



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”

**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 1, 2026**

Welcome to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.

Communion Policy: In the Lord’s Supper, the Risen Christ gives us His true Body & Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we participate in the Lord’s Supper we declare doctrinal unity. Therefore we ask guests who are not members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to speak with Pastor before communing with us.

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Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn “Today Your Mercy Calls Us” **915**

Confession and Absolution **203**

Introit **Ps. 1:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 1:6**

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

P Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

C **nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

P but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

C **and on his law he meditates day and night.**

P He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

C **In all that he does, he prospers.**

P The wicked are not so,

C **but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

P Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

C **nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1–8 ESV

- 1 Hear what the LORD says:
Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
- 2 Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
- 3 “O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!
- 4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
- 5 O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.”
- 6 “With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
- 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
- 8 He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Gradual

Ps. 117:1-2a; Ps. 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!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31 ESV

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 5:1–12 ESV

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

Nicene Creed

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Sermon

“Receiving the Reign”

St. Matthew 5:1–12

Prayer of the Church

Shirley Hakes (Craig Hakes’s mother), Mary Grantz, Ken Temple, Joann Neuenschwander, Helen Mekosch, Mary Allen, Monica Gee, Evelyn Lucht, Vern Hansen, Ann Olson, Richard Hample, Lynn Propp (Dee Kloos’s brother), Warren Schaefer (Mary Muir’s cousin), Neil Miller, Karen Temple, Bonnie Temple (Ken and Karen Temple’s daughter-in-law), Matt Nielsen (Karilyn Richard’s son), Ron Sinn, Travus Mekosch.

Petitions conclude:

P . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Final petition concludes:

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

Offering

Service of the Sacrament 208-212

Distribution Hymns 849, 618, 619

Closing Hymn 395 vv. 5-6

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

Postlude

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