

*Epiphany Sunday*  
**January 9, 2022**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church and School**

*Reaching Out into the Community*  
*To do What's Best for the Community*

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**W**elcome to worship with the Redeemer family! We are pleased that you joined us for worship today. Our regular worship schedule each Sunday is **8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Adult and youth Bible classes are held at **9:45 a.m.** as listed in the information page. If infants/toddlers become restless during worship, you are welcome to use the parent's room, located at the right of the narthex as you leave the sanctuary. Children's quiet bags for use during church services are available in the narthex.

## *Order of Worship*

*The worshipers are invited to sing or speak the words in **bold print** throughout the worship service.*

### *Welcome and Announcements*

#### *Call to Worship*

“The First Noel”

green book hymn #56 st. 1-3

**The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so  
deep.**

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**

**And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**

#### *Invocation, Confession and Absolution*

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**

**Amen.**

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### *Song of Praise*

“The First Noel”

green book hymn #56 st. 4-5

**This star drew nigh to the northwest, o’er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
And there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay.**

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**

**Then entered in those Wise Men three, full rev'rently upon their knee,  
And offered there in His presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**

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### ***Prayer of the Day***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Let us pray:**

**Lord Jesus, thank You for coming for all people. Give me this same desire to see all people saved by faith and made part of the family of God with me. Amen.**

### ***The First Reading***

Isaiah 60:1-6 ESV

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A 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 bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ***The Second Reading***

Ephesians 3:1-6 ESV

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is<sup>[a]</sup> that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ***The Gospel Reading***

Matthew 2:1-23 ESV

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king

heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” <sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. <sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” <sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup> “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.” <sup>19</sup> But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup> saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.” <sup>21</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

### *Children's Message*

### *Sermon Song*

*(Prayer Request cards are gathered along the center aisle by the ushers as we sing.)*

“Emmanuel”

Morgan

**Holy, holy. I will bow before my Lord and King.**

**Hallelujah, You have come to us. You make all things new.**

*Chorus:* Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, You'll never let me go.  
My Shepherd King, You're watching over me, Emmanuel.

So amazing, You have named the stars of the deepest night.  
Still You love me You have called my name. I will follow You. (*chorus twice*)

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## *Message*

### *The Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### *The Prayers of the People*

(Please be seated at the conclusion of the prayers.)

### *Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings*

(Please stand when the pastor stands and approaches the altar and sing:)

“Adore Him”

Wade

Countless days on a journey that led so far.  
Endless nights they travelled to follow the star.  
They did not find a palace, just a humble village home.  
And searching for a King, but finding a Child, no crown, no throne,  
still they bowed down.

(Chorus) Come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.

Expectation turned to mystery,  
For nothing like anything they'd dreamed.  
Anticipating the royal and those honored by this world,

**Instead they gazed in the awestruck eyes of a lowly peasant girl  
holding her Child. (Chorus)**

**The brilliant gold, the fragrant myrrh, the costly frankincense placed before Him.**

**(Chorus) Christ the Lord.**

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### ***The Offering Prayer***

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

### ***The Words of Institution***

### ***The Sharing of the Peace***

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### ***Distribution Songs***

*(Holy Communion is a special meal for the baptized followers of Jesus. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine. He says, "This is My body...This is My blood." If you share this belief in His real presence, are repentant of your sins, and are baptized in the Triune God, you are welcome. Children who have not received instruction in the meaning of Holy Communion are invited forward for a blessing; please fold your arms in front of you. Wine is offered via the common cup and individual glass. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Hand your communion card to the usher as you go up for communion. Guests, please read and fill in the gold card.) (Please join in singing:)*

"Lamb of God"

Marty Haugen

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:**

**Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You are the way of mercy and love:**

**Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You are God's light to all of the world:**

**Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:**

**Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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"We Three Kings"

John H. Hopkins, Jr.

**We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar—**

**Fields and fountain, moor and mountain—following yonder star.**

**Chorus: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,**

**Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Glorious now behold Him arise: King and God and Sacrifice;**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies. (chorus)**

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“Arise, Shine”

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**Arise, shine, for Thy light is come. Arise, shine, for Thy light is come,  
And the glory of the Lord is risen, the glory of the Lord is come,  
The glory of the Lord is risen upon Thee.**

**Arise, shine, for Thy light is come. Arise, shine, for Thy light is come,  
And the glory of the Lord is risen, the glory of the Lord is come,  
The glory of the Lord is risen upon me.**

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### *The Communion Blessing*

### *The Prayer of Thanksgiving*

### *The Benediction*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

Forgive and feed, you are now entering the mission field.

**Here am I, Lord, send me!**

Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

### *Closing Song of Praise*

“Magnificent Marvelous Matchless Love”

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**Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love too vast and astounding to tell,  
Forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all.  
Oh, fountain of beauty eternal, the Father the Spirit, the Son,  
Sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent marvelous, matchless love.**

**Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains, exultant they stand,  
The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness, all life is sustained by Your hand.  
You crown ev'ry meadow with color; You paint ev'ry shade in the sky.  
Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.**

*(Chorus)* **How great, how sure, His love endures forevermore.**

**Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.**

**What grace that You entered our brokenness; You came in the fullness of time.  
How far we have fallen from righteousness but not from the mercies of Christ.  
Your cross is our door to redemption; Your death is our fullness of life.  
That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood, magnificent marvelous, matchless love.**

*(Chorus)*

**United in Your resurrection, You lift us to infinite heights. Could anything sever or  
take us from magnificent, marvelous, matchless love? *(Chorus twice)***

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