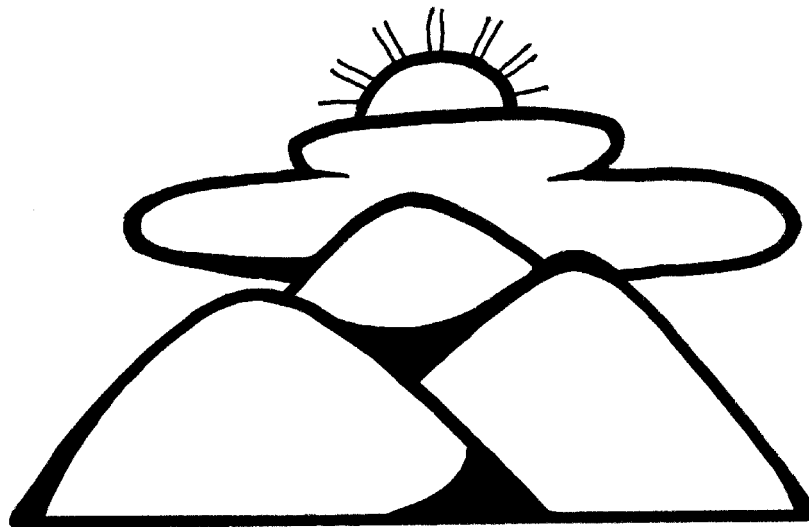


+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:45 am November 30, 2025

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



The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

PRELUDE

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Let us prepare our hearts
as we await the coming of our Lord.

**All Let us watch for the one who heard our cries
and shouldered the suffering of our world.**

Pastor Let us anticipate the coming of Christ's eternal world
with wholeness, reconciliation and plenty for all.

**All Let us wait in expectation for the day
when God's glory is revealed in all its fullness.**

GATHERING SONG
All sing.

Come And See

Lenny LeBlanc

1. Come and see the glo - ry of the Lord,
2. Come and give thanks un - to the Lord.

Come, be - hold the Lamb.
Come, be - hold the Lamb.

Come and see the mer - cy of the King,
Come and sing the prais - es of the King,

Bow - ing down - be - fore Him.
Bow - ing down - be - fore Him.

Him. For He is Lord a - bove the heav - ens,
Lord in all the earth. Lord of all the an - gels,
Wor - thy to be served. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord.

Confession of Sin

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

All Amen.

Pastor Gracious God,

All have mercy on us.

**We confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you can provide.
We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.
We become impatient while waiting
and weary of keeping awake.
Free us from self-reliance,
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.
Increase our trust in God's timing,
and awaken us to your advent among us,
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.
Amen.**

Pastor God judges us not as we deserve,
but according to God's own righteousness.

+ You are freed and forgiven,
saved by grace,
and ready to welcome the Savior.

All Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us
from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of
your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

All Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

+ THE WORD +

Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Reader	Word of God, word of life.
All	Thanks be to God.

Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader	Word of God, word of life.
All	Thanks be to God.

Please stand and sing. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 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.

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
Text sts. 2, 6, 7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*New Year's Resolutions
Pastor Sharon Core*

Please stand and sing.

Lift up your heads

G

1 Lift up your heads,
2 Up from the dead
3 With trum-pet blast

O you gates; swing wide, you
he as-cends, through ev-'ry
and shouts of joy, all heav-en

D G D G

ev-er-last-ing doors. Lift up your heads, O you
rank of heav'n-ly pow'r. Let heav'n pre-pare the high-est
greets the ris-en king. With an-gel choirs come line the

D G

gates; swing wide, you ev-er-last-ing doors.
place, throw wide the ev-er-last-ing doors.
way, throw wide the gates and wel-come him.

Refrain G C G D Em D

That the King of glo-ry may come in, that the

G C G D G C G

King of glo-ry may come in; that the King of glo-ry

D Em D G C G 1. 2 D G

may come in, that the King of glo-ry may come in.

F⁶ C/E D Last time D G

may come in.

APOSTLES' CREED

Asst. Min. 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.

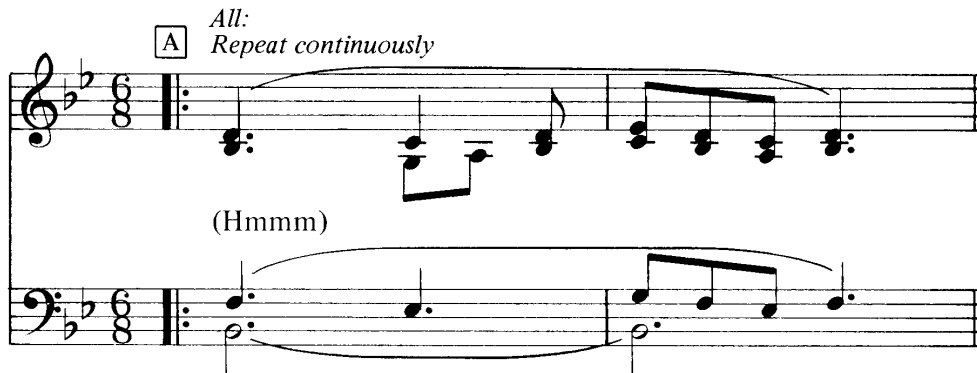
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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*



(Hmmm)

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

Pastor

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

Pastor May the peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

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

Sit

+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Our offerings to God are first of all just that—offerings of thanksgiving to God. As you are able please continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts.

Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.

OFFERTORY SONG

"All Who Are Thirsty" by Brenton Brown and Glen Roberts

OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing.

We are an offering

The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our'. Above the staff are the chords G, C², Dm⁷, C²/E, and C/E. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.'. Above the staff are the chords F, C/E, Dm⁷, Dm⁷/G, and C. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes in the second staff.

Text and music: Dwight Liles
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OFFERING PRAYER

Asst. Min. Let us pray.

All Nourishing God,
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,
that we may rejoice and be for the world
signs of your kingdom come.

Amen.

+ COME TO THE TABLE +

Pastor The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
**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.**

Pastor Come, for all is now ready.



COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion will be offered by intinction.

For those not comfortable receiving from the pastor's hands, a separate tray with preset elements is available. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

*Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine is invited to come forward for a blessing. To receive a blessing, please cross your arms.
You are an important part of our faith community.*

In Holy Communion we receive the true body and blood of Christ.

COMMUNION SONG
All sing.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
Gift of Finest Wheat



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997
Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996
Text and music © 1977 Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Please stand.

Pastor

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

All

Amen.

PRAYER

Asst. Min.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day
when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make
known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All

Amen.



+ THE SENDING +

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.

SENDING SONG
All sing.

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

DISMISSAL

Asst. Min. Go in peace. Share the good news.

All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE**Advent Signs**

Few things in life are as jarring as awakening to the shriek of a fire alarm. Of course, that is by design. The safety of those gathered indoors calls for a blaring warning of impending danger so that all might be delivered from harm. Jesus offers a similar signal to his beloveds today, begging us to pay attention to the seriousness of the message he bears: Be ready! Keep awake! Pay attention to your surroundings! Deliverance is coming soon!

Advent is a season of preparation, directing our focus toward the incarnation, toward Christmas, when God becomes human and the weary world rejoices. Sometimes preparations take the form of monthslong laborious planning, as we might do for an international trip or the renovation of a home. Other times, preparations must happen immediately, within hours, minutes, or seconds. When a fire alarm sounds, there's no time to plan: We must act quickly, gathering what is most important to get to safety together.

This first Sunday of Advent is a chance to take stock of what is most important in life, to attune our spirits to the reign of heaven that God is birthing in our world. We may be unsettled by these gospel images of the great flood and of field workers being disappeared. Such stories indeed may spark fear, anxiety, and distrust. Yet God comes to be with us amid all the great uncertainties of life, amid the atrocities of human violence, amid the worst of our losses and fears. Jesus reminds us that God is always drawing near to the world, always extending mercy, always acting with love. Mercy and love are Advent signs worth paying attention to, worth staying awake for. Be ready, beloveds, and fear not! God's deliverance is coming soon.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

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Sunday Services:

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

Next Sunday's Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

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