



## **Wisdom of Faith: Seeing, Following, Worshiping**

Thursday & Sunday, January 6 & 9, 2022

### **As We Gather**

When the Magi arrived in Jerusalem, everyone was surprised and troubled. Few in Israel remembered God's promise through Isaiah that other nations would be attracted to them. They had forgotten that Gentiles would come bearing gifts to a future just and righteous King. Only after God worked faith in Saul/Paul's heart was the message clearly announced that all people share in the promise of Christ. Today, God's Word calls us not only to see the light of God's love in Christ but also to emulate the Magi. With joy, our faith moves us to follow where God leads and to worship our Lord, in whom alone we have boldness and access with confidence to the grace of God. That is, Epiphany is not only a celebration of the past but also a call to shine God's light in our lives today.



✘ PREPARATION ✘

**10:45 AM Pre-Service Song** “To Good To Not Believe”

**6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Song** “As with Gladness Men of Old” LSB 397

**10:45 AM Opening Song** “House Of The Lord”

**Invocation**

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

**Opening Sentences**

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

**C: We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.**

P: You shall see and be radiant.

**C: They rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.**

P: They shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

**C: And they fell down and worshiped Him.**

**Confession and Absolution**

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

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

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

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

P: Although God has graciously showered the light of His love on us, we have not responded in lives of total devotion. But because He has graciously promised to forgive, let us go to Him in the name of “Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.”

**C: Gracious heavenly Father, we confess that we have let the distractions of this world turn our eyes from seeing the true Light. We have not loved You with our whole hearts. Forgive us and renew in us hearts to see, follow, and worship You alone.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, our heavenly Father sent His Son to take to His cross all our sins, and His Holy Spirit has graciously shined the light of faith in Christ into our hearts. I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

✘ WORD ✘

## Kyrie

- P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For peace shining down on us from above and for the salvation of all people, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For peace so that the Church of God would more brightly shine the light of the Gospel in the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For all who join us here to thank God for the unsearchable riches of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

**6:30 PM Hymn of Praise** “Angels We Have Heard on High” LSB 368

**8:15 & 10:45 AM Special Music** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” LSB 411. Performed by the Adult Choir.

## Salutation

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

## Prayer of the Day

- P: Let us pray. O God, You led the Magi to see in the star the news of Christ’s birth. We give thanks that You have enabled us to see Him as our Savior.
- C: Grant us strength of faith to follow where He leads and to worship Him with all that we are and have;**
- P: through the same 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*

- L: Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
**C: and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.**
- L: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; **C: but the LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you.**
- L: And nations shall come to your light,  
**C: and kings to the brightness of your rising.**
- L: Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; **C: your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.**
- L: Then you shall see and be radiant; **C: your heart shall thrill and exult,**
- L: because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
**C: the wealth of the nations shall come to you.**
- L: A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

**C: They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.**

**Gradual** *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

P: Praise the LORD, all nations!

**C: Extol Him, all peoples!**

P: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**C: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

**C: bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

**8:15 & 10:45 AM Special Music “Is He Worthy?”** performed by the Adult Choir. *Written by Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive. Arr. by Russell Mauldin.*

**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 to You, O Lord.** *(after the reading)...*

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

**Children’s Message & Celebrate Song** 🎵

**6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of the Day** “Go Tell It on the Mountain”  
LSB 388

**10:45 AM Sermon Song** “One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)”

**Sermon**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Prayer of the Church**

P: *(after each request)...*let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**ALL Services: Offertory Hymn** “What Child is This” LSB 370

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P: My soul, give thanks to the Lord; all my being, bless His holy name.

**C: My soul, give thanks to the Lord, and never forget all His blessings.**

P: It is He who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion, who fills your life with good things, renewing your youth like an eagle's. Give thanks to the Lord, all His works, in every place where He rules.

**C: My soul, give thanks to the Lord! Give praise to the Father Almighty; to His Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord; to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever. 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 PM & 8:15 AM Closing Hymn** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" LSB 394

**10:45 AM Closing Song** "God So Loved"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome!** A cordial welcome to everyone worshipping with us today. We are happy to have you share the joy of this Lord's Day with us. A special welcome to those worshipping with us for the first time. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know more about our congregation, please speak to a pastor after service or call the church at 712.276.1125.

**Our worship services** will continue to be available, traditional &/or contemporary, on our website: [www.redeemersiouxcity.com](http://www.redeemersiouxcity.com) or you can like us on Facebook or find us on YouTube.

**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 take home**, or discard into a waste basket, your church bulletins as you leave the sanctuary. Thank You

**Prayer requests** may be shared with the Prayer Leader in the Choir Loft after service. We also welcome prayer requests through our church e-mail: [redemerchurchsc@gmail.com](mailto:redemerchurchsc@gmail.com). You don't have to be a member to request prayers.

**If you would like** to give a charitable donation, you may drop off at the church or mail to RLC, 3204 S. Lakeport, Sioux City, IA 51106.

**Pulpit Flowers** are given by Pam Limoges in honor of her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Altar & Pulpit Flower Sponsorship Dates Available:** To sign up, please see the schedule in the back of the church to see available dates to sponsor altar or pulpit flowers for an upcoming Sunday. This is a special way to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, remember loved ones who have passed away, or just celebrate God's glory! Cost is \$35 for Altar flowers and \$25 for Pulpit flowers. Thank you!

*The Staff would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the loving members of Redeemer. The financial gift, and other gifts, were truly appreciated this Christmas season.*

**LWML Epiphany/Christmas Celebration – Sunday, January 9th @ 2:00.** – All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Program will focus on devotion, service, and fellowship. The General membership will be hosting. Service project tying of fleece blankets for the St Luke's Unity Point NICU (2 - 1 ¼ yards of fleece are needed for each blanket) and/or you can participate in an in-gathering of items of need for the "Council on Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence". A list of items follows: (*Gloves & hats, Diapers Size 4 – 7, Wipes, Underwear Size 5 – 8, Slippers, Tennis Shoes, Sports Bras, Socks, Hair Brush & Hair Ties, Deodorant, Nail*

*Polish Remover, Medications: Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Sleep Aid, Cold, Infant, etc., Paper ware: cups, bowls, plates, silverware, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, Laundry Detergent, Household cleaning supplies: hand soap, dish soap, bleach, pin sol, etc.)*

**Quilting:** The start of quilting has been moved to Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. New quilters are welcome- just show up at 9:00 a.m. in the basement center room.

**Matthew Lifelight Bible study** continues on Wednesday, January 12, 2:00, conference room. We will begin with Lesson 5. Newcomers welcome!

**Leadership Council** will be installed at the Thursday evening service on Jan. 13. We'll be installing our new and existing members. Our officers are: *Jim Arends – Chairman, Steve Ebsen – Vice Chairman, Gerry Judd – Treasurer, and Paula Schram – Secretary.* Members-at-large include *Jerry VanPeurse, Dan Noble, Gary Flammang, Michelle Callahan, and Ann Schauer.* Thank you to our out-going members, Pam Davies, Doug Behrens, and Bob Naylor.

**Leadership Council:** We have a regularly scheduled meeting this Thursday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 pm.

**Tuesday Night LIFE LIGHT** returns Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. Once again, we'll be meeting at Whispering Creek Senior Living in the activity room. Our lesson is on Jeremiah / Lamentations. Books are in the back of the church.

**Confirmation** class DOES meet this coming Wednesday, it is a normal class lesson. Also, we have a half-lock-in on Jan. 21 from 6 pm to 12. More information will be coming.

**Children's program and Christmas Eve offerings** go to the JJ Wolf missionary family in Africa and also to the Adam Lehman Family in Puerto Rico.

**We have been invited** to partner with a group of individuals to travel to Louisiana the end of February or beginning of March to help with Hurricane relief efforts – something similar to what we did in 2005 and following years with Hurricane Katrina. If you are interested somewhat in this endeavor, please visit with Pastor Zirpel.

**There are a few jars of canned items still available in the church office:** 16 plumcot jams (cross between plum and apricot), 12 peach jams, 3 Aronia berry jellies, 4 mild pickled pepper jars, and 9 pickled jalapeno jars - \$6 a piece or 5 for \$25 – proceeds for LWML mites.

**If you would like to volunteer** with food preparation or serving at the Soup Kitchen, just call 712.258.0027 and ask for Lynn or Kath. You can also go online to [www.siouxlandsoupkitchen.com/volunteer](http://www.siouxlandsoupkitchen.com/volunteer) to sign up to volunteer.

**If you have** "new" flats (lids) and/or new/used canning rings (narrow or wide), you no longer need, we would gladly accept your donation. Just



put in a sack or box and place outside Pastor Zirpel's door. Canning jars also accepted. --Thank You!

**HyVee Receipts & Ink have a new home.** They got moved into the office. There are baskets on top of the filing cabinet where you can place your items. If for some reason the door is locked please place your item behind the open/closed sign on the door. Thanks for your help! If you have any questions please ask Angie, Office Manager.

**Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator Part-time job available!** This position serves the ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church by assisting the Pastors, staff, and committee leaders in developing, coordinating, and administering an effective and comprehensive team of member volunteers; to assist the Associate Pastor and the Evangelism team with the development and implementation of new ideas and special projects; and to provide training and motivation to Redeemer's volunteer committee leaders. If you are interested in this 15 hour per week part-time position, feel free to visit with Pastor Zirpel.

**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 9 airing** - This is the Life – “Money for Marriage” – A woman's decisions at work put strain on the new couple's marriage. Worship Service – Rev. Nathan Peisch of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ute, IA, delivers the message “Rise and Shine” based on Isaiah 60:1-6. If you would like to watch **Main Street Living** at a different time other than Sunday morning, 10:30, you can log on to the website ([www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)). Just hit “Sioux City.”

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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 2022 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!

**God bless you and be safe!** Redeemer Lutheran Church Leadership Council, Elders, & Staff

**Youth Collecting Cans & Bottles!** Please bring in all your RINSED IOWA 5¢ cans and bottles (**PLASTIC ONLY-NO GLASS**) and place in the containers outside the Youth Room Door! Thank You!

**Building Healthy Families:** Date night...what's that, you say? If you've been married for 1 year or 65 years and think date night is just for those unmarried couples who are still dating, think again! When was the last time you and your spouse went on a date? Take some time for just the two of you to spend together. If you ever need help reconnecting or resolving issues, LFS has experienced counselors who are ready to help. **Lutheran Family Service** - [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org).

**SERVING THIS WEEK- (January 6 & 9, 2022):** **USHERS:** Thurs. 6:30 PM- Harlan Feddersen. 8:15 AM- Team 2 (Scott Ernst, Roy Olsen, Lamont Onken, Phil Schauer, James Bailey, Brian Duff); 10:45 AM- Team 5 (Mark Shapiro). **ACOLYTES-** Sunday 8:15 AM- Jonathan Wittman 10:45 AM- Alyssa Urban & Brooklyn Robinson. **Technologist:** Thur. 6:30 PM- Gary Judd; Sun. 8:15 AM- David Senstad; 10:45 AM- TBD. **COUNTING TEAM:** #4 (Fink & Buckley). **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Gale & Carol Bobolz

**SERVING NEXT WEEK- (January 13 & 16, 2022):** **USHERS:** same as last week. **ACOLYTES-** Sunday 8:15 AM- Jonathan Wittman 10:45 AM- Alyssa Urban & Adyn Koenck. **Technologist:** Thurs. 6:30 PM- TBD; Sun. 8:15 AM- Gary Judd; 10:45 AM- Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM:** #1 (Buckley & Lessmann). **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Paul & Cindy Fleckenstein

**Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending January 2, 2022**

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 86+30+75=191 (13%)

Adult Bible Study: 19; ROCK Sun: N/A; ROCK Wed: 12

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
Jan. 2, 2022	\$6,806	\$14,046	48%
Year-to-date	\$6,806	\$14,046	48%

**Building Fund Income:**

<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$23,892	\$20	\$23,912

**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

**Sunday, January 9, 2022**

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Service

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study  
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation  
9:30 AM ROCK Sunday  
1:00- 3 PM Sudanese Worship  
2:00- 4 PM LWML Christmas Celebration  
4:00- 6 PM Pickleball  
6:00- 9 PM Dave Ramsey Class

**Monday, January 10, 2021**

9:00 AM Quilting Starts  
5:30 PM Adult Fitness  
6:30 PM Pickleball

**Tuesday, January 11, 2021**

No Staff Bible Study/Mtg  
6:30 PM ConnecTeam Mtg

**Wednesday, January 12, 2021**

1:00- 3 PM Pickleball  
2:00 PM LifeLight Bible Study (Matthew)- Conference Rm  
5- 5:40 PM Midweek Meal- *Chicken Noodle Soup & Ham Sandwich*  
5:00- 7 PM Midweek  
5:00- 7 PM ROCK Wednesday  
6:00 PM Handbells Practice  
7:15 PM Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, January 13, 2021**

9:15 AM Siouxland MOM's Group  
5:30 PM Adult Fitness  
6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion (Leadership Council Installed)  
7:30 PM Leadership Council Mtg

**Friday, January 14, 2021**

9:00- Noon Food Shelf

**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

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  
1:00- 3 PM Sudanese Worship  
4:00- 6 PM Pickleball  
6:00- 9 PM Dave Ramsey Class

**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.

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

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How can I apply this to my own life?

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