

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT DECEMBER 21, 2025 (DIVINE SERVICE 3/YEAR A) 10:00 AM

WELCOME GUESTS If you're looking for a church home, we hope you'll consider Redeemer. If you're visiting with us for the first time, we'd like to present you with a coffee mug. Check out the faith-strengthening resources on the information cart, the library in the narthex, or www.redeemer-lutheran.net. If you have questions about this congregation or about the Lutheran Church, feel free to ask an usher or the Pastor. Please fill out a fellowship card (found in the pew racks) and drop it in today's collection plate, providing a phone number and e-mail address so that we may serve you better. For prayer request, please fill out a blue "Prayer Card" found in the narthex or the pews. Large print versions of this bulletin are available upon request at the Ushers' station. Thank you for worshipping with us.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Almighty God, Judge and King, when the time had fully come, You sent Your Son, born of a virgin, for us and for our salvation. Come, Lord Jesus, with Your grace, to all the places of the world where people desperately need You. Come and give us the gift of Yourself, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE MOTHER OF OUR LORD VISITS ELIZABETH Two major events are proclaimed from the lectern this Sunday, the Fourth Sunday in Advent: as the Church around the world is preparing for the coming of the Lord on Christmas Day: the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, and Mary's Song of Praise, traditionally known as The Magnificat.

Mary's visit to her relative Elizabeth is found only in the Gospel according to Saint Luke (1:39-56), yet it continues to be a source of inspiration for Christian music for the Advent Season and beyond. Important for properly understanding this event is the Old Testament event that parallels the Visitation. In the book *The Mother of Jesus*, J. McHugh writes: "*The two stories open with the statement that David [Old Testament] and Mary [New Testament] 'arose and made a journey' (2 Samuel 6:2; Luke 1:39) up into the hill country, into the land of Judah. On arrival, both the Ark and Mary are greeted with 'shouts' of joy (2 Samuel 6:12, 15; Luke 1:42-44). The verb used for Elizabeth's greeting in Luke 1:42, is, in the [Greek Old Testament], used only in connection with liturgical ceremonies centered round the Ark; it is best translated as 'intoned'. The Ark, on its way to Jerusalem, was taken into the house of Obed-edom, and became a source of blessing for his house (2 Samuel 6:10-12); Mary's entry into the house of Elizabeth is also seen as a source of blessing for the house (Luke 1:41, 43-44). David, in terror at the untouchable holiness of the Ark, cried out: 'How shall the Ark of the Lord come to me?' (Luke 1:43). Finally, we read the 'the Ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-edom three months' (2 Samuel 6:11), and that Mary stayed with Elizabeth 'about three months' (Luke 1:56). As a temporary and portable vessel housing the imminent presence of the true God, Mary appears to fulfill the purpose of the Ark of the Covenant.*"

PRELUDE

OPENING VERSE

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

Cong.: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

(Psalm 118:24)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

Cong.: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

HYMN “Angels from the Realms of Glory” [LSB 367]



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
Ye have seen His na - tal star.
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

(Matthew 28:19b)

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Hebrews 10:22)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Cong.: who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

Cong.: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Psalm 32:5)

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

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

Cong.: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

(John 20:19-23)

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

(Psalm 130:5-8; *antiphon*: Isaiah 64:1)

Pastor: Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

**Cong.: my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.**

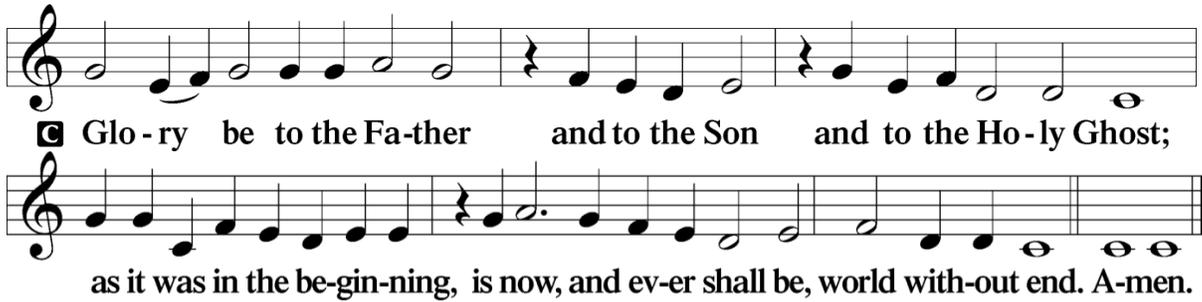
Pastor: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

Cong.: And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

**All: 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.**

Pastor: Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence.

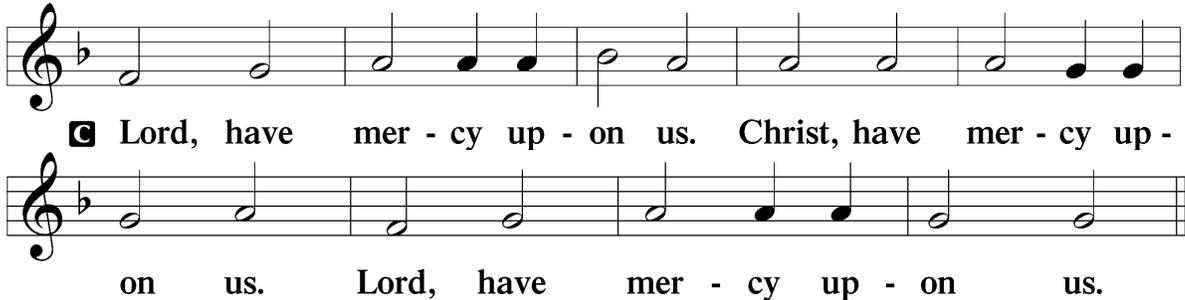
GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION

(2 Timothy 4:22)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: **And with your spirit.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: **Amen.**

Sit

CHOIR ANTHEM

“With Empty Hearts, We Wait”

music by Lee Dengler /words by Herb Frombach

With empty hearts the world awaits the Promised One from heav'n above.

O come! O come! The one who floods our empty hearts with endless peace and lasting love.

O come! O come! Come, O come, Immanuel into this broken world.

Come free us as God once did, His captive people, Israel. For we are captive to our sins and long to be set free. Come, O come Immanuel. Live in our hearts eternally.

With empty hearts the world awaits the One who comes to make things new.

O come! O come! Our empty hearts will overflow with joy and hope; with life anew.

O come! O come! Come, O come, Immanuel into this broken world.

Come free us as God once did, His captive people, Israel. For we are captive to our sins and long to be set free. Come, O come Immanuel. Live in our hearts eternally. O come!

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Elder: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Old Testament Reading (page 572 in the pew Bibles)

Isaiah 7:10-17

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (page 939 in the pew Bibles)

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” [LSB hymn 357]



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from

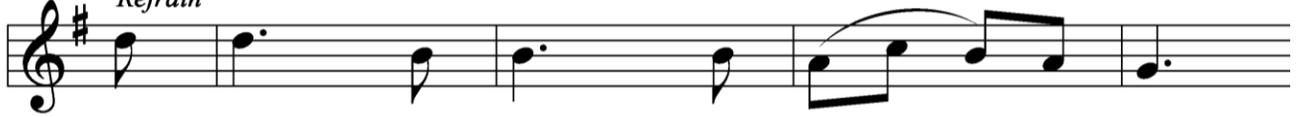


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
 tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
 give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
 And open wide our heav'nly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery. Refrain

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Refrain

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

SERMON

(Pastor Jeong)

OFFERTORY

(Psalm 51:10-12)



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING

You may place your offering in the plate as you exit the service.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Pastor: *Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.*

O God, You have kept Your Word and delivered to us Your own Son by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin. Guide us so that we may rejoice in the Word made flesh and in the redemption He has won by His holy life, life-giving death and resurrection. Bless all pastors, that they may faithfully preach and teach this Gospel. Open the hearts of young men to hear and heed Your call to the ministry. Bless all church workers in their various vocations, that they may serve us well in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy Lord, You promised the virgin-born Son to reluctant King Ahaz, and in the fullness of time the Word became flesh. Open our hearts and strengthen our faith gladly to receive Your Son in the signs where He is present: not in signs of our own choosing, but in the Holy Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You raised up Joseph, a man honorable and just, to be the guardian and earthly father to Your Son. Give all earthly fathers wisdom, patience, pride of duty and, above all, faith and loyalty to Your Word, that knowing Your true Guardianship, they may head their households with godly forbearance. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, You do not bear with the tiresome flattery and unbelief of kings and rulers forever. Have mercy on us, Lord, and spare our nation. Clear away all empty shows of piety and renew genuine faith in the Virgin's Son, that His coming at the last may not be a sign against us. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You are the giver of every good gift, O Lord, and You care for us in all our needs of body, mind and spirit. Give healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, peace to the dying and comfort to those who mourn *especially....and those we name in our hearts*. According to Your gracious will, sustain them all by Your grace, and give them patience and courage as they await the unfolding of Your healing grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant, Holy Father, that all who eat today of this feast of joy may find in the Savior's body and blood a blessed foretaste of the feast to come, for the strengthening of their faith and the growth of their love. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the Dayspring from on high and the splendor of light everlasting. By His coming in the flesh and by His blessed Word, enlighten our hearts with the Gospel, enlighten the hearts of those who sit in the darkness of unbelief with the light of saving faith, and enlighten those who dwell in the shadow of death with the certain hope of the resurrection through Him. Grant that, as we recall with thanksgiving His advent in the flesh, we may always confess Him and remain watchful for His advent in glory at the Last Day; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

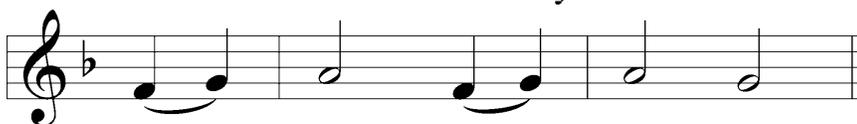
✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



G And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

(Psalm 136)



C It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6: 9-13)

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

(John 20:19)



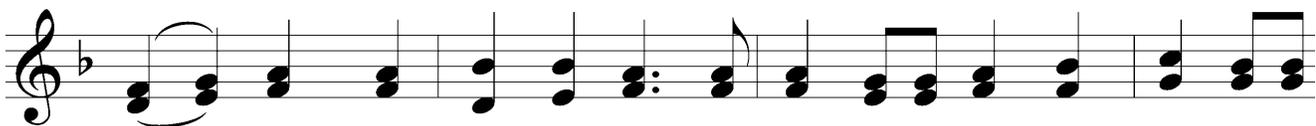
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

(John 1:29)



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

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world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor of this congregation. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

What actually is the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) should be received, after proper instruction and preparation, in the sure and certain confidence that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine to forgive the sin of all who receive him in repentance (according to 1Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:17-33; Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-30). Please review the questions on pages 326-27 and 329-330 in the front part of "Lutheran Service Book" for a proper understanding of this holy meal.

Who may properly come to the Lord's Supper?

You are invited to receive Christ's true body and blood if you:

- have been Baptized into the name of the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit);
- repent of your sin against God and recognize your need to forgive others as God has forgiven you;
- put your trust in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation;
- are old enough to examine your own faith and life (according to 1Corinthians 11:27-32);
- believe in the words of Jesus himself when he declares that his Body and Blood are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine, offering life, salvation and the forgiveness of sins;
- sincerely intend to live a God-pleasing life in accordance with God's will as revealed in the Bible;
- have received instruction about the Supper at a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation.

I now come to the Lord's Table having read, understood and agreed with these beliefs.

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNING

Almighty Lord Jesus Christ, as often as I shall come to Your holy table to refresh my spirit, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; impure as I am, to make me clean; naked as I am, to clothe me, so that Your body, so full of divine power, and Your most precious blood may not become for me, Your servant, the occasion for judgment or punishment, but a memorial of the death You underwent for me, a strengthening of my faith, a proof of the taking away of my sins, a bond of closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.

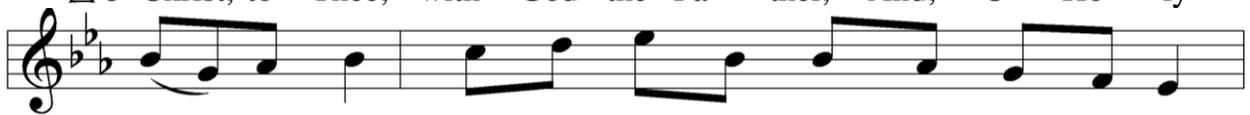
Sit

DISTRIBUTION

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” [LSB 384]



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him
Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face
pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

Sit

“Prepare the Royal Highway” [LSB 343]



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born” [LSB 624:1-4]



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

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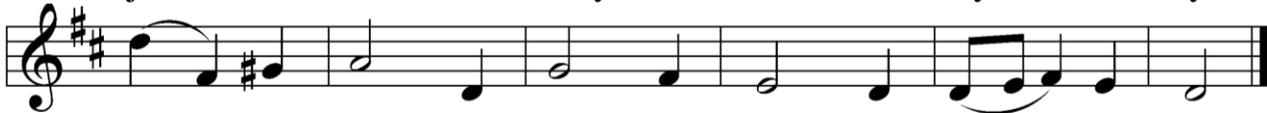
“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born” [LSB 624:5-7]



5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the
 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priest - ly
 7 With cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim Our voic - es



rail on bend - ed knee Our hun - gry mouths from
 food and priest - ly meat; On sin - parched lips the
 join the end - less hymn, And “Ho - ly, ho - ly,



Him re - ceive The bread of im - mor - tal - i - ty.
 chal - ice pours His quench - ing blood that life re - stores.
 ho - ly” sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior” [LSB 627:1-5]



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's
 2 As His pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious
 3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you
 4 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en To His own this
 5 Firm - ly hold with faith un - shak - en That this food is



wrath for - ev - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe
 food sup - ply - ing, Gives His bod - y with the bread,
 are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,
 food has giv - en, Who, to mend what we have done,
 to be tak - en By the sick who are dis - tressed,



He saved us from the e - vil foe.
 And with the wine the blood He shed.
 His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.
 Gave in - to death His on - ly Son.
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.

“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior” [LSB 627:6-10]



6 Ag - o - ny and bit - ter la - bor Were the cost of
 7 Christ says: “Come, all you that la - bor, And re - ceive My
 8 “For what pur - pose was My dy - ing If not for your
 9 If your heart this truth pro - fess - es And your mouth your
 10 Let this food your faith so nour - ish That its fruit of



God’s high fa - vor; Do not come if you sup - pose
 grace and fa - vor: Those who feel no pain or ill
 jus - ti - fy - ing? And what use this pre - cious food
 sin con - fess - es, You will be your Sav - ior’s guest,
 love may flour - ish And your neigh - bor learn from you

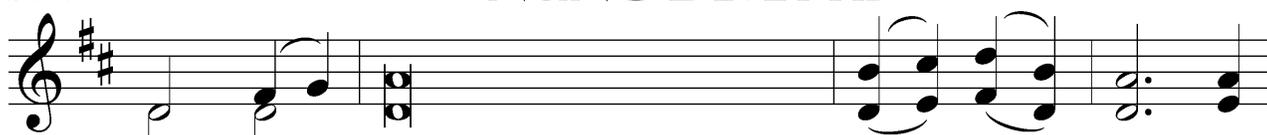


You need not Him who died and rose.
 Need no phy - si - cian’s help or skill.
 If you your - self were pure and good?”
 Be at His ban - quet tru - ly blest.
 How much God’s won - drous love can do.

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

(Luke 2:29-32)



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

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peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

(Psalm 107:1)

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

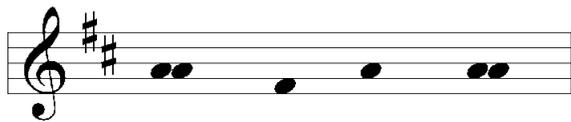
Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



A Bless we the Lord.

(Psalm 103:1)



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: 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 His peace.



C A - men, a - men, a - men.

HYMN

“See amid the Winter’s Snow” [LSB 373]

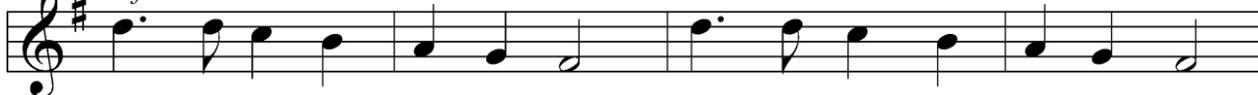


1 See a - mid the win - ter’s snow, Born for us on earth be - low,
2 Lo, with - in a sta - ble lies He who built the star - ry skies,
3 Sa - cred In - fant, all di - vine, What a ten - der love was Thine,
4 Teach, O teach us, ho - ly Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,



See, the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
He who, throned in height sub - lime, Sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
Thus to come from high - est bliss Down to such a world as this!
Teach us to re - sem - ble Thee In Thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.

Refrain



Hail, O ev - er - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion’s hap - py dawn!



Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

(Psalm 103:1)

POSTLUDE

SERVING OUR LORD AND HIS PEOPLE TODAY

10:00 Service

Acolyte: Miriam Evans

Ushers: Klinton Keller, Ron Smith

Elder/Reader: Steven Snyder, Brian Viers

Organist: Matt Laub

Music: Sanctuary Choir

Sunday School Kids

Altar Guild: Scott Prior, Joan Harris, Pamella Clugston, Carol Waidner

LAST SUNDAY WE PRAYED FOR:

HEALING Jennifer Chadwick, (Priors' daughter who lives in Texas), has thyroid cancer. Pray for comfort, guidance and healing. Will Grove's friend Chuck, from Montana, is having knee surgery. Pray for a successful operation. Don Clark has Parkinson's disease. Don is a Lutheran friend of Scott Prior.

THANKSGIVING Joan Harris is thankful for her latest test results.

COMFORT FOR THOSE WHO MOURN Prayers for those affected in the Sydney, Australia shooting attack at a Jewish Hanukkah gathering. Also, prayers for those affected by the attack occurring at Brown University. We ask for prayers for all who were killed and wounded, as well as their families.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: John Aube 12/21; Matthew Witkamp 12/22; Hazel Barnes 12/23; Vicki Taylor 12/25; Richard Erickson 12/26; Vona Dodge 12/26; Gloria Venlet 12/26

THIS WEEK'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Ron & Susan Wuckert 12/27

THIS WEEK'S BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Rick Ritchie 12/25

Christmas Caroling

Today, December 21 at 4:00 PM

Meet at the Church and we will carpool from here

Any questions text Robin Malvin at 949-923-8070

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NEWS AND NOTES

DECEMBER 21, 2025

Opportunities This Week To Serve Our Lord And Our Neighbor

21 Sunday	<i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i>	
	Divine Service	10:00 AM
	Christian Education for all ages	9:00 AM
	Preschool Bake Sale Fundraiser	11:00 AM
	Christmas Caroling	4:00 PM
22 Monday	Church Office Closed	
	<i>Pastor Jeong's Day off</i>	
	Al Anon	10:00 AM
	Celestial Ringers	6:00 PM
	Boy Scouts	7:00 PM
23 Tuesday	Al Anon	6:00 PM
	Sanctuary Choir	7:00 PM
24 Wednesday	Christmas Eve	
	Lessons and Carols Worship Service	7:00 PM
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Holy Communion)	11:00 PM
	Preschool Closed	
25 Thursday	Christmas Day	
	Nativity of Our Lord Divine Service	10:00 AM
	Church Office & Preschool Closed	
26 Friday	Church Office & Preschool Closed	
	<i>Jeong Family on Vacation through January 1</i>	
27 Saturday	Oratio, Meditatio, Tentatio Prayer group	9:00 AM
	Sewing Group	9:30 AM-5:00 PM
28 Sunday	<i>First Sunday after Christmas</i>	
	Service of the Word	8:00 & 11:00 AM
	Christian Education for all ages	9:30 AM

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BIBLE STUDIES

“Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ” (Romans 10:17)

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

“Didache” (9:30 AM with Pastor Jeong in the Sanctuary)

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

“Jesus Works through Sinners” (9:30 AM with Pastor Miller in the Youth Room)

FIRST THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

“Isaiah 40-55” (7:00 PM with Karen Miller in the Music Room) We are meeting December 30th

FRIDAY LADIES MORNING BIBLE STUDY (LaMBS)

“Matthew” (11:30 AM the 3rd Friday in January with Elaine Ohgi in the Music Room)

REDEEMER’S STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday’s Attendance: 137

*God has given each of us gifts and calls us in 1 Peter 4:10,11 to
“use them to serve one another that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ”.*



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP Matthew 1:21 – “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” What our good works could never do, Jesus has done: He has saved us from our sins, paid our debt, set us free. How can we not give thanks to Him with lives of generosity and godliness? What God’s Law could not do — truly motivate us to truly good works — Jesus’ love has done!

AROUND REDEEMER

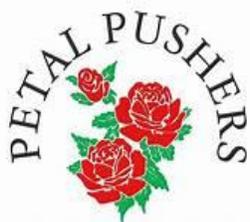
WORSHIP SERVICES AT REDEEMER are offered in our Sanctuary on Sundays at 8:00 and 11:00 AM (today one service only at 10:00 AM) and available online at 10:00 AM as a YouTube live stream, on www.youtube.com/@redeemerlutheranchurchhb7093/streams and accessible from www.redeemer-lutheran.net. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM for Sunday School.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL the children will learn about “**The Birth of John and the birth of Jesus**”.

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY will be January 10th. Pastor Mark Jasa will be the presenter. Plan to attend this very informative presentation. Please RSVP to the church office for breakfast.

OLD GUYS BREAKFAST AT DENNY’S (You don’t have to be old) If you would like to join in on the fellowship and food (everyone pays for their own meal) we meet at Denny’s at 18477 Beach Blvd. HB (cross street is Ellis), on Fridays at 11:30 AM. Call the church office if you would like more information.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION AND COMMUNION are by appointment. Please call the church office to arrange a date and time.



Petal Pushers Decorating

Our time is Monday, December 29th from 4:00-11:00 PM
We will meet at the church at 3:00 PM and carpool. We have extra sweatshirts to use if you need one. If you want to attend, please contact Pastor Tom Miller at tmiller@redeemer-lutheran.net.

“**SUPPORT REDEEMER LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL.** The Redeemer Lutheran Preschool Board is grateful to share that our Preschool Scholarship Fund is currently fully funded thanks to your generous support. At this time, we ask that donations be directed to our Preschool General Donations/Tuition Fund, which helps support the ongoing needs of our program. Please make checks payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church with Preschool General Fund in the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of Redeemer Lutheran Preschool.”

DECEMBER HYMN OF THE MONTH

PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY - LSB 343 Frans Mikael Franzén (1772-1847), a Lutheran priest in the Church of Sweden and later a bishop, was already an acclaimed poet and a member of the Swedish Academy when he wrote the hymn text “Bereden väg för Herran.” As one of his younger contemporaries observed, “With Franzén there is a rich and vividly delightful imagination in heartfelt combination with a quiet and harmonic sentiment, clothed in the soul’s veil of innocence.”

“Bereden väg för Herran,” has become a popular Advent hymn not only in Sweden, but in all of the Scandinavian countries. It first came to English-speaking congregations through a translation by Augustus Nelson (1863-1949). Nelson, a Swedish immigrant to the United States, was ordained into the Augustana Synod in 1898 and served congregations in Michigan, Illinois, Connecticut and Minnesota.

The first stanza is built on an image from Isaiah 40:3: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” The great leveling of hill and valley prophesied here is used by Franzé to illustrate the upheaval of the Lord’s coming.

Stanza 2, however, in both the original and the *LSB* text, immediately ties the imagery of the opening stanza to Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, to the shouts of “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” (Matthew 21:9). Here the upheaval centers on the image of the whole city stirred up by Jesus’ arrival and asking “Who is this” (Matthew 21:10).

Stanza 3 continues the joy of Palm Sunday, uniting it with the prophetic words of Psalm 24: “Lift up your heads, O gates!” (Psalm 24:7) and “Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty!” (Psalm 24:8). Still, this particular King is not a king according to the pattern of this present world, as the final stanza in *LSB* is quick to add. The prophet’s voice closes the hymn with an allusion to Isaiah 9:7: “of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness.”

Although the name “Jesus” is not mentioned anywhere in the hymn—and even in the seven-stanza text of 1819, only a single reference to Christ appears (in the final stanza)—still the refrain at the end of each stanza brings the word of prophetic imagery to a focal point of fulfillment in Jesus, the Word made flesh.

LUTHERAN TELEVISION, RADIO, & ONLINE PROGRAMS

DID YOU MISS A SUNDAY SERVICE OR BIBLE STUDY SESSION? Visit our website www.redeemer-lutheran.net to find past services posted under Online Services/Video Services and Bible studies posted under Education/Bible Study Recordings.

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Bake Sale Fundraiser today

We are having a Preschool Fundraiser on the patio after the service today.

Stop by to purchase Christmas treats and support our preschool.

DAILY, CHRIST OFFERS HIS RICH BLESSINGS THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES. SUGGESTED READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2025	
Sunday, December 21:	Isaiah 42:1-25; Isaiah 7:10-17; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25
Monday, December 22:	Isaiah 43:1-24 & Revelation 9:13-10:11
Tuesday, December 23:	Isaiah 43:25-44:20 & Revelation 11:1-19
Wednesday, December 24:	Isaiah 44:21-45:13, 20-25 & Revelation 12:1-17
Thursday, December 25:	Isaiah 49:1-18 & Matthew 1:1-17
Friday, December 26:	Isaiah 49:22-26; 50:4-51:8, 12-16 & Matthew 1:18-25
Saturday, December 27:	Isaiah 51:17-52:12 & Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, December 28:	Isaiah 52:13-54:10; Isaiah 63:7-14; Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:13-23

CHRISTMAS AT REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesday, December 24	Service of Lessons and Carols	7:00 PM
	Candlelight Christmas Eve (Divine Service)	11:00 PM
Thursday, December 25	The Nativity of Our Lord (Divine Service)	10:00 AM
Sunday, December 28	First Sunday after Christmas	8:00 & 11:00 AM
	Christian Education for all ages	9:30 AM
Monday, December 29	Petal Pushing (decorate the floats)	4:00 – 11:00 PM
Tuesday, December 30	Women’s Bible Study	7:00 PM
Saturday, January 3	Undecorate the Church	9:00 AM
	Usher Training	11:00 AM
Sunday, January 4	The Epiphany of Our Lord (Divine Service)	8:00 & 11:00 AM
	Christian Education for all ages	9:30 AM

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