



# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:45 & 11:00 am

**+ GATHERING +**

## PRELUDES

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
*A Lovely Rose is Blooming*  
*Comfort, Comfort, Now My People*

Wilbur Held  
Johannes Brahms  
Paul Manz

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

<We kneel.>

P: God of all time,

**C: we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us.**

**We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace.**

**In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light**

**and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

<We stand.>

P: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In ☩ Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

**C: Amen.**

## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

KYRIE	ELW Page 138
CANTICLE OF PRAISE	ELW Page 139

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together...

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel    verse 4

ELW Hymn 257

<We sit.>

**+ WORD +**

FIRST READING

**Micah 5:2-5a**

Pew Bible page 756

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

LUKE	1: 46b-55
<i>(Sung responsively, led by Cantor)</i>	
<sup>46b</sup> My soul proclaims the greatness   of the Lord, <sup>47</sup> my spirit rejoices in   God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your   lowly servant. <b>From this day all generations will   call me blessed:</b> <sup>49</sup> you, the Almighty, have done great   things for me and holy   is your name.	

<sup>50</sup>**You have mercy on | those who fear you,  
from generation to | generation.**

<sup>51</sup>You have shown strength | with your arm  
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,

<sup>52</sup>**casting down the mighty | from their thrones  
and lifting | up the lowly.**

<sup>53</sup>You have filled the hungry | with good things  
and sent the rich | away empty.

<sup>54</sup>**You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,  
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,  
<sup>55</sup>the promise made | to our forbears,  
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever.**

**SECOND READING**

**Hebrews 10:5-10**

**Pew Bible page 976**

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*<We stand.>*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**ELW Page 142**

**GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

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

**Luke 1:39-45**

**Pew Bible page 831**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*<We sit.>*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**Pastor Matt**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Matt**

<We stand.>

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Canticle of the Turning**

**ELW Hymn 723**

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the Third Day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

<We kneel.>

*The response after each petition:* P: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

*After the prayers have concluded we respond with* **AMEN.**

## PEACE

<We stand.>

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*At this time, you may greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## + MEAL +

<We sit.>

## RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

### ANTHEM

*People Look East*

Hal H. Hopson

<We stand.>

**OFFERTORY HYMN**    **O Lord, How Shall I Meet You**  
verse 1

**ELW Hymn 241**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray ... Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**ELW Page 144**

## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**ELW Page 144**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy One.....Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup.....We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, .....Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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<We sit.>

## COMMUNION

*Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world. At The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer, we receive communion by intinction, receiving the bread and then dipping it into the chalice of wine.*

**HYMN**

**Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

**ELW Hymn 272**

<We stand.>

## THE TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray ...

**C: Amen.**

## + SENDING +

### SUNG BLESSING

In the name of the Father.

**In the name of the Father.**

May the Lord bless and keep you.

**May the Lord bless and keep you.**

In the name of the Son.

**In the name of the Son.**

May God's face shine upon you.

**May God's face shine upon you.**

In the name of the Spirit.

**In the name of the Spirit.**

May God's blessings be with you.

**May God's blessings be with you.**

The Three-in-One.

**The Three-in-One.**

And give you peace.

**And give you peace.**

### SENDING HYMN

**Blessed Be the God of Israel**

**ELW Hymn 250**

**DISMISSAL** (*Please face the rear of the nave*)

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

Paul Manz

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## Worship Leadership

**Presiding Minister:** The Reverend Matthew Titus

**Organist:** Huger Caughman, Jr.

**Choir Director:** Gayle Lindley

**Ushers: 8:45** - James Long; **11:00** - Doggett Whitaker, Andy Senn, Drew Senn, Elmer Long

**Communion Preparation: 8:45** –Janet Long; **11:00** - Polly Davis

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<b>Lector &amp; Communion Assistant</b>	Tony Chapman	Cathy Turner
<b>Greeter</b>	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer
<b>Crucifer</b>		Katerina Long
<b>Acolyte</b>		Julianna Smith

**Worship Assistants' schedule for the entire year may be found in the Annual Directory.**

### This week at Redeemer

Today	Monday, 12/24	Tuesday, 12/25	Wednesday, 12/26	Thursday, 12/27
9:30 am - Junior & Children's Choir	6:00 pm - Anger Management	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	
10:00 am - Sunday School	OFFICE CLOSED			
	7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service			

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Redeemer! We are pleased to have you with us at worship this morning. If you have any questions or need any assistance, just ask!

**We also invite you to fill out our friendship register at the end of each pew.**

**Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Huger Caughman, Jr. on his birthday, December 26th, by Huger, Anne and Kristin Caughman.