

 <p>Family of Believers <small>HEBREWS 12:1-3</small> Eyes ON Jesus</p>	<h1 style="text-align: right;">Redeemer Lutheran Church</h1> <p style="text-align: right;">Second Sunday After Christmas Thursday, December 31, 2020 – 6:00 pm Sunday, January 3, 2021 – 10:45 am</p>
<p>Grow In Christ ♦ SHARE HIS LOVE ♦ Encourage</p>	
<p>Our Mission Statement: <i>“As Christians based on the solid foundation of God’s Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit we strive to live out, lift up, and share our faith in Jesus Christ – welcoming all into our Family of Believers.”</i></p> <p>Values: Truth, Prayer, Family of Believers, Teaching, Community Engagement, Healing/Caring, Joy</p>	

WELCOME: A warm welcome to former Redeemer Pastor and current Redeemer member, Pastor Jim Heining. Pastor Jim will be leading our worship today. Welcome!

THEME: New Year--New Hope? While it might be easy to feel sorry for ourselves after experiencing the challenges of the last year, perhaps it is time to look inward. Have we (as individuals or as a society) abandoned God's ways? Before we call upon him for new blessings, let's resolve to begin the new year in the name of Jesus.

CONNECT CARDS: During this COVID time, we ask that EVERYONE who worships to please fill out the Connect Card and drop it into the Little House located in the Narthex as you leave. Thank you.

MASKS: Please remember that masks are to be worn over your nose and mouth at all times while you are in the building. Thank you!

+ We Come Into God's Presence +

() Those who are able are asked to stand during these parts of the Service.*

PRELUDE

“Once in Royal David’s City” – Ken Ikier, Euphonium (2019)

“What Child Is This” – Steffi Tetzloff, Trumpet (2019)

“Low How A Rose E’er Blooming – Sounds of Praise (2016)

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

(*) INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Please stand.)*

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

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** *(Please be seated.)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ God Speaks to Us +

SCRIPTURE READINGS

L: The Old Testament Reading for the Second Sunday After Christmas is from the third chapter of 1 Kings.

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

⁶ Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷ "Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. ¹³ Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. ¹⁴ And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life." ¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream.

He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

1 Kings 3:4-15 NIV

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter one.

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment —to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. *Ephesians 1:3-14 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand.)

(*) HOLY GOSPEL

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³

After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. *Luke 2:40-52 NIV*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*Please be seated.*)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Walk In The Light" – Sounds of Praise

PASTOR'S MESSAGE New Year – New Hope? – 1 Kings 3:4-15

+ We Respond To God's Word +

(*) CHRISTMAS CREED

I believe in God the Father, Creator of all things, who sent His Son as my Savior.

I believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by angels, worshiped by the Wise Men; who lived to suffer, die, and rise again, to free me from sin, death and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ and by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ my worship, my life, my love, to live under Him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen.

(*) PRAYERS

P: For... let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

(*) LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne, most holy be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, in heaven, the same. Give us this day the food we need; forgiven may we be; into temptation do not lead; from evil set us free. Yours is the kingdom, unto You in grateful love we bow; and Yours the pow'r; Lord, let us view Your mighty presence now. The glory Yours; Your praise be sung by angel hosts and men in ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue forevermore. Amen.

(*) 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.**

(*) THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Following the Words of Institution, we will take communion together as a Family of Believers at the same time when the Pastor speaks "Take and Eat...Take and Drink.")

(*) POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

(Trash bags are available in the pew racks for you to dispose of the Communion packaging. Please wait until after we speak the "Thank The Lord" to dispose of your trash. Following worship, please discard your trash bag when you leave the Sanctuary).

(*) THANK THE LORD *(spoken)*

**All: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

(*) 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.** *(Please be seated.)*

CLOSING MEDITATION “Angels We Have Heard On High”

(LSB 368)

1 *Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains. Refrain*

*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

2 *Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song? Refrain*

3 *Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Refrain*

POSTLUDE “A Christmas Joy Medley” – Jay Kurtz and Scott Okuno (2019)

*(The Ushers will dismiss you. We encourage you to socialize outside
following social distance guidelines.)*

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Weekly Announcements and Highlights

Special Prayer Opportunities:

Health Concerns:

- ✠ Larry Jobe, Betty Mueller, Jan Walters, Margaret Trebble, Olivia Reddick, Sue Henry, Kathy Voight, Al Schacht, Sue Wondrasch, Marcia Christensen, Jennifer Pralle, Irene Swenson

Receiving Hospice Care:

- ✠ Eldora Krueger

Grieving:

- ✠ Dot Sprenger and her family as they mourn the loss of her sister, Arlene Roberson.

Rejoice:

- ✠ With Dan Zeccardi and Lisa Stein who will be united in marriage on January 4th at Redeemer.

Faith:

- ✠ For missionaries of the Gospel both near and far.

Praying for our Family of Believers:

- ✠ Ben and Christine Loos, Josiah, Juliette and Serena
- ✠ Helen Collopy
- ✠ Jerome Monahan
- ✠ Tom and Doris Moore

PRAYER CHAINS – If you have a prayer request, call Gail Sim (289-2087), the church office (289-5147), or send an email to Lori Hameister at littlebitmoo@gmail.com.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Live Stream Worship Sundays at 8 am on:

Facebook page: Redeemer Lutheran Church - Rochester, MN

YouTube: RLC - Family of Believers

Indoor Worship with Communion: (Sanctuary)

Thursdays at 6 pm

Sundays at 10:45 am

DIGGING DEEPER

- ✠ Join a Life Group or use materials located on the website under the Life Group heading.
- ✠ Adult Education—watch live (or later) on Sundays at 9:30 am via our Facebook and YouTube channels.

WANT TO JOIN OUR FAMILY OF BELIEVERS?

We would love to welcome you! The next opportunities are January 24 and in May (TBD). For more information contact Pastor Adam Koglin akoglin@redeemer-rochester.com, call the church office at 289-5147, or visit our website and click "How do I Join" tab in the middle of the page!

ANNUAL REPORTS

Reminder: All Annual Reports are due to the church office by January 6.

WELCOME OUR GUEST PASTOR THIS SUNDAY

— Thank you to former Redeemer Pastor and current Redeemer member, Jim Heining, who will be leading worship today as our Pastor this weekend!

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

- ♥ In honor of Harlan Petersen's 85th birthday on January 2.

STEWARDSHIP NOTES:

- 2021 offering envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please pick up the packet with your name on it.

Blessed to Serve

Preaching	Pastor Jim Heining
Organist	Carol Sonnabend/April Beckman, DPM
Children's Message	Michael Harvey, DFF
Elder: 6:00 pm	Kurt Rump
8:00 am	Dan Zeccardi
10:45 am	Bryce Beckman
Lector:	Jennifer Pralle
Technology:	
6:00 pm	Tom Werle
8:00 am	Heidi Diercks
10:45 am	Megan Grudem
Ushers:	
6:00 pm	Mark and Joyce Massaro
10:45 am	Paul Diercks

This Week At Redeemer

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

WORSHIP—Livestream - 8:00 am
SS Virtual (Kindergarten-Section 2) - 9:15 am
SS Virtual (3 and 4 yrs. - 9:30 am)
SS Virtual (Kindergarten/Grades 1 & 2) - 10 am
SS Virtual (Grades 3-6) - 11:30 am
SS Virtual (Grades 7-12) - 11:30 am
WORSHIP—Indoor - 10:45 am
Wedding Rehearsal—Sanctuary 2 pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

Quilters—NFH—8:00 am
Parish Nurse Meeting—Zoom-1:00 pm
Zeccardi/Stein Wedding—2:00 pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

Men's Bible Study via Conference call - 9:00 am
Faithfully Fit Forever—SFH—9:30 am
Staff Meeting—9:30 am
Stewardship Meeting—5:30 pm
Christ Care Equippers—Zoom—6:30 pm
Elders—7:00 pm
Proverbial Women CC—Choir Room—7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Family Ministry—Library Table- 1:00 pm
1st Year Confirmation—Choir Rm—6:15 pm
2nd Year Confirmation—SFH—6:15 pm
3rd Year Confirmation—NFH—6:15 pm
Distance Confirmation—ZOOM—7:30 pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

Faithfully Fit Forever—SFH—9:30 am
WORSHIP—Indoor—6:00 pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

New Beginnings CC—Zoom-10:00 am

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

WORSHIP —Livestream-8 am
SS Virtual (Kindergarten—Section 2) - 9:15 am
SS Virtual (3 and 4 yrs. - 9:30 am)
SS Virtual (Kindergarten/Grades 1 & 2) - 10 am
SS Virtual (Grades 3-6) - 11:30 am
SS Virtual (Grades 7-12) - 11:30 am
WORSHIP—Indoor - 10:45 am
Alleluia Singers—1:45 pm
Agape CC—Zoom—6:00 pm



NEW SERMON SERIES

Title: New Year: Jesus at the Center

Description: Many of us have had a year that we couldn't wait to have it be over. 2020 was a unique year where many of us shared this same desire! There are a lot of classic memes for it too! As the calendar rolls into a new year, how do we stay grounded? How do we start? Let us start the New Year with Jesus at the center!

- Join us in Worship as we start this new year together
- **Join a Life Group!** Check out our Life Group Tab on the website and consider starting the New Year with a group to encourage you!
- **Print the studies!** Each sermon has a specific study that goes along with it. Print them out and do them after church with our Life Group or on your own in your home. Studies can be found under the Life Group tab on website.
- **Dive Even Deeper!** Watch our Adult Education Study led by the pastor they dive even deeper into the weekends theme. 9:30am on Facebook or YouTube.

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WELCOME VISITORS	Check the Redeemer Website for worship times and locations. http://www.redeemer-rochester.com
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CHILDREN	
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TRANSPORTATION	
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