

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

743 East Magnolia Road, Salina, KS 67401

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Worship Time: Sunday 8:00 & 10:30



7th Sunday of Epiphany

February 23, 2025

Welcome!

May our hearts be open to our Creator and to one another as we share in worship together.

Worship at Redeemer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church in the hope that you truly experience God's gracious presence through the joy and celebration of our worship and fellowship together. We are glad that you have decided to worship with us and invite you to join us for refreshments following our service.</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Redeemer is a family friendly congregation, encouraging children and youth of all ages to join us in worship. We are delighted to offer a fully equipped Cry Room located on the north wall of the sanctuary to the far left of the altar.</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Restrooms are located at the west end of our Gathering Space and are wheelchair accessible. If you need a wheelchair during worship, an usher may assist you. We also have hearing devices.</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>If you would like to receive more information about Redeemer or if you desire to be contacted by our pastor, please indicate so as you write your name and contact information in the visitor's book located in the gathering space.</i> <i>Please silence your mobile devices. Thank you.</i> 	
Liturgy is Sitting 1 Altar Guild: Kathy Heinrich and Rosemary & Rod Anderson	
Last week's attendance: in person attendance: 8:00 – 7, 10:30 – 40, On-line -199	
<p>Pastor: Rev. David Strommen (785)827-8195 (785) 275-2247 mobile phone dstrommen@redeemer-elca.org Administrative Assistant: Volunteers Tuesdays 9am-12pm Office: 785-827-8195 Email: redeemer@redeemer-elca.org Website: redeemer-elca.org</p> <p> Like us on Facebook</p>	<p><u>Music Staff</u> Organist: Ruth Mirtz (rmirtz@redeemer-elca.org) Choir & Bell Choir Director: Ann Metcalfe</p>

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PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.

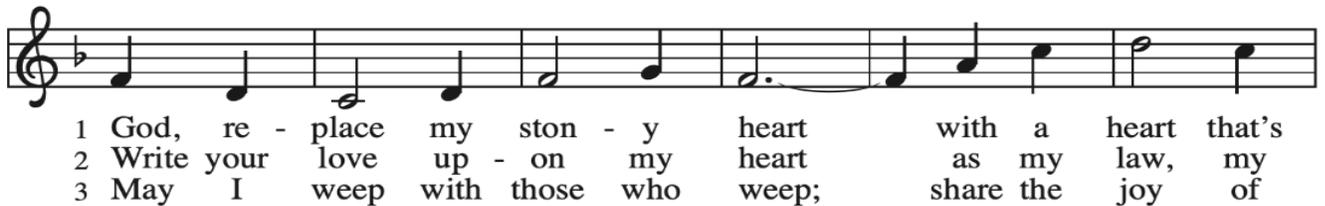
**Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.”
In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.
Amen.

SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART

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Refrain



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Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

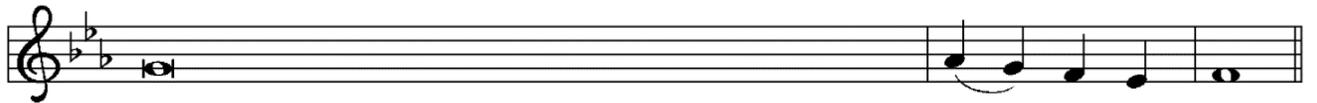
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



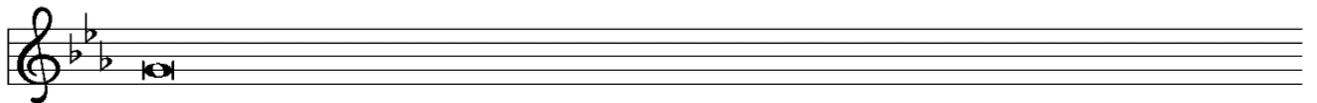
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



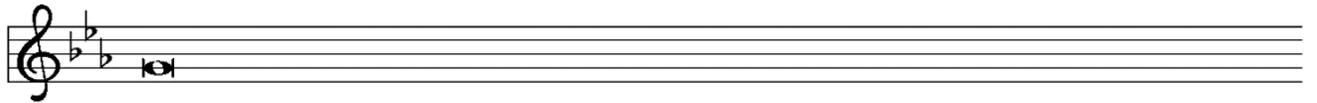
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

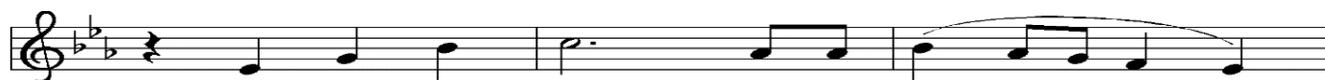


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

† WORD †

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and

you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ ” ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Psalm: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

The lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. (Ps. 37:11)

¹ Do not be provoked by | evildoers;
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

² **For they shall soon wither | like the grass,
and like the green grass | fade away.**

³ Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.

⁴ **Take delight | in the LORD,
who shall give you your | heart's desire. R**

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in
the LORD,
and see what | God will do.

⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as
the light
and the justice of your case like the | noontday sun.**

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.

⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil. R**

⁹ For evildoers shall | be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess
the land.

¹⁰ **In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will | not
be there.**

¹¹ But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land;
they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.

³⁹ **But the deliverance of the righteous comes
from | you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.**

⁴⁰ You, O LORD, will help them and | rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver
them, because in you | they seek refuge. **R**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

[Jesus said:] ²⁷ “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have

them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

SERMON

Tom Mertz, PMA

JESU, JESU , FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

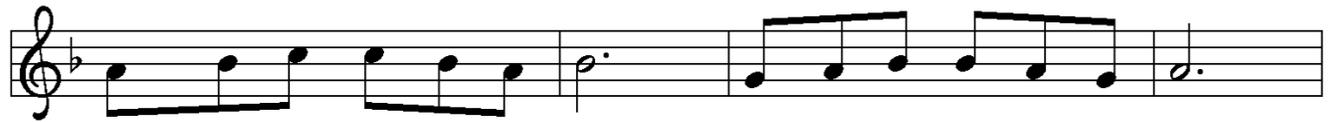
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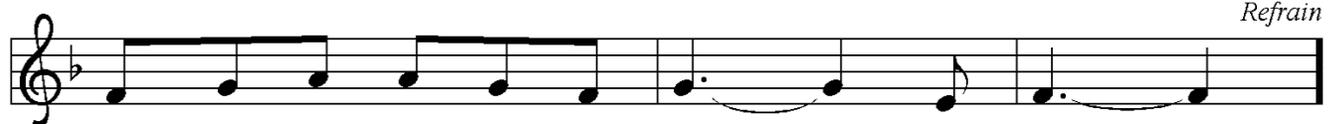
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Refrain

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all.
God of grace,

hear our prayer.

As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless the local ministries of parish nursing and caregiving, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities (*other ministries may be named*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us (*especially Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna*). May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

† MEAL

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC (8:00 Service)

JUBILATION BELLS

“In Strength and Service” by Michael Helman

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful
God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ.....

and so with the whole church on earth and the hosts of
heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

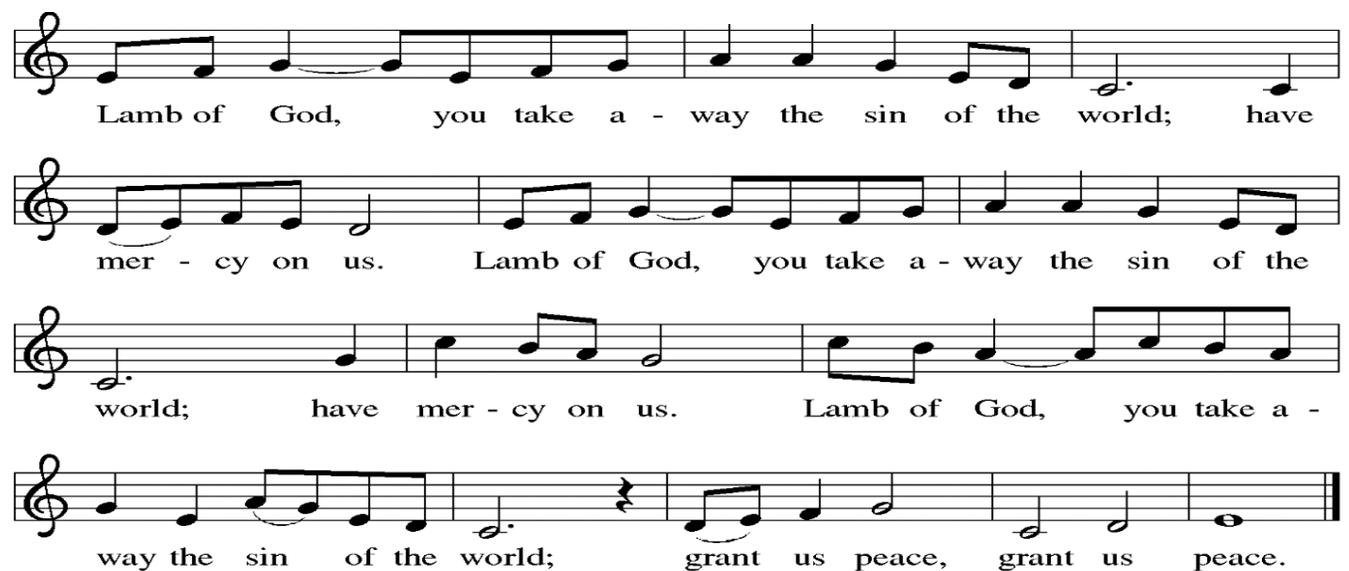
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody
your good news of liberation and healing for the sake
of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

† SENDING †

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God

✝ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen

GOD, WHEN HUMAN BONDS ARE BROKERN

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1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the love or skill
 2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our world of stress,
 3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we seek re - lease
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful in - to life.
 5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re - store the hope of heal - ing, give us grace and make us still.
 for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing all the fail - ures we con - fess.
 from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing; set us free and grant us peace.
 Use us as a means of bless - ing: make us stron - ger, give us faith.
 give us love to go on learn - ing: God, en - cour - age and re - new!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments and fellowship

Announcements

Flowers this morning are from Esther Jording's funeral last Monday.

Bishop Susan has granted permission to Tom Mertz, PMA to perform the sacrament of Holy Communion today.

Easter and the Lenten season are almost upon us. We will have Ash Wednesday Service with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion March. 5 at 7:00. Following that we will have weekly Wednesday Lenten Services at 6:30. We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer Service. The Stations of the Cross will be available every day during Lent.

This Friday, February 28th, we will be having our second *Friday Fun Night* starting at 6:00. We will start the evening with a meal and fellowship and then play games – cards, board games, ect. Bring your favorite game and come join us for a night of fun. This is an event for the whole family.

We are in need of a volunteer to do the monthly newsletter. Mary Mertz has done this for the past two years with the help of Kris Johanson. Mary is willing to train. This position requires 10-12 hours/month, mostly at the end of the month to do.

Events up-coming in February

Every Wednesday eve – Godly Play/Connect – 5:30

Fri. 28th – Family Fun night – 6:00

Wed. 26th Choir – 7:15

March

Tues. – 4th – Church Council – 5:30

Wed. – 5th – No Godly Play/Connect

Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00

Sat. – 8th – Rejoicing Spirits – 11:00

Sun – 9th – Day light Savings time starts

Second Sunday Sunday School – 9:30

Tue. – 11th G.U.Y.S. – 6:30

Wed. 12th – Godly Play/Connect- 5:30

Soup Supper – 5:30

Lenten Service – 6:30

Thurs. 13th – Breakfast Club – 8:30

Sewing Club 10:00

Tues. 18th – Souper Sisters at Burger Theory – 11:30

Wed. 19th – Godly Play/Connect- 5:30

Soup Supper – 5:30

Lenten Service – 6:30

Bells – 7:15

Wed. 26th – Godly Play/Connect- 5:30

Soup Supper – 5:30

Lenten Service – 6:30

Choir – 7:15

Fri. 28th – Friday Fun Night

This Week at Redeemer		
Sunday (23 rd)	8:00	Worship in person and on-line
	10:30	Worship in person and on-line
	11:30	Fellowship

Wednesday (26 th)	5:30 7:15	Godly Play/Connect Bell Practice
Friday (28 th)	6:00	Friday Fun Night hosted by Keeler's
Sunday(2 nd)	8:00 10:30 11:30	Worship in person and on-line Worship in person and on-line Fellowship

Partners in Ministry

Altar Guild: Kathy Heinrich and Rosemary & Rod Anderson

March: Kathy Heinrich & Debbie Beckman

This Sunday February 23	Next Sunday March 2
8:00	8:00
Greeter/Usher Cheryl Itschner	Greeter/Usher Mary Shaffer
Lector/Communion Jan Jackson	Lector/Communion Charlotte Herrman
Sound Perry Jurgensen	Sound Perry Jurgensen
10:30	10:30
Greeters Rod & Rosemary Anderson	Greeters Wayne & Carol Keeler
Ushers Kathy Heinrich & Kahlan Metcalfe	Ushers Lana Jordan & Mike Ramage
Lector Mary Mertz	Lector Phil Sedo
Communion Carol Keeler	Communion Joe Plummer
Sound Mary Mertz	Sound Kris Neff
Fellowship Vivian & Jim Cook	Fellowship Carol Keeler

~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

MEMBERS: Diane Conover, Rylee Koers, Brock Alstatt, Sandi Drown, Mikayla Knipp, Wally Koers, Rod Anderson

REDEEMER FRIENDS:

Family and Friends of Esther Jording

Ben White (Father of Mary Mertz)

Grete Lill Bortne (Cousin of Pastor David)

Patrick Herrman (Brother of Dave Herrman)

Dennis Hansen (Pastor David's Brother)

Wayne & Dorothy Hanke (Parents of Debbie Beckman)

Pastor Tim Leaf (Pastor at Trinity Lutheran in McPherson)

David Ascher (Friend of Mary Shaffer)

Joe Metzen (Friend of Tom & Mary Mertz)

Joyce Kraus (Mother of Alicia Miller)

Douglas Strohmer (Brother-in-law of Wally Koers)

Sandra Anderson (Daughter-in-law of Cecelia Anderson)

Eva Decker (Friend of Mary Mertz)

Dina Tannous Vega and family and friends of Hope Lutheran Church
in Ramallah (Friend of Mary Bridges)

Susan Burklund (Sister of Kathy Heinrich)

Mike Holmes (Nancy McDonald's Brother-in-law)

Marty Becker (Friend of Scott and Cheryl Itschner)

Tanner Conrad (Friend of Kyle & Eugene Hale-Hanson)

Donnie Butrea (Friend of Kyle & Eugene Hale-Hanson)

Jerome Herrman (Nephew of Charlotte & Dave Herrman)

Janie Morris (Friend of Mary Mertz)

Patricia Beaver (Friend of Carol Keeler and Mary Mertz)

Zach Swanson (Grandson of Sandi and Tom Drown)

Carissa Carlson (Niece of Tim and Anna Prockish)

Brenda Busch (Aunt of Jon Stohs)

Rich Novotne (Brother of Anita Hartley)

Dannie Tillberg, (Friend of Mary Shaffer)

Christal Lantz (Friend of Mary Shaffer)

Keith Smith (Husband of Debbie Smith)
Bryan & Therese Sisler (Brother & Sister-in-law of Kathy Lowman & Diane Conover)
Echternkamp Family (Friends of Viv & Jim Cook)
Judy Bloyd (Former member & friend of Denise Dusin)
Randall Cunningham (Cousin of Anna Prockish)
Crystal Kubar (Stepdaughter of Diane Conover)
Joann Singer (Mother of Carol Kuhlman)
Carrie Ryan Wilson (Friend of Mary Shaffer)
Phil Rankin (Father of David Rankin)
Tisha Berns (Friend of Mary Shaffer)
Dean Yantes (Brother to Jean Sedo)
Wilma Beckman (Mother to Susan Ramage)
Frank Ewing (Family friend to Nancy McDonald)
Melinda Melhus (Family friends to Nancy McDonald, Aunt of Spencer Melhus)
Jeni Blair (Friend of CeCelia Anderson)
Beverly Alstatt (Mother of Craig Alstatt)

MILITARY & AMERICORPS

Tanner Gibson (Great-nephew to Cecelia Anderson)
Eric Blomberg, USS Laboon, (Nephew of Mary Shaffer)