



Service Focus:

Jesus Is the Christ, the Anointed One

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church | Santa Barbara, California
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Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! You have joined us for the most important time we spend together. Each time we gather as a family of faith, we make the gospel (or good news) of Jesus our central focus. It is not just information about what Jesus did to save sinners. It is also the power God uses to work faith in our hearts and transform our lives. In the message and meal (Holy Communion), in specially selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and creeds, our service proclaims the good news about Jesus from start to finish. Many of the elements of this service have ancient roots in the Christian church. Some are very recent. Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children).

Are you visiting with us today? Thank you! We love meeting our neighbors and would be grateful for the opportunity to extend our thanks in a more formal way. **Please consider filling out one of the Welcome/Connect cards in the rack in front of you, or scan the QR code** to the right to help us know you better.

Connect Card



For Your Convenience

- **The order of service** is printed in this folder. If a song is not printed in this service folder, it can be found in the blue hymnal in front of your seat. The pastor will speak the words in normal print. **The congregation is invited to speak those printed in bold.** Please participate as you are comfortable today.
- **Restrooms** are located in the fellowship hall building to the left as you exit church.
- Please reserve the rows in the back of the church for families with small children.
- If you are in need of any other assistance, any one of our members will be happy to assist you.

Participation & Children

Sometimes parents (and even churches) think that worship is not a place for children. At Our Redeemer, we're convinced that nothing could be further from the truth. We want children in church worshipping with their families and learning about Jesus' love for them. Why?

- Even from the earliest of ages, **children are models of faith** from which we can all learn (Luke 18:16,17). Similarly, they learn how to "do church" by watching mom & dad. Model worship for them.
- Our worship format not only encourages families to be together, but is ideally suited for active worship engagement and participation by all, including children, balancing new service elements each week with regular repetition for learning and memorization.
- The **sights and sounds of active children** during worship isn't bad at all – it's a reminder to the adults that the next generation of church leaders is already among us.

We realize that, especially at first, having children in church can be a challenge for parents. To help, we offer the following:

- If your child needs some individual attention to calm them down, an area in the fellowship hall, located just to the left as you exit church, is available. Worship can be watched and heard in this room.
- Other families are willing and ready to help. Let us know if we can offer a hand with your little ones.
- Activity sheets that kids can work on throughout the service are available on the stand in the back.

Series Focus

“Epiphany” comes from a Greek word that means “reveal.” It is the season when you see Jesus begin his public ministry, revealing the reason the Son of God came to earth. During Epiphany, you will come to understand that when the true identity of Jesus is revealed, you realize your own true identity as well.

January 11	First Sunday after Epiphany	Jesus Is the Christ, the Anointed One
January 18	Second Sunday after Epiphany	Jesus Is the Lamb of God
January 25	Third Sunday after Epiphany	Jesus Is the Light
February 1	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	Jesus Calls You Blessed
February 8	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	Jesus Calls You Salt and Light
February 15	Transfiguration of Our Lord	Jesus Is the Son of God in Glory

Service Focus

“Christ” is not the family name of Jesus. It is a title. The Greek word “Christ” and the Hebrew word “Messiah” both mean the same thing: “The Anointed One.” Anointing was the practice of pouring liquid over the head of someone to signify selection for some special task. When the Lord had someone anointed, he also poured his Spirit over them. It was the fulfillment of promises made over centuries. Today we focus our attention on Jesus’ anointing at his baptism, which also brings to mind our own baptism.

Prayer before the Service

Heavenly Father, this Epiphany season, you remind us that Jesus is everything we need. Today we learn that Jesus reveals himself to us as your Son, sent from you, to bring us salvation. Help us to reveal Jesus to our friends and family as well, so that the spirit of Epiphany might never end. In your Son’s name we pray, Amen.

Serving God and Us Today

Presiding Minister: Pastor Daniel Schroeder
Music Operator: Al Todd
Audio/Visual Booth: Jim Everson, Josh Schueler
Usher: Jim Brown
Welcome Table: Linka Schroeder
Fellowship: Pam Schueler, Marrison Schueler

The Service

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Christ Begins
Christian Worship 385

This hymn focuses on important events in Jesus' ministry: stanza 1 - Jesus' baptism; stanza 2 - Jesus' first miracle; stanza 3 - Jesus' transfiguration; stanza 4 - Jesus' ascension. The first three stanza events are observed during the season of Epiphany.

Be seated

Gathering Rite for the Baptism of Our Lord

Matthew 28:19

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



Bap-tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
a - mong your saints, your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
dead to sin, your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

John 3:5,6

I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

The confession emphasizes the themes of original and actual sins and the overriding need for the Lord's mercy.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly

sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The pastor announces forgiveness to the penitent congregation. He appeals to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as the basis for the full and free forgiveness of sins.



My faith-ful God, you fail me nev-er; your prom-ise sure-ly
will en-dure. O cast me not a-way for-ev-er
if words and deeds be-come im-pure. Have mer-cy when I
come de-filed; for-give, lift up, re-store your child.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Ruth 2:4

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

This Prayer of the Day is a modern collect from the Western prayer-book tradition for the Baptism of Our Lord, drawing on ancient sacramental themes that link Jesus' baptism in the Jordan with our own baptism into Christ.

Children's Devotion

The Lord promises to put his Spirit on the Messiah.

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-7

¹“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.
²He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.
³A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
⁴he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”
⁵This is what God the LORD says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:
⁶“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,
⁷to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. (NIV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Written in 1985 as a modern Lutheran baptism hymn by a German pastor, this hymn celebrates the believer's new identity in Christ given through Baptism. In joyful first-person language, it proclaims freedom from sin and Satan and the daily life of repentance and faith that flows from being clothed with Christ.

Song Response

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It
Christian Worship 679 (st. 1-4)



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, gave my
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus'
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion, I am
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness to in -



full re - demp-tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y?
 cleans-ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con-science seize me
 not so soon en-ticed. Now that to the font I've trav - eled,
 her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and ash - es



I have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal -
 since my bap - tism did re - lease me in a dear for -
 all your might has come un - rav - eled, and, a - gainst your
 faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the



va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, sprink-ling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine to make life im - mor - tal mine.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-38

*The Holy Spirit was
 poured out onto Peter's
 listeners as he told
 them how God anointed
 Jesus.*

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. (NIV)

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Hymn of the Day

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord
Christian Worship 377

The text of this hymn beautifully tells the story of the Baptism of our Lord. This hymn was first sung in 1983 at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Saginaw, Michigan. The author was St. Paul's pastor at the time, James Tiefel, who went on to serve as a professor at our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Professor Tiefel went home to heaven this past week.

In the waters of the Jordan River, Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Sermon

Matthew 3:13-17

“Now Is the Time!”

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

My Christian Life - Now Is the Time //

In my baptism, God adopted me into his family. Remembering my baptism, I'm assured of his love for me. With a thankful heart, I can ...

- Think over what my God-given mission of service is to the world. I'll write my personal mission statement and keep it next to my devotional material. My baptism launched me on that mission.
- Make a phone call to the children for whom I am a baptismal sponsor. Find out how they are doing in their Christian life. I can tell them I am praying for them and available if they need help.
- Put up in my home a reminder of my baptism. I can look at it when I doubt or wonder if God's love is there for me, or guilt weighs me down, or to get encouragement to start each day.
- Other: _____

Stand

Remembrance of Our Baptism

Holy Baptism is the priceless means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. The apostle Paul wrote: “All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” Again Paul wrote: “All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”

In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives us new life. We reject the devil and confess that we believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

I ask you: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to remain faithful to your Lord Jesus, to value the Word and sacraments, and to live a life that pleases God?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

May the eternal God, who saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you to everlasting life.

Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving Father, lead us to rejoice every day as we remember our baptism. When we sin against you and others, give us power to put down the sinful nature that was drowned in the water of baptism. When we doubt your love, cause us to remember the promises you made when we came to the font. When we feel weak, invigorate us with the hope of eternal life that awaits all who are baptized and believe in you.

Keep in your care all our brothers and sisters who are suffering in sickness, enduring hardship, carrying a cross, or mourning the death of someone they love. Let them also return to their baptism and remember the blessings you bestowed on them through the

Rooted in the ancient baptismal practice of renouncing the devil and confessing the Apostles' Creed, this rite recalls how God joined us to Christ's death and resurrection in Holy Baptism. As we reaffirm our baptismal faith, we rejoice that God has washed away our sins and continues to give us new life in Christ each day.

water and the Word. Keep all the baptized in your care and bring us at last to the river of the water of life in heaven.

Amen.

In offering money as an expression of worship, we are responding to God's claim on our lives and giving him a portion of what he has in fact given us.

Offering

The members of Our Redeemer have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. **If you are a guest with us this morning**, we are so happy you're here! Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. For those who wish to give a gift, you can place an offering in the **offering plate** located near the doors where you entered church today. A plate will be there as you depart today. You may also **scan the QR code** to the right with your smartphone's camera to be re-directed to a page where you can give an offering. While the members of Our Redeemer support this ministry with their gifts, we understand that you might want to learn more about us before you choose to do the same.



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We would greatly appreciate it, however, if you would fill out a **Welcome/Connect Card** (located in the rack in front of you) and place it in the offering plate following the service. You could also let us know you were here today by filling out a card online by **scanning the QR code** to the left.

Hymn

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here
Christian Worship 374

Written in the 5th century by Christian poet Coelius Sedulius as part of a longer Latin Epiphany hymn, this text reflects the early church's joy in Christ's revelation to the nations. Focusing on the star and the worship of the Magi, it proclaims Jesus as the true King and Savior whom all the world is invited to adore.

All of our requests, all of our prayers, all of our needs are summed up in the prayer that our Savior, Jesus Christ, taught us to pray. See Matthew 6:9-13.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Sending & Blessing

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12,13

For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:4-7

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

In baptism God has given you your true identity as his child in Christ, for you bear **the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

Matthew 28:19

Baptized into Christ, your true calling is the way of service to all,

just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:28

Finally, our baptism gives us an eternal destiny in Christ:

We have died, and our life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, appears, then we also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:3,4

The grace of our + Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

2 Corinthians 13:14

Amen.

Closing Hymn

All Who Believe and Are Baptized
Christian Worship 692 (st. 1)

Written by Danish Lutheran bishop Thomas Kingo in the 17th century and sung to a Reformation-era tune from a 1524 Wittenberg hymnal, this hymn is a clear confession of Jesus' words in Mark 16:16. It proclaims that salvation is God's gift through faith and baptism, and that a life of good works follows as thankful response to grace, not as the cause of salvation.

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Attendance

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Our Redeemer News

Upcoming Bible Studies at Our Redeemer

Next Sunday morning Bible study will be on January 18, 11:00am [Guest Presenter - Pastor Andrew Schroeder]

Next Wednesday evening Bible study will be on January 28, 6:30pm [New Series Begins - "One-Hit Wonders"]

Next Thursday evening Starting Point/Christianity 101 will be on January 29, 6:30pm. [New Session Begins]

Congregational Meeting

Today, after some fellowship time after worship, we will have a quarterly congregational meeting to reflect on God's blessings he has given us recently and look forward to ways we can carry out his work in 2026. All are invited to stay and attend.

Pastor Out of Town

Beginning this week Wednesday, January 14, thru Thursday, January 22, Pastor Schroeder will be out of town. First, he will be attending the ordination and installation of his son-in-law, Sam Boeder, as the new pastor at Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Barre, Vermont. Following this event on Saturday, next week he will then be attending the WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership in Chicago, Illinois.

This Week at Our Redeemer

Sunday	January 11	9:30am 11:00am	Sunday Worship (Lord's Supper) Congregational Meeting
Tuesday	January 13	6:30pm	Outreach Team Meeting
Thursday	January 15	7:00pm	Women's Ministry Meeting
Sunday	January 18	9:30am 11:00am	Sunday Worship Sunday Bible Study

About Us

Our Mission

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has been serving the Santa Barbara community since 1968. As people who have been redeemed through faith in Jesus Christ, our mission is to: **Grow** in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; **Encourage** one another; and **Proclaim** what we have seen and heard.



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