

+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:45 am December 9, 2018

Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.

Second Sunday in Advent



Prelude "Jesus, You Are My Life"

Call to Worship

Deacon: I will exalt you, my God and King,
All: And bless your name forever and ever.

Deacon: Every day I will bless you,
All: And praise your name forever and ever.

Deacon: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!
All: Amen! Alleluia!

Song
All stand and sing.

The King of glory

Return
Em

The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joice - es.

Em

O pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voice es.

G

1 Who is the King of glo - ry: how shall we call him?
2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion,
5 He con - quered sin and death: he tru - ly has ris - en.

Em

He is Im - man - u - el, the prom - ised of ag - es,
he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their all - ness,
in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an oth - er
he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion
and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

Lyrics: www.hymnary.org
Music: www.hymnary.org

Confession of Sin

Pastor: O God, as we approach the end of the year, we are faced with the realities of the world: hunger, poverty, loneliness, disease, emptiness, and despair. Let us confess how we have fallen short and failed to trust in your love and grace.

All: In this time of Advent,
help us to see
signs of you breaking into the world.
Help us face the challenges of life
with patience and hope.
Empower us
to prepare our hearts,
creating a welcoming space for Christ
in all our lives.

Pastor: The promise of our faith is that we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of the Church of Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Receive the Holy Spirit and be witnesses of God's love that we know through his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

All stand and sing.

The Advent Wreath will be lit by Jennifer Henshall.



Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Text: Wayne L. Wood, © 1954
Music: HEINRICH DELLE, Viennese folk tune



PRAYER

Deacon: Let us pray.
Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Wel come and Announcements

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Jesse Tree is an Advent tradition that describes Jesus' family heritage. Isaiah 11:1 refers to Jesus as a shoot coming up from the stump of Jesse, Jesse was the father of King David. We place ornaments on the Jesse tree to describe the events leading to Jesus' birth.

Reading: Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.
⁶⁹You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.
⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,
⁷²to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.
⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear,
⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.
⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**
⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
⁷⁹to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

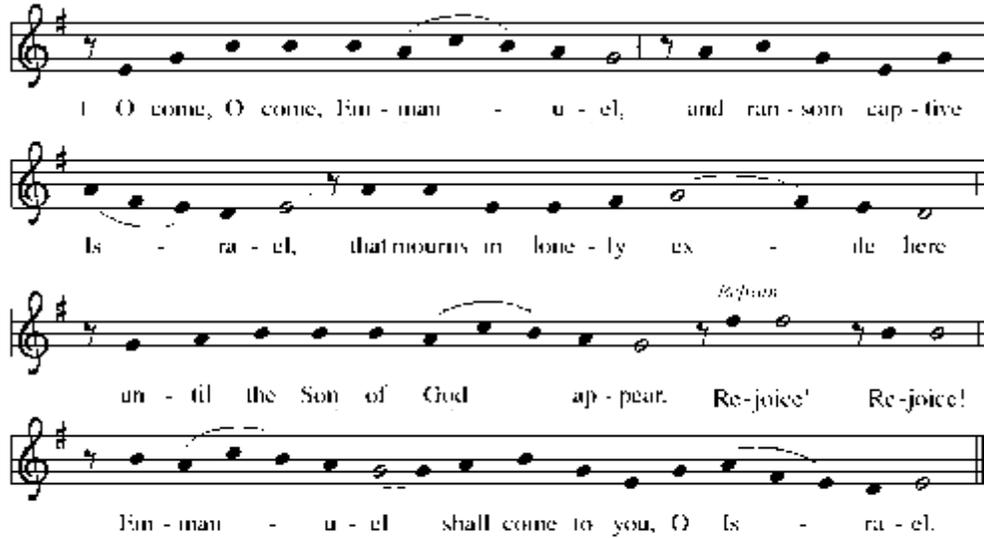
Reader: Word of God, word of life.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Please stand and sing.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Text: *Psalmist/anonymous/16th cent. Köln, 1712; in composite*
Music: *VINCE EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.*



O come, O come, Em-man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joice! Re-joice!
Em-man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist is a herald of the saving Lord, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Zechariah
Pastor Sandy Kessinger

Sermon Song
Please stand and sing.

Blessed Be the Lord God of Israel!

Worship

Bless'd be the Lord God of Is - ra - el! Ho - ly is your name:
 you have come to save your peo - ple from death and from the grave.
 You have spo - ken through the proph - ets from age up - on
 'till the child . . . you . . . shall be called the proph - et of the
 age: the prom - ise giv - en to our an - ces - ters
 Lord: the way of God . . . you . . . will pre - pare.
 for - ev - er true will re - main. De - liv - er us from our
 bring - ing sal - va - tion through the Word. With ten - der mer - cy
 en - em - ies, our God is al - ways near; in ho - li - ness and
 from our God. the day - spring from on high brings us the light to
 righ - teous - ness we wor - ship with - out fear.
 guide our feet and drive a way the night

Worship

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APOSTLES' CREED

Deacon: With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.
All: 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.

Litany and Prayer

From the Holden Evening Prayer by Marty Haugen

All sing sections A and B. The cantor will sing the Leader parts.

A All:
Repeat continuously



(Hummm)

B



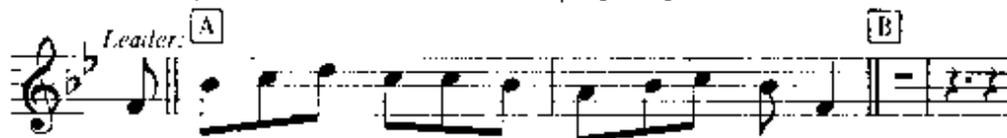
God of mer - cy, hold us in love.



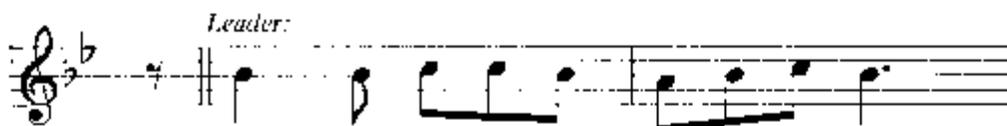
1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:



2. For peace and sal-va-tion, we pray to you:



3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo-ples:
4. For us who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos-pel:
6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus-tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la-bor in ser-vice to oth-ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish-es all of cre-a-tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan-ger:
10. For all the be-lov-ed who rest in your mer-cy:



Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:



Keep us, hold us, gra-cious God.



Prayer

Deacon: Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

Deacon: The peace of Christ be with you all. All: And also with you.

Please greet one another with words such as "God's peace be with you."

Offering Music "I Wonder As I Wander" Solo-Matt Osifchin arranged by John Jacob Niles

Offering Song

Please stand and sing.

We bring the sacrifice of praise

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in to the house of the Lord. we bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in to the house of the Lord. And we offer up to you the sac-ri-fices of thanksgiving; and we offer up to you the sac-ri-fices of joy."

The Invitation

Assistant: With the breaking of bread and sharing the cup, Jesus offered the disciples peace
Minister: and friendship, trust and forgiveness, the love and embrace of God. Jesus offers the same to all people.
All: Jesus, we are sinners hungry for grace.
We come – eager but hesitant –
to receive your gift of love.
Receive our gifts of love
and use them to further your care for the world. Amen.

Words of Institution

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
All: 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 DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those who are not baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply indicate this to the pastor when you come forward. Intinction is used – the wafer is retained and touched lightly either to the wine (red) or to the grape juice (white) that is in the chalice. Gluten-free wafers are available from the Pastor. You are invited to sing the communion song with the Praise Team singers.

COMMUNION SONG

Here is bread

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,

he is with us, Break the bread, taste the wine,
 he is with us, Know his grace, find his peace,
 he is with us, We'll pro-claim till he comes

Christ is with us here, here,
 feast on Je - sus here,
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied,

Refrain
 In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is
 life for - ev - er, In this mo - ment,
 by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here,

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Please stand.

Pastor: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood,
strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.
All: Amen

Prayer

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen

Benediction

Pastor: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in
harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.
All: Amen.

Pastor: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you
may abound in love by the power of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Pastor: The God of grace + bless you now and forever.
All: Amen.



Christmas Celebrations at Redeemer

December 11, 18 - Tuesday Chapel Service:
Lunch at 11:15 am and Service at 12:00 pm

December 14 - Living Nativity, Friday at 6:30 pm
and Holiday Concert at 7:30 pm

December 16—Blue Christmas at 5 pm

December 23 – Regular Service times at 8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services:

4 pm — **Children's Christmas Pageant**

6, 8, 10 pm — Traditional Candlelight Service

December 25 - Christmas Day Service at 10 am

December 30 - Lessons and Carols, Sunday at 10 am (one service only)

December 31 - **New Year's Eve Service, Monday at 5 pm**

All are welcome!

Sending Song
All sing.

Come And See

Lenny LeBlanc

F C/E B \flat 2/D F/C
1. Come and see the glo-ry of the Lord,
2. Come and give thanks un-to the Lord.

B \flat 2 C7 F B \flat /C
Come, be-hold the Lamb
Come, be-hold the Lamb

F C/E A7 A/C \sharp Dm Dm/C
Come and see the mer-cy of the King,
Come and sing the prais-es of the King.

B \flat B \flat /C C7 F B \flat /C
Bow-ing down be-fore Him.
Bow-ing down be-fore Him.

2,3. F C C/E F
Him. For He is Lord a-bove the heav-ens.

B \flat F C C/E F
Lord in all the earth. Lord of all the an-gels.

B \flat Asus A Gm B \flat
Wor-thy to be served. Al-le-

F/C C/E Gm B \flat F/C D.C. at Fine Final ending
C/E F
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Lord

Dismissal

Assisting Minister: Go in peace, share the Good News!

All: Thanks be to God!

Please join the Redeemer family in the Crossroads foyer area
for fellowship and refreshments.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship. There is a special worship bulletin for them. Request one of our usher. Also there is a special cart of books in the back of the sanctuary. Your children are welcome to borrow books for the service. If you prefer, a nursery and/or childcare is available for children up to age 3 during all worship services. A pager is available from the nursery.



Visitors are invited to sign the red Attendance Book at the end of the pew.

Hearing help available: We have for your use personal hearing amplification units available in the narthex. Please refer questions or comments to an usher.

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Sunday Services

8:30 and 11:00 am for the traditional service and 9:45 am for contemporary service

Two Additional Readings for Today

Please read before or after worship as a meditation piece: Malachi 3:1-4 Philippians 1:3-11

Next Sunday's Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18

+ Assisting in Worship +

Assisting Minister: Emma Bradley
Communion Assistant: Jennifer Henshall and Judy Loving
Ushers: Steve Gunderson and Ethan Ngo
Reader: Jennifer Henshall
Chancel Care: Steve Gunderson
Coffee Hour: Gerri Swarm

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