



The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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January 3, 2016

2nd SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

11:00 am

LBW-Green Hymnal

WOV-Blue Hymnal

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We

David Cherwien

To Shepherds as They Watched by Night

Paul Manz

O Little Town of Bethlehem

David Cherwien

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free,
the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy,
the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us come before God in confession.

<We kneel.>

P: To you, O God

C: We lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

<We stand.>

P: Sisters and brothers, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation.

Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of + Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near!

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

LBW Hymn 70

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



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer-cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on



dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer-cy.



Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .



so - tros. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
mer - cy. Christ, . . have mer - cy on



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...

C: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

<We sit.>

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.” ¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 147:12-20

(Sung responsively, led by Cantor)

¹²Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;
praise your | God, O Zion,

¹³**who has strengthened the bars | of your gates
and has blessed your chil- | dren within you.**

¹⁴God has established peace | on your borders
and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.

¹⁵**God sends out a command | to the earth,
a word that runs | very swiftly.**

¹⁶God gives | snow like wool,
scattering | frost like ashes.

¹⁷**God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.**

Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?

¹⁸The LORD sends forth the | word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the | waters flow.

¹⁹**God declares the | word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- | ments to Israel.**

²⁰**The LORD has not done so to any | other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

<We stand.>

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

JOHN 1:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John

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

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

Peace Came to Earth

WOV Hymn 641

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.>

A brief silence is kept.

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

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

<We stand.>

PEACE

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.

<We sit.>

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

SENIOR CHOIR

Gesu Bambino

Fae Cousins, soloist

<We stand.>

OFFERTORY

What Child Is This (verse 3)

LBW Hymn 40

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own him.

The king of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthroned him.

Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;

Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

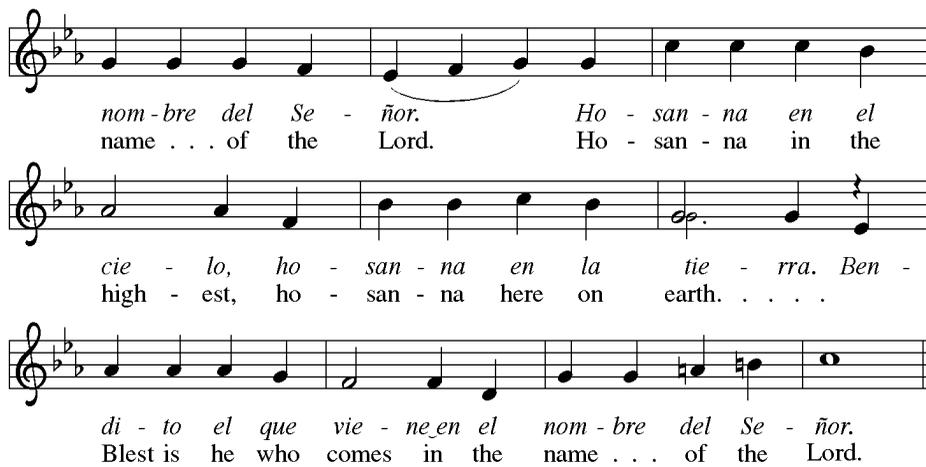
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



nom-bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . .

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ has 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, we long for your Spirit....Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, now and forever.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

<We sit.>

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD – (*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.*)

COMMUNION HYMN

Love Has Come

ELW Hymn 292



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

<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: We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you brought the holy family home again, guide us on the way unfolding before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SUNG BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

The First Noel

LBW Hymn 56

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

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

March of the Kings

Georges Bizet

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## Worship Leadership

**Presiding Minister:** The Reverend Matthew Titus

**Organist:** Huger Caughman, Jr.

**Choir Director:** Gayle Lindley

**Ushers:** Joey Nicosia, Tommy Fellers, John Green, Walter Jacobs

**Communion Preparation:** 8:30 am-Janet Long; 11:00 am-Kathy Lindsay

|                                           | <b>Today</b>    | <b>Next Sunday</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Lector and<br/>Communion Assistant</b> | Beth Singletary | George Franklin    |
| <b>Greeter</b>                            |                 |                    |
| <b>Crucifer</b>                           | Grace Lindsay   | Adam Westwood      |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                            | Madeleine Long  | Steven Senn        |

## 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, please see an usher.

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Robert E. Livingston, Jr., Doris Dufford, and Paul Duncan by Polly Davis.

**Supper Club** will meet 7:00 pm January 14 at Dempsey’s Pizza in Clinton, SC. For reservations, call the church office by Tuesday, Jan. 12.

**Offering Envelopes** are ready and are in the narthex. Please pick yours up at your convenience.

**Love Offering:** Through January 10, we will be taking up an offering for Tyler Richardson and his family. Tyler is the son-in-law of Pastor Dick Webber; a former interim pastor of and frequent visitor to Redeemer. Tyler has Multiple Myeloma – a very aggressive form of bone marrow cancer and it has manifested again after a transplant five years ago. Tyler and his wife (Melissa, Pr. Webber and Jeannie’s daughter) and son (Jonah) will have to move to Birmingham, AL for treatment. We are asking for prayers and monetary donations to help them with their bills (the treatment is *very* expensive) or with gift cards to help pay for groceries and household items. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer with Tyler Richardson Offering in the memo line.

**A note from the office:** The end of the year has come and gone. I have begun working on the 2016 Church Directory and 2015 Committee Reports Booklet. Please submit Committee and Annual Reports as soon as possible. Also, we will be updating information on all of our members so that the 2016 directory is correct. Please check the address/phone number list AND the email list in the narthex to ensure everything is correct. Please call or email me with any changes that you wish to make. Thanks so much for your assistance with this, Donna Price, Administrative Assistant, Office phone: 803-276-2003, Email: [lutheranredeemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:lutheranredeemer@bellsouth.net)

**WELCA** – Sunday – January 3 - **3:30 P.M.** – WELCA will meet in the church library to discuss projects for 2016  
**4:00 P.M.** – Book Study – Leader – Anne Caughman. All ladies in the congregation are invited to attend.

**Calendar January 3-January 9**

|                     |                             |                         |                  |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| <b><u>Today</u></b> |                             | <b><u>Tuesday</u></b>   |                  |
| 8:45 am             | Worship                     | <b><u>Wednesday</u></b> |                  |
| 9:30 am             | Children’s and Junior Choir | 6:30 pm                 | Handbell Choir   |
| 9:45 am             | Sunday School               | 7:30 pm                 | Senior Choir     |
| 11:00 am            | Worship                     | <b><u>Thursday</u></b>  |                  |
| 3:30 pm             | WELCA                       | 6:00 pm                 | Library Reserved |
| 4:00 pm             | Book Study                  |                         |                  |

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|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b><u>Attendance for December 27</u></b> |           |
| <u>Sunday School</u>                     | <u>25</u> |
| <u>10:00 am</u>                          | <u>88</u> |
| <u>Total</u>                             | <u>88</u> |