



The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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November 29, 2015

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel

LBW Hymn 34

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. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

<We sit.>

THE BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (Verse 1)



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

WORD

FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

Luke 21: 25-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LBW Hymn 25

HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

Jonathan: I present *Kristin, Connor, and Charity* for baptism.

Stephen & Lauren: We present *Margaret* for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses candidates who are able to answer for themselves:

Kristin Eleanor Chapman, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Charity Mae Meeler, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Each candidate responds: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the parents of Connor Glenn and Margaret Louise.

Stephen & Lauren and Jonathan & Kristin, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Margaret Louise* and *Connor Glenn* baptized into Christ?

Response: We do.

As you bring *your children* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with *them* among God's faithful people, bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *their* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *them* in faith and prayer, so that *your children* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your children* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Jonathan, do you promise to nurture *Kristin and Charity* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support *Kristin, Charity, Connor, and Margaret* and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

Congregation: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land. By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

After each baptism, the assembly responds

You belong to Christ. You belong to Christ; in whom you have been baptized.

Alleluia.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain *Kristin Eleanor, Charity Mae, Connor Glenn, Margaret Louise* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized.

Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle is given to each of the newly baptized (or to their parents) as a representative of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized!

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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

For The Fruit Of All Creation (verse 1)

WOV Hymn 760

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

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.

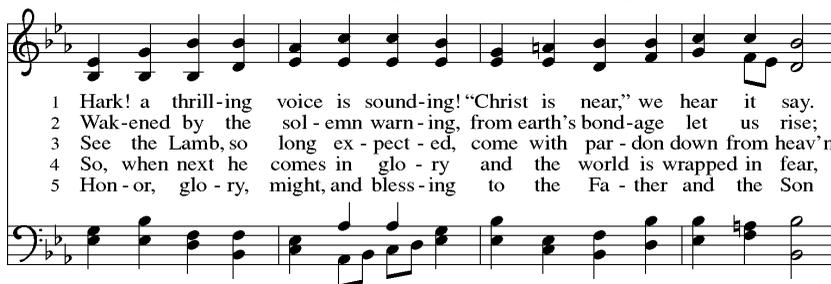
C: Amen.

SUNG BLESSING

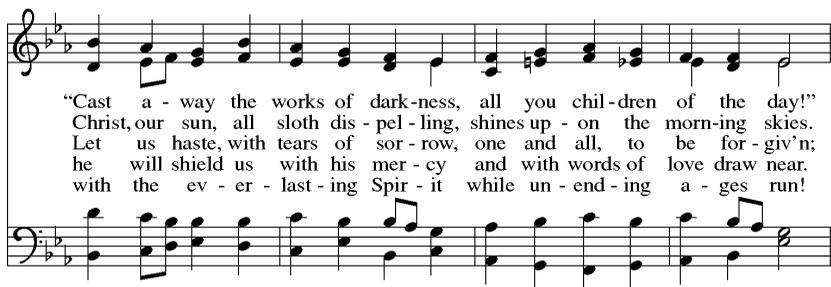
SENDING HYMN

Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

ELW Hymn 246



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 See the Lamb, so long ex- pect- ed, come with par- don down from heav'n.
4 So, when next he comes in glo- ry and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon- or, glo- ry, might, and bless- ing to the Fa- ther and the Son



"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
Let us haste, with tears of sor- row, one and all, to be for- giv'n;
he will shield us with his mer- cy and with words of love draw near.
with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

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

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Matthew Titus
Pianist	Lloan McRacken
Lector/Communion Assistant	Kathy Riggan
Usher	Claire & Nick Grosshuesch
Communion Preparation	8:30-Paula Harshaw/11:00-Donna Franklin

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 her son, John Walter Cousins, by Sybil Cousins.

The flowers in the Narthex are given in loving memory of Harriett Haltiwanger by her family.

Sympathy is extended to Tammy Wilson and her family upon the death of her father, Wayne Long on November 15.

Wednesday Advent Services

This year, we are happy to host Wednesday Advent Services at Redeemer. We will gather at 6:15pm in the Family Life Center on December 2nd, 9th, and 16th for a short meal (**please bring a dish to share**); then at 7pm we will gather for a short service of Holden Evening Prayer in the sanctuary. Come join in this mid-week pause from the hectic schedule of the holiday season, a time where we can continue to focus on the expectant hope to come on Christmas morning in the birth of Jesus.

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.

Angel Tree - Do you enjoy shopping? Do you like to buy clothes, toys, and needed stuff for those that you love? Do you enjoy caring for those in need around you? If so, we encourage you to support the Angel Tree this year! Soon the Angel Tree will be up in the narthex with ways you can help those in need in our area. This is a wonderful ministry to make sure that every

child who is helped knows that they are loved and cared for. Angel Tree donations will run from November 29 through December 13.

Operation Christmas Child was quite a success with 1443 shoeboxes collected. Thank you to all who participated in this venture.

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

Please join us as we celebrate Jesus' Birthday!

Sunday, December 13th

3:00 pm

Family Life Center

We will be collecting food donations for Manna House.

(For parents: We will have opportunities for children to participate, but no rehearsals, costumes, or speaking parts are required this year...just come and enjoy!)

Part-Time Pianist

The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer has an opening for church pianist beginning December 14, 2015. The successful candidate will possess the necessary technical skills to play the church pianos. A degree in music is not required, but the person selected must have the necessary experience to satisfactorily perform the required duties.

Candidates should send a letter of application to lutheranredeemer@bellsouth.net .

Calendar November 29-December 5

Today

- 8:45 am Worship
- 9:30 am Children's and Junior Choir
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

6:15 pm Advent Services – bring a dish to share

Thursday

6:30 Library Reserved

Attendance for November 22

<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>45</u>
<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>33</u>
<u>11:00 am</u>	<u>82</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>115</u>