



The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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January 3, 2016

2nd SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

8:45 am

Your offering may be placed in the offering plate in the narthex.

LBW-Green Hymnal

WOV-Blue Hymnal

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed by 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...

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.

<We sit.>

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." ⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-55

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?" ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

<We sit.>

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Matt

THE SERMON

Pastor Matt

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

WOV Hymn 730

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

P: Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

<We kneel.>

A brief silence is kept.

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

When the prayers have ended, 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.

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You (verse 1)

LBW Hymn 23

O Lord, how shall I meet you, How welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, My hope, my heart's delight!
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy, Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly All that may please you best.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and

with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

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.

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.)

<We stand.>

THE TABLE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

POST- COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SUNG BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

People, Look East

WOV Hymn 626

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

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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**WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Presiding Minister

The Rev. Matthew Titus

Pianist

Huger Caughman, Jr.

Lector/Communion Assistant

Claire Grosshuesch

Usher

John Hammond

Communion Preparation

8:30-Claire Grosshuesch/11:00-Elaine Cornwell/Denise Reid

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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 honor of the members of the music ministry of The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer by Huger Caughman, Jr.

SCLMM Needs your help! The South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission are trying to raise money for the Pee Dee Indian Tribe. The Tribe has been given some land and are in need of a community/medical center. The SCLMM has set a goal of raising \$50,000 to go toward the building of this facility. Please consider helping us reach our goal. Please make checks payable to SC Synod ELCA and write "Pee Dee Indian Project" in the memo line. You may put your donations in the offering plate, or you may give them to Matt Bowers.

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

Christmas Eve services will be held at 4:00PM and 11:00PM and worship assistant opportunities are available. If you would like to serve as acolyte or crucifer for the 11:00 pm service, please call the church office at 276-2003.

Love Offering: Throughout the next few weeks, 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.

Next Sunday, December 27, there will be one worship service of Lessons and Carols at 10 am.

Congratulations to Brian and Jessica Felker Wheeler on the birth of their daughter, Belle Elizabeth born on November 30.

A note from the office: The end of the year is fast approaching and it will soon be January, 2016. I will begin working on the 2016 Church Directory and 2015 Committee Reports Booklet in January. It will be a great help to begin getting 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

Calendar December 20-December 26

Today

8:45 am Worship

9:30 am Children's and Junior Choir
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Monday

Tuesday

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30 pm Handbell Choir
7:15 pm Senior Choir

Wednesday

Thursday

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Attendance for December 13

<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>46</u>
<u>8:45 am</u>	<u>46</u>
<u>11:00 am</u>	<u>103</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>149</u>