a</i> |
| Cindy DeYoung | Joan B. | Strazdus | <i>homebound</i> |
| Dave | Joan Piercy | Rob Kinzelmann | <i>member)</i> |
| Dawn | John Conti | Roger Walz | |
| Dee Duncan | Julie Spreen | Sheri & Joe Roddy | |
| Diane Berger | June | Shirley H. | |
| Diane Shurina | Jurgen Gustowarow | Sophie | |
| | Kasey Z. | Spoerl Family | |
| | Kate | Susan Turner & family | |
| | Kathy | Travis Knyfd | |
| | | Wendy | |
| | | Wendy C | |