



# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

8:45 &

11:00 am

+ **GATHERING** +

## PRELUDES

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
*Once He Came in Blessing*

Paul Manz  
Paul Manz  
Michael Burkhardt

## 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.**

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE	ELW Page 139

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together...

**C: 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. Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ELW Hymn 257

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel    verse 2

<We sit.>

**+ WORD +**

## FIRST READING

Malachi 3: 1-4

Pew Bible page 778

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

LUKE	1: 68-79
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*(Sung responsively, led by Cantor)*

<sup>68</sup>Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,  
you have come to your people and | set them free.

<sup>69</sup>**You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,  
born of the house of your | servant David.**

<sup>70</sup>Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,  
<sup>71</sup>from the hands of | all who hate us,  
<sup>72</sup>**to show mercy | to our forebears,  
and to remember your | holy covenant.**

<sup>73</sup>This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:  
<sup>74</sup>to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,  
**free to worship you | without fear,**  
<sup>75</sup>**holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life.**  
<sup>76</sup>And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,  
<sup>77</sup>**to give God's people knowledge | of salvation**  
**by the forgiveness | of their sins.**  
<sup>78</sup>In the tender compassion | of our God  
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,  
<sup>79</sup>**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death,**  
**and to guide our feet into the | way of peace.**

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 1:3-11

Pew Bible page 953

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*<We stand.>*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

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

Luke 3:1-6

Pew Bible page 834

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      On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's  
Cry      ELW Hymn 249**

**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

*As the Dark Awaits the Dawn*

Carl Schalk

<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

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## 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**

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## 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**

**Drawn to the Light**

**ELW Hymn 593**

<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

**Hark, the Glad Sound!**

**ELW Hymn 239**

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

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

*Hark, the Glad Sound!*

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** - Beth Singletary/Briley Derrick

	8:45	11:00
<b>Lector &amp; Communion Assistant</b>	Tony Chapman	Vanessa Harshaw
<b>Greeter</b>		Helen Fellers
<b>Crucifer</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b>		Zoe Reid

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

### This week at Redeemer

Today	Monday, 12/10	Tuesday, 12/11	Wednesday, 12/12	Thursday, 12/13
9:30 am - Junior & Children's Choir	6pm - Anger Management	10:30 am - Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm - Handbell Practice	
10:00 am - Sunday School		7:00 pm - LMM to Shealy's	7:00 PM - Advent Service	
3:45 pm - WELCA			7:30 pm - Choir Practice	
5:00 pm - 2nd Sunday Family Fun Night				

### 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 memory of our loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Atlee Lindsay by Johnny and Kathy Lindsay, their children and grandchildren.

**Please pick up new envelopes** from the narthex before the first of the year. Do not use the new envelopes until January and likewise do not use this year's envelopes after the first of the year. If you do not find an envelope with your name on it, please let Donna know.

**WELCA** will meet today at 3:45 pm in the library for its business meeting. During this time we will prepare the Christmas gifts for our shut-ins. At 4:00 pm we will be looking at Chapter 1 in our new book, Let It Go. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

**Giving Tree with ELCA Good Gifts** - Again Redeemer will support ELCA Good Gifts. We are given the opportunity to purchase animals, supplies, and goods for communities in need around the world. Look for the Giving Tree in the Narthex. This ministry opportunity runs throughout the month of December.

**Angel Tree** - Thank you to all who graciously and kindly took a name from the Angel Tree - all 25 children have been 'adopted' this year by members of Redeemer. Remember that gifts are due back at the church by December 13. Thank you!

**2nd Sunday Fun Night!** - It's time once again to have some fun at Redeemer! Come join us down in the Youth Hall at 5pm today as we decorate cookies! Food and snacks will be provided. All are welcome

**Attendance for December 2, 2018**

Sunday School	48
8:45	57
11:00	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>141</b>

**Offering for this Week:**

**Needed Weekly - \$6,074.00**  
**Received 12-2-18 - \$8,244.88**

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year: Advent! Have you ever wondered about the history of Advent? Where is Advent in the Bible? If you have ever had these questions or want to find out more about Advent, come join *The Gathering Sunday School Class* on December 9, 16, and 23. We will journey through a 4-week series that will cover the season of Advent and how it leads us to the Christmas season. *The Gathering* meets in Room 141 on the first floor of the Education Building. All are welcome!