

Redeemer REVIEW



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD CHICO, CALIFORNIA FEBRUARY 2022 Vol. 36 No. 2

from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

The bottom line in life is death. That is a certainty. You and I will die, without any exemption or exception. Included in this life of ours in the world is a moral crisis and confusion that is so evident. The world seems to be very godless, with not much thought of the one, true God. Materialism and preoccupation with things and money abound. It always seems that if we only had a new this or that or had more money, then things would be fine, and we would have no stress.



If all of that is not bad enough, we must live with people in our lives. Rising crime rates. Phony people. People who disappoint. It all seems so plastic and unreal. Loneliness and isolation are running rampant. "How are you?" "I'm just fine" is the typical response.

The information age further bombards us with constant information and news, only compounding our anxiety and stress. It can seem like such a doom and gloom world if we follow the headlines.

Close human relationships in marriage and family can so often seem elusive and difficult. All of us desire to be loved and accepted for who and what we are, unconditionally.

Life can be such a challenge in many ways and we desperately want someone to tell us the truth and help us to find that elusive contentment, joy, and peace that we desire as we live out our days.

Into such a world Christ Jesus came. But if God came in the flesh of Jesus, and He did, where in the world is God? I don't see Him and sometimes I doubt He exists. How could He be here among us and allow such horrible things to occur? Where is God's activity in the world when I seem to only see the work of Satan?

In God's mysterious ways, he did come into

this world to live in the flesh, suffer in the flesh, and die in the flesh for us. He rose in the flesh and now he is very much alive, though we cannot see nor touch him. We live by faith and not by sight.

This hidden God is revealed to us in His Word, the preached Word of the Gospel and in the sacramental word of Holy

Baptism, The Lord's Supper, and Absolution.

There is more to God than what you see and touch. The water of baptism is a real, living water with the Word that gives forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation. We are born again and alive because of what the Holy Spirit has done in baptism. In the Holy Communion we only see and perceive bread and wine, but we know it is really his true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. And when we are absolved of our sins by our pastor, it is more than a human voice of a man, for it is really the voice of God that speaks and acts upon us, granting us the precious gift of forgiveness of sins.

Where are we headed in life? Where are we headed in death? The answer is that we are headed for death. But, in the meantime, God has intervened and brings us life through Christ, our Lord. This life will never end. With that in mind each day we will live with confidence, joy, and hope, knowing that we are headed to the resurrection and glory with Jesus when he returns.

Knowing the end goal of our salvation, we will bear the cross each day, endure the trials, resist the temptations of Satan, and follow in God's ways as revealed in Holy Scripture.

With that in mind, you and I know where we are heading, for He has gone before us.

Rejoicing with you in our living Lord!

Pastor Jordan



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 EVA LAMONT
- 05 AURORA PONCI
- 06 THERESA BURCH
- 11 AMANDA SIEMENS
- 14 DUSTIN SIEMENS
- 15 MICHELLE SWEET
- 18 ANITA HARTWIG
- 27 ELAINE MIRAMONTES
- 28 JULIE McCANN



FEBRUARY BAPTISMS

- 01 KATHY SWEET
- 02 MICHELLE SWEET
- 04 EVA LAMONT
- 06 LAYLA HOFFMAN
- 06 LIAM HOFFMAN
- 10 REV. DONALD JORDAN
- 11 AURORA PONCI
- 13 ALICE DURFEE
- 17 ANDREW JORDAN
- 19 GLEN BERGENDAHL
- 23 LINDSEY ALLEN
- 24 CAROL VARLEY
- 27 MICHAEL THOMPSON

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ACOLYTE:

AARON ASHWORTH

ALTAR GUILD:

CAROLYN FIORILLO

LORI JORDAN

LINDA REAN

LOUISE URNESS

ELDER OF THE MONTH

ROBERT REAN

USHERS:

TBD

COUNTER:

PAT LILLIE

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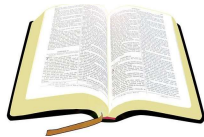
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Thursday Bible Study
 9:30 a.m.
 Book of Revelation



Sunday Bible Study 8:45 a.m.
 Ephesians

Submission Deadline for
March
Redeemer Review

February 20

Email submissions to:
 redeemerchicooffice@gmail.com

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HOMEBOUND



Altar flower sponsors are needed weekly.

Eternal Candle sponsors needed monthly
\$15

The 2022 sign-up charts are posted in the narthex.



Submit prayer requests to Pastor Jordan by email, text, voice mail, or in writing, using the form in the pew rack.

pastordonaldjordan@gmail.com

(530) 513-1284

(530) 342-6085 Opt. 1



Ride Share

Drivers are available each Sunday morning to transport those who need a ride to Divine Service.

Call Jerry Brandt at 636-4392 before Saturday noon to arrange a ride for the following Sunday service.

William Baving
1200 Springfield #316
Chico, CA 95928

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1901 Dayton Rd #176
Chico, CA 95928

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Chico, CA 95926

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Chico, CA 95973

Kathleen Weaver
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Quincy, CA 95971

CRV RECYCLE

- Separate plastic bottles, with the lids removed, from aluminum cans and place in separate plastic bags.
- Opaque bottles should be separated from clear bottles.
- Place bags in the appropriate bins in the Parish Hall storage closet.
- No Glass or non-CRV.

Proceeds go to the Charity Fund.

Thank you for your support.



REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

ORDINARY INCOME:	\$210,271.67
EXPENSES:	<u>\$188,306.61</u>
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$ 22,965.06
FACILITY RENT INCOME	\$ 8,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 22,765.06
RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ <u>36,532.42</u>
BALANCE (Total Equity)	\$ 59,297.48

DIGITAL DAILY DEVOTIONS

Lutheran Hour Ministries:

<https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions>

Higher Things:

<https://higherthings.org/content/reflections>

Portals of Prayer:

<https://www1.cph.org/portals/default.aspx>

LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO

Listen to good Lutheran radio programs at Lutheran Public Radio, Issues Etc., KFUE, St. Louis. 94.3 The Bridge.

PASTOR ON THE RADIO

Pastor Jordan is a regular guest on "Live Talk with Jerry Olenyn" every Friday on KKXX radio. 8:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. AM 930, FM 103.9 www.tunein.com



PASTOR JORDAN'S SERMONS

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM
Saturday & Sunday 1:00 & 5:00 PM

AMAZONSMILE

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone.
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features.
3. Select "Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church" as your charity.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app.

To date, Redeemer has received \$331.92

MERCY/HEALTH MINISTRY



Blood donations are always needed. Appointments are to be made directly with VITALANT, 893-5433 or www.vitalant.org. Donors must be in good health, weigh at least 110# and be well hydrated. There is no upper age limit.

FIRST AID/MEDICAL

Are you trained and certified in Basic Life Support, CPR, AED, or First Aid? We have a first aid kit in the narthex, parish hall, and van. There are two AEDs, one in the parish hall and one in the narthex. We are striving to improve our medical response and training by identifying those with these skills.



Contact Matthew Thomason

(864)590-3272

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM
Saturday & Sunday 1:30 PM



And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. (Deut 6: 6-7 ESV)

Rhetoric! Not in short supply in just about any age or culture. Compare with *discourse*. Both these words have to do with speech, writing and exchange of ideas. As a parent you may feel bombarded with words both from your children and from the community at large. But the big question is whether there is truth being told. While you as a parent are employing critical thinking in processing what you tell your children have you ever thought about how to teach critical thinking to your children?

Researching this topic, critical thinking for children, there is a lot of information but much that seemed aimed to mold their thinking into current culture. When “*based on the Bible*” was added to the search there was some that came up but not always from a Lutheran perspective even though various sites had listings of scripture references.

While Concordia Publishing does not have anything specific about teaching critical thinking to children, the series, *God I Need to Talk to You About:...*, can be a place to start. Each book is about a specific behavior such as anger, temper, lying, bad manners, etc. and is targeted to the 2-8 age. These can form the basis of teaching critical thinking as you add questions such as *Why did... How do ... Is this true...* and other questions that guide critical thinking.

This series of 24 books can be purchased from Concordia Publishing House or from SmileAmazon.

Next month we’ll explore a good resource for you as a parent to help you stay on track with being a Lutheran.

Until then, here is a little way to use a visual in critical thinking that can be helpful for children. Let’s say you want to plan a family activity such as a picnic. (Mom and dad you need to make some basic decisions beforehand.) You want the children to think critically about making the decision.

Create a chart with the names of all the members of the family listed across the top. Then think about questions that could be asked to help decide the location such as beach or park: Will it be too hot; will it be too cold; how far will you need to walk; what will we do when we get there; Dad is very allergic to bees so will there be bees there; can you bring the dog, etc. Emphasize that you want to find a place for a picnic that will make it fun for everybody in the family not just because one person likes a certain spot. Putting a “+ or –“ under each name for each question will then give visual information about the decision.

As you use something such as this chart you can start to talk about why we need to “think carefully” about such things and the best way to help us think is to ask questions. Gradually you can come up with a basic list of questions that can be applied to various situations. Figuring out good questions is also part of critical thinking.

TECHNOLOGY



Technology is . . .

If you were to be asked if technology is...

Good	Frightening
Bad	Helpful
Confusing	Invasive
Necessary	Overrated
Overpriced	Etc.

You would probably answer “yes and no” to each statement, and you would be right!

For some forms of technology the developmental time of “newer versions” took many years. For example, hieroglyphs and the tools used for various surfaces gave way to the quill pen which was in use from the 6th century until the 19th century. The quill pen was replaced by the dip pen in early 19th century, next came the fountain pen, replaced by the ballpoint pen, etc. Today’s digital writing surfaces are often inscribed with a stylus or even your finger, or perhaps your voice, a wonderful feature for visually impaired.

(Those of a certain age may remember school desks with holes for an ink reservoir and using a steel point dip pen that functioned much like a quill.)

While there have been some who have called pens the most important invention in the history of mankind the rapid development of newer technology means we need to constantly evaluate our form of communication. A fairly recent technology article called the smartphone the most important device to own. The bottom line is still that while technology is a marvelous tool that comes in many forms, we still need to use it in a godly manner and for godly purposes.

So whether you are considering newer technology in your kitchen, your car, or your computing devices, do your research. Yes, a new kitchen appliance such as an instant pot may seem daunting at first but it may be worthwhile in the long run. An upgrade from your old phone to a smart phone or even a tablet that lets you make and receive calls may be a wise move.

However a lovely summer day spent in a park next to a stream, birds providing music rather than something digital, and a tall glass of iced tea might just be enhanced with a notebook and fountain pen to record your thoughts as you ponder life. Think about it!

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 18, 2022

The Trustees are busy keeping our Lord's house safe and sound. Some of the projects we have completed or are in the planning stages include:

The Redeemer House (parsonage) had suffered a power surge which knocked out several electric circuits and appliances – Thank you Keith and Fred for getting the system back up!

New exterior lighting was upgraded at some key locations to keep the campus well-lit at night.

Work will be completed soon to repaint the Thrive school building and install screens which were damaged by the vandal back in September.

The parking areas will be re-sealed once the weather turns warmer this spring.

Several wood beams on the school buildings are rotting and need to be replaced.

Debris from trees needs to be removed from the school buildings.

Upper Parish Hall storage room - remove unneeded items and clean.

Clean windows, skylights, and light fixtures.

If you are interested in working with the Trustees, there are always projects on the to-do list and we would appreciate any help. Call me any time on my cell 570-0884 and we can chat to see what you might be able to help us with.

In His service,
Bruce Holderbein, Chairman

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

The Lutheran Women's Missionary donation box in the narthex is in need of attention...

YOUR ATTENTION!!

Donating small coins and/or monetary gifts keep many mission projects going.

For the biennium of 2020-2022, the total of all 22 grants approved totaled \$124,000. Many projects are within the district of California-Nevada and Hawaii. Some are international.

The recent funded grant was #14 which was for WHEELS ON THE BUS. It was sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church, Gardnerville, Nevada preschool/ kindergarten ministry with a 35 year history of serving about 150 children per year. At least 50% are children from unchurched families.

Number 15 is in progress for a tutoring program serving 20 students outside of the congregation, weekly. It is sponsored by St. Luke's Church's Ruth Guild in Reno, Nevada. The program has been in operation since 2013 and the amount is \$10,000. It is titled WHEELS FOR GOSPEL. The program is mission based with a strong gospel component. The church aims to expand thriving ministries through its transportation services.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting these mission projects.



2022 MISSIONS SUPPORT

- 1Q Redeemer Charity Fund, Faith Lutheran Church, Ukiah, California
- 2Q Missionary Dennis Meeker, Kenya; Missionary Daniel Conrad, Mexico
- 3Q Lutheran Heritage Foundation; Lutheran Deaf Ministry, Pastor Seeger
- 4Q Women's Resource Clinic,; KKXX Sermons; The Lutheran Hour; Issues, Etc.

“The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried”
G.K. Chesterton

2021 MISSIONS SUPPORT

- 1Q Redeemer Charity Fund - \$6,003.02; Faith Lutheran Church, Ukiah, California - \$6,003.02.
- 2Q Missionary Mark Rabe, Ethiopia - \$2,380.24, Missionary Dennis Meeker - \$2,380.23, Kenya, Missionary Daniel Conrad, Mexico - \$2,380.24
- 3Q Lutheran Heritage Foundation - \$2,938.36; Lutheran Deaf Ministry, Pastor Seeger - \$2,938.35
- 4Q Women's Resource Clinic - \$5,247.12; KKXX Sermons - \$2,400; The Lutheran Hour - \$1,200; Issues, Etc. - \$500

MERCY/HEALTH MINISTRIES



Over the Christmas season, 14 homebound persons were visited by mercy servants and presented with Christ-centered gift bags. Most recipients are church members, but not all. The challenge to visit and minister to these individuals has been very rewarding. In the future, the goal is to visit persons who do not regularly get visitations. Any one of you that may be interested in this ministry is encouraged to let the church office know. No experience is necessary and guidance will be provided. At this time, loneliness is such a big factor.

In His service...THE MERCY SERVANTS



Bella was very grateful to receive the Christmas gift bag. She loves the quilt which fit her bed perfectly!

The Gospel of Jesus and Coronavirus

- ✠ SARS-CoV-2 will always be with us, in some way, shape or form.
- ✠ Sooner or later, we're all going to get it.
- ✠ The odds of surviving are nearly 100%.
- ✠ Sooner or later, each us of will die of something. Live accordingly.
- ✠ Live boldly, and trust Christ even more boldly.

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CLINIC

Thank you letter from Women's Resource Clinic for our support of \$5,247.12 from our 4Q Missions.

Dear Supporter,

Kelly Came into WRC at 10 weeks pregnant. She had gone to Better Babies to find out about getting Medi-Cal so she could get an abortion. They referred her to WRC to get more information about abortion. Of course they know that we do not perform abortions, so this was the first step of God's divine intervention.

As she met with her Client Advocate, we were all praying that her heart would change and she would choose life for her baby. She stated she was really embarrassed about being pregnant and that was why she wanted an abortion.

We shared with her the development of her baby and what stage of that development she was currently in. We talked about God's plan for her and the baby. They discussed about what an abortion at this stage would look like and some of the physical, emotional, and spiritual impacts it could have on her.

She agreed to come in for an ultrasound and we are praying her decision will be to choose life for her baby!

Thank you for your generous donation so that we can be a light in our community.

*Lovingly in Him,
Brenda K. Dowdin, Executive Director
Women's Resource Clinic*

LUTHERAN WITNESS

Whether you prefer to read it in print or online, *The Lutheran Witness*, the official publication of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, is a must-read for Lutherans of all ages!



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LECTIONARY SUMMARIES

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(6 February 2022)

Isaiah 6:1–8 (9–13)
1 Corinthians 14:12b–20
Luke 5:1–11

Jesus Comforts His People and Builds Up His Church
by the Ministry of His Gospel

When Isaiah “saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up,” he was overcome with an awareness of his sin and “unclean lips” (Is. 6:1, 5). But the Lord atoned for his sin, took away his guilt and sanctified his lips with “a burning coal” from the altar (Is. 6:6–7). Not only was he rescued from death, but he was called and sent as a prophet of the Lord’s Word (Is. 6:8–9). Similarly, when Simon Peter and his companions “enclosed a large number of fish” at the Word of Jesus, he humbled himself and said, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:4–8). But Jesus comforted Simon, called him to discipleship and declared that he would be “catching men” (Luke 5:10–11). So in the Office of the Ministry, the Church remains the little boat from which Jesus teaches His people (Luke 5:3). Thus are we instructed in the faith, so that we say “Amen” and return thanks with heart, mind, tongue and life. For the preaching of Christ Jesus is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit, by which He builds up His Church on earth (1 Cor. 14:12–19).

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(13 February 2022)

Jeremiah 17:5–8
1 Corinthians 15:(1–11) 12–20
Luke 6:17–26

Christians Live by Faith in Christ and Rejoice in the
Promise of His Resurrection

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man,” for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5). The one who turns away from the Lord may have food and money and laugh for now, but he “shall mourn and weep” in the judgment (Luke 6:24–25). But “the man who trusts in the LORD” is blessed with all that he needs, “like a tree planted by water.” When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7–8). For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18–20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians “rejoice” and “leap for joy” (Luke 6:21–23). “If Christ has not been raised,” our faith is in vain and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14–19). But, in fact, just as “Christ died for our sins,” so has He also “been raised from the dead” (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (20

February 2022)

Genesis 45:3–15
1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42
Luke 6:27–38

As the Son of God Is Merciful and Forgives Your Sins,
You Also Be Merciful and Forgive

Your inheritance as a child of Adam is sin and death, but in Christ you are made alive through His resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:21–22). As you have died with Him in Holy Baptism, so are you raised with Him to newness of life. Therefore, “do not go on sinning” (1 Cor. 15:34). Instead of serving your desires and harming your neighbors, live as “sons of the Most High,” and “be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:35–36). Deal with others as you would have others deal with you (Luke 6:31, 37–38). As Christ loved you when you were at enmity with Him, as He blessed and prayed for those who abused Him, and as He did good to those who hated Him and hurt Him, so also “love your enemies, do good” (Luke 6:27–29, 35). For God sent His Son to bear the cross and suffer death, not to condemn the guilty, but “to preserve life.” So does He provide a place for you within His Church, where He is near and deals kindly with “you and your children and your children’s children” (Gen. 45:5–10).

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

(27 February 2022)

Deuteronomy 34:1–12
Hebrews 3:1–6
Luke 9:28–36

The Glory of God Is Manifested in the Body of Christ

“Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant,” but Christ Jesus “has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses” (Heb. 3:3, 5). A beloved and well-pleasing Son, faithful even to the point of death, Jesus’ own body was raised up on the third day as the house of God, and He has brought us into that house through the waters of Holy Baptism (Heb. 3:6). Thus, it was not Moses, the lawgiver, but his successor, Joshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus), who led the people into the Promised Land (Deut. 34:1–4, 9). Now, on the Mount of Transfiguration, the New Testament Joshua appears in the glory that He is about to manifest by His “departure” (exodus) in Jerusalem (Luke 9:31). Having entered the waters of the Jordan in His Baptism, He passed through those waters and entered into glory by His cross and Passion. What He thereby accomplished in His own flesh and blood, crucified and risen, He reveals and gives to His Body, the Church, by the means of His Word. Therefore, the Father declares from heaven, “Listen to him!” (Luke 9:35).



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE TIME OF EASTER - LENTEN SEASON

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2 - Divine Service, 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.



Sermon: "Return to the Lord"

Matthew 6

LENT MIDWEEK WEDNESDAY

12:00 Noon

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| March 9 | Sermon: "The Word is Near You" | Romans 10 |
| March 16 | Sermon: "Citizens of Heaven" | Philippians 3 |
| March 23 | Sermon: "Trust in Christ Alone" | 1 Corinthians 10 |
| March 30 | Sermon: "Jesus Calls You to Repentance" | Luke 13 |
| April 6 | Sermon: "Knowing Him and the Power of His Resurrection" | Philippians 3 |

PALM SUNDAY

April 10, Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

Sermon: "The Hour of Jesus' Glory"

Luke 22

HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY

April 14, Divine Service 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sermon: "Love One Another as I Have Loved You"

John 13

No Bible Class

GOOD FRIDAY

April 15, Chief Service 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sermon: "Behold the Lamb of God"

Isaiah 53

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - EASTER SUNDAY

April 17, Divine Service, 10:00 a.m.

Sermon: "The New Creation"

Luke 24



Epiphany

From January 6th until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday

The Theme

The Feast of the Epiphany closes the celebration of Jesus' Nativity. The remainder of the season is concerned with the adult Christ. The Greek word, "Epiphany," means to show forth. Jesus is shown forth as the Son of God, first, by the coming of the wise men, who were gentiles, to worship Him; then at His baptism (January 13th or the Sunday after the Epiphany), when the Holy Spirit descended upon Him and the voice of the Father declared Him to be His beloved Son; and on the following Sunday, by His miracles and teaching. The last Sunday is the Feast of the Transfiguration, the greatest of His epiphanies until the Resurrection.

The Mood

The season is one of joy, a following up on the Christmas season. We contemplate the meaning of His coming. Originally, the Epiphany celebrated three mysteries together: the coming of the wise men; Christ's baptism; and His first miracle, turning water into wine at Cana. These events came to be spread out in our Western calendar, but are still kept together by the Eastern churches. The day of the feast itself concerns the coming of the wise men, showing Jesus forth as the Savior King of the whole world.

In the nativity scene set up in church and home, the shepherds are removed from the stable, and put at a distance, to show them going to spread the good news, and the three wise men replace them at the manger. A crown may be placed on the head of the Christ child. For the procession, the choir or a group of children may process around the aisles of the church, while all sing "We Three Kings." Three "gifts" may be placed by three of the children (or adults) at the manger. Incense is appropriately used for the mass, since one of the gifts of the wise men was frankincense.

Some parishes hold a Christmas party after mass, with a big white cake in which a metal ring has been baked, as well as ice cream and other refreshments. Whoever gets the metal ring in his piece of cake receives a prize. The ring represents the crown of Christ the King. (Care should be exercised if there are small children, so that they do not swallow the ring.) The Christmas decorations are taken down and put away for another year. This can also be done in the home.

The Colors

The color for the Epiphany is white. Some may want to use this color for the entire season to stress its unity, but the traditional practice is to use green from the day after the celebration of the Baptism of our Lord until the Saturday before the Feast of the Transfiguration. This color represents the newness of life which Christ bestows through our Baptism. White is the color for the transfiguration. This represents Christ's purity and holiness.

The descent from the Mount of Transfiguration into the swirling mass of sick humanity on the plain below is indicative of the sudden plunge from the heights of the Christmas-Epiphany celebration into the depth of repentance on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Christ came down from the heights of glory into the valley of the shadow of death.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4	5
			The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord	9:30am Bible Class	Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	Jacob (Israel), Patriarch
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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	9:30am Morning Prayer 10:00am Circuit Pastors' Meeting	Silas, Fellow Worker of St. Peter and St. Paul 9:30am Bible Class	Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	
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Aquila, Priscilla, Apollos Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off Valentine, Martyr	Doxology Respite Retreat (Federal Way, WA) Philemon and Onesimus	Phillipp Melancthon (birth), Confessor	9:30am Bible Class	Martin Luther, Doctor and Confessor Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	
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Newsletter Deadline Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off		Polycarp of Smyrna, Pastor and Martyr	St. Matthias, Apostle 9:30am Bible Class	Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	
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The Transfiguration of Our Lord 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off					

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Our Mission Statement

Welcome to Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, a community of believers saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

As a people enabled by the Spirit, we are committed to regular worship and the use of the sacraments, studying and teaching the Bible, praying, using our gifts and talents in God's service, for the caring and nurturing of others and sharing the message of God's salvation so that God is glorified and all people may know Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

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