



THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

“Gifts Not To Give A Baby”

Thursday & Sunday, January 4 & 6, 2024

As We Gather

The Twelve Days of our Christmas celebration have come to an end. But the miraculous birth of the Son of God is only the beginning of the story. For though Jesus came as the fulfillment of all the promises to God’s chosen people Israel, the promise to Abraham was clear that by his seed “all the families of the earth” would be blessed (Genesis 12:3). This is the mystery Paul speaks of in Ephesians 3, how “the Gentiles are fellow heirs . . . of the promise in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 3:6). Anything hidden remains a mystery until it is revealed. No one, Jew or Gentile, can come to faith in Christ without the Gospel being revealed. Another word for “reveal” is “epiphany.” So today Matthew uses the word “behold,” showing what may seem a surprise to some. “Behold, wise men from the east” (Matthew 2:1). “Behold, the star that they had seen” (Matthew 2:9). Today we say, behold, Christmas is a much bigger thing than many have thought.

It encompasses nothing less than all our Lord's earthly ministry culminating in His suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit. It is nothing less than the gift of salvation to all who believe. This epiphany has invaded your darkness through the water and the Word of your Holy Baptism, through the Word of God preached in your hearing, and through the receiving of our Lord's very body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar to sustain that gift, that epiphany of faith to the end of days. By faith you have made a very good beginning.

✠ **PREPARATION** ✠

10:45 AM Pre-Service Song "New Creation"

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Hymn "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" *LSB 358; vrs. 1-4*

10:45 AM Opening Song "Blessed Be Your Name"

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Opening Sentences

P: I will go to the altar of God, **C: to God my exceeding joy.**

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: who made heaven and earth.

Confession and Absolution

P: I confess to almighty God,

C: before all the company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed through my fault, through my own fault, through my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray almighty God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, His Son, to have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

P: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God

to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of Praise “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” *LSB 358; vrs. 5-8*

10:45 AM Song of Praise “Jesus Light of the World”

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. God our Savior, as at creation Your first command was “Let there be light,” so by Your Word You create the light of faith in penitent hearts. As Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, keep us steadfast in Your Word, the revelation of Your truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 60:1–6*
(after the reading)...

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Ephesians 3:1–12*
(after the reading)...

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

L: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 2:1–12*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord. *(after the reading)...*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise be to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

Children’s Message & Celebrate Song 

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of the Day “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” *LSB 358; vrs. 9-12*

10:45 AM Sermon Song “What Child Is This”

Sermon

Offering & Attendance / Involvement Cards

(The Offering of Peace is exchanged during Offering)

Prayer of the Church

P: *(after each petition)*... Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom we behold by faith the light of the world that enlightens all people to the gift of salvation revealed in His sacrifice for the life of the whole world. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You...one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension

into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: Amen.**

Distribution

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Distribution Hymns "Away in a Manger" *LSB* 364 and "As with Gladness Men of Old" *LSB* 397; *vrs. 13-15*

10:45 AM Communion Songs "Your Name" & "Evidence"

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Benediction

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

6:30 & 8:15 AM Closing Hymn "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" *LSB* 358; *vrs. 13-15*

10:45 AM Closing Song "God So Loved"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Communion is celebrated at Redeemer in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that we may show forth His death until He comes. We ask visitors who are in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, to first speak with a pastor.

Our worship services will continue to be available, traditional &/or contemporary, on our website: www.redeemersiouxcity.com or you can like us on Facebook: RedeemerLC or find us on YouTube: Redeemer Lutheran Church Sioux City.

Children's Bulletins and Quiet Bags are in the back of the church. Please place the Quiet Bags in the plastic container (next to the bags) when finished. Thank You!

Large-Print Bulletins and hearing devices are available from Ushers.

Please stop by Care Corner to sign a *sympathy* card for Liz Hanna and family on the passing of her mother, Connie Fleming.

Birthday cards for Marlin Lessmann & Eileen Bumsted.

Altar Flowers are given by Janet Fett in memory of Mom, Dad, and sister.

Altar Flowers: There has been an unforeseen increase in the cost of Altar Flowers. Each vase is \$35 for a total of \$70 for both. Altar Guild would like to suggest that members can purchase just one of the bouquets or both. It would be your choice. This would start January 1, 2024. Going forward we will have a space on the flower chart for vase 1 or vase 2 or both 1 & 2 for you to choose. We appreciate our members. Please call Pam Naylor at 712-274-1642 with any questions. – Altar Guild.

Thank you for all the cards and prayers. I want to thank Pastor Senstad and Pastor Zirpel for the visits and prayers while I was at Unity. I am lucky that I had good doctors and nurses to help me get through my health problems I had and that our Savior Jesus was with me to get better. God's Blessings~~ Linda Albright

Work on the kitchen remodeling project has begun with new lighting installation! The \$48,000 project will begin in earnest on February 1 and throughout the month of February. Your contributions to this project are greatly appreciated!

Attention **Women of Redeemer** come join us in an afternoon of faith, fellowship, and service. Lutheran Women in Mission - Epiphany Celebration. Sunday January 7 at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish

Hall. Luncheon, fellowship, devotion, prayer box DIY project, and/or hygiene kit service project. \$10.00 per person. All are welcome!!! Invite a friend or family member to join us!!!

Calling all Quilters!!! Quilters will be meeting on Monday's at 9:00 in the lower level center room starting January 8th. Quilts are sewn for local and international mission need. All are welcome!!!

If you are cleaning out, Quilters will always take blankets, sheets, material etc. When in doubt, don't throw it out, bring it to the Quilters!!!

LIFE LIGHT IS BACK: This coming Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm we meet at *Whispering Creek Senior Living* (near the golf course). Everyone is welcome. The books are in the back. Don't worry if you don't get the first lesson done, Pastor Senstad will have the answers and you can listen in.

Wednesday Women Bible Study, January 10, 2024 - "Chosen" a study of Esther. Please join us at one of the following times:

- **1:30 Group** meets in the *Redeemer Conference Room* and we will be starting on page 81 Day 5 "Unrewarded Loyalty"

- **6:30 Group** meets at the *Oscar Carl Winery* and will be starting on page 73 Day 4 "Hail, Queen Esther!"

Leadership Council: We have a regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 pm. Please come a little early so we can introduce you to the Thursday evening worship service. Also, we will install our leadership council and head elder January 14 at both services.

Confirmation ½ Lock-In: Middle School students will have a ½ Lock-In on Friday, January 26th, 6 PM - 11:30 PM, here at Redeemer. We'll have food, fun, fellowship, and games. Friends are welcome! Contact DCE, Jonathon Bailey.

There will be no Altar Guild meeting in January. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 22.



Giving has never been easier! You can now scan Redeemer's QR Code to access our online giving. Just open up your camera on your phone and point it at the QR code centering it on your screen. You may have to hold it still for a few seconds. Then tap the pop-up banner/link. This will direct you to Redeemer's giving website.

Redeemer's ConnectTeam would like to help celebrate the birthdays of our 6th-8th graders, as well as our confirmed High School youth members. Each youth will receive a 12" decorated cookie. This project is funded with the help of a Thrivent Action Team Card. For the month of January, we want to wish a very Happy Birthday to **Jayden Goldsmith (1/6), Valerie Magnuson**

(1/7), Nathan Smith (1/7), Talan Willson (1/9), and Jordyn Marlow (1/24).

We still have about 100 jars of jams & jellies available in the Parish Hall. January proceeds will continue to go to the JJ Wolf missionary Family, working in Africa. Jams and jellies: \$6 a jar or 5 for \$25, dill pickles (\$8 a qt), & sweet pickles (\$6 a pt). --Pastor Zirpel

Aronia Jam & Jelly
Aronia Berry Jelly
Aronia Jalapeno Jam
Aronia Strawberry Jam
*Aronia Strawberry –
Jalapeno Jam*
Cherry Aronia Jam
Cherry Rhubarb Jam
Dark Cherry Jelly/Jam
Fruit Juice Jelly
Fruit Juice Jalapeno Jam
Gooseberry Jelly/Jam
Jalapeno Jam
Jalapeno Mixed Fruit Jam

Mixed Fruit Jam
Mixed Fruit Jalapeno Jam
Peach Jalapeno Jam
Pear Jam
Raspberry Jam
Red Currant Jelly
Rhubarb Ginger Lime Jam
Rhubarb Jam
Strawberry Jalapeno Jam
Wild Grape Jelly
Wild Plum Jam
Wild Plum Rhubarb
Wild Raspberry Jam

BSF Bible Study will resume again on Thursday, Jan. 11th.

GriefShare: Calvary Lutheran Church, 4400 Central St., Sioux City, Call 712-239-5646 or 712-389-5226 (Diane Harris - GriefShare Coordinator). The winter GS cycle will begin Tuesday, January 9, at 10:30 a.m. and also on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Thrivent Members Who Have Choice Dollars: NEW Choice Dollars for the 3rd Quarter of 2023 are now available. Please direct them as soon as possible by calling Home Office at 1-800-847-4836 or by directing them online at www.thrivent.com. Thanks for your continued support of the Choice Dollar program at Redeemer.

School Bucks (Rules): All receipts must be from the Sioux City or South Sioux City Hy-Vee's or the Hy-Vee Mainstreet Store. Receipts must be dated August 1, 2023 – April 22, 2024. No Fuel, postal, money order, Western Union, lottery, Quest, Mid-American or gift card receipts will be accepted. If any of these receipts are found in any of the bundles, the entire bundle amount might not be counted and will not go towards your school total. If you have any questions regarding the receipts, contact Tara Vander Weil.

Additional Listening on Sundays:

1. Good Shepherd Hour- 8:00 AM KSCJ
2. Lutheran Hour- 8:30 AM KSCJ
3. Main Street Living- 10:00 AM KCAU, Channel 9.

January 14 airing - This is the Life – “The Priceless Book” – Money and health troubles on the farm lead a father to God’s Word for comfort. Worship Service – Rev. Merle Mahnken of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig, IA, delivers the message “Listen! The Lord Speaks to You!” based on 1 Samuel 3:1-10. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

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Always clearly mark your “special” offerings, so that the office can make sure that you are credited properly. Missionary support is always sent to Mission Central (Gary Thies, Mapleton, IA) through Redeemer Lutheran Church. Your quarterly statements will reflect your “special” offerings if clearly marked.

Redeemer's Missionaries of the year for 2024 are the Adam Lehman Family and the JJ Wolf Family. Contributions may be made to their accounts to Redeemer Lutheran and earmarked as such at any time. Contributions are then sent through Mission Central (Gary Thies, Mapleton) by Redeemer. Thanks for your consideration!

Building Healthy Families: What do the “Mona Lisa,” “Starry Night,” and “You,” have in common? Yep - all three are masterpieces! Da Vinci and Van Gogh created famous works of art, but an even greater Master Craftsman created you. God formed you in your mother’s womb and knew you before you were born. You may see clumsy big feet with ingrown toenails, expanding thighs, or a receding hairline. He sees and loves what He has created...a one-of-a-kind, unique you! Be careful not to paint over what He has designed with your own brush of negativity, inferiority, or shame. Thank God for and take care of the body He gave you! “*For we are God’s handiwork...*” **Ephesians 2:10 Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

SERVING THIS WEEK- (January 4 & 7, 2024): **USHERS: Thurs. 6:30 PM** – Harland Feddersen (Al & Melissa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls). **Sunday 8:15 AM – Team 4** (Gary Kitzmann, Dave Albrecht, Dick Braun, Dale Henningsen, James Bailey). **10:45 AM – Team 8** (Dave Schlotman, Scott & Beth Bowman, Steve Dirks, Brian Owens,

Paul Schlotman). **GREETERS: 8:15 AM- TBD; 10:45 AM- Marty & Marcy Delperdang. ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM- (open); 10:45 AM- Hayden Kunze & Jax Findley. TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30 PM- Tim Young; Sun. 8:15 AM- Hannah Koehler; 10:45 AM- Curt Green. COUNTING TEAM: 4 (Buckley & Fink). COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS: Youth**

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (January 11 & 14, 2024): same as last week. GREETERS: 8:15 AM- Just & Emily Wulf; 10:45 AM- Jackie Krueger & Marge Lessmann. ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM- Jacob Runge Dill; 10:45 AM- Hayden Kunze & Kennedy Robinson. TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30 PM- Tim Young; Sun. 8:15 AM- Hannah Koehler; 10:45 AM- Curt Green. COUNTING TEAM: 1 (Buckley & Lessmann). COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS: Gale & Carol Bobolz

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending December 31, 2023

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 21+141+82=244 (20%)
 Adult Bible Study: 24; ROCK Sun. 11; ROCK Wed: N/A
 Sudanese: 16; New Year's Eve: 61

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
Dec. 31, 2023	\$48,833	\$15,568	314%
Year-to-date	\$784,957	\$809,543	97%

Building Fund Income:

<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$7,993	\$200	\$8,193

Kitchen Fund Income:

<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$12,695	\$10,020	\$22,715

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, January 7, 2024

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship w/Holy Communion
 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday
 12:00 PM LWML Epiphany Gathering
 1:00 PM Sudanese Worship
 4:00 PM Youth Committee Gathering
 4- 6:00 PM Pickleball
 6-7:30 PM HS Youth Group

Monday, January 8, 2024

9:00 AM Quilting Starts

11:30 AM Members luncheon at *Olive Garden*
5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

1:30 PM Staff/Bible Study Mtg.
5:00 PM Aktion Meal/MWM
6:30 PM ConnecTeam Mtg
7:00 PM Life Light Bible Study at *Whispering Creek*

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

1:00- 3 PM Pickleball
1:30 PM Women's Bible Study – Conference Rm
5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal (*Hot Dogs, Mac-n-Cheese*)
5:00-7 PM Midweek
5:00-7 PM ROCK Wednesday
6:00 PM Handbell Practice
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study – *Oscar Carl Vineyard*
7:15 PM Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, January 11, 2024

5:30 PM Adult Fitness
6:30 PM Worship Service
7:30 PM Leadership Council Mtg

Friday, January 12, 2024

9:00 AM – Noon Food Shelf

Sunday, January 14, 2024

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
9:30 AM ROCK Sunday
1:00 PM Sudanese Worship
4:00- 6 PM Pickleball
6-7:30 PM HS Youth Group

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Sermon Summary

Name _____ Grade **6** or **7** or **8**

Date _____

Sermon Text _____

Sermon Title _____

Preacher (circle one) Senstad Zirpel Other

Name one sin (Law) specifically spoken about in this sermon.

What is the Good News (Gospel) message in this sermon?

How can I apply this to my own life?
