THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 14th & December 15th, 2019

As the prophet says: “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God” (Isaiah 35:4, NRSV).
Please introduce yourself to Pastor Allison and Pastor Akers, and complete the information in the Rite of Fellowship pad located on the pew. Large print services are available from the ushers. For Pastoral Care please call Pastor Allison or Pastor Akers at the church or at home. A Sitting Room [in the east wing] and a Nursery [in the west wing] are available for young children. “The Lutheran Hour” can be heard every Sunday at 8:00 AM on WIOU 1350 AM, sponsored by Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. Please note that the deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesdays by noon.

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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE: 5:30 PM
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:15 & 10:45 AM
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 10:45 AM [1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS]
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE - MUSIC
5:30 PM – 53 / 8:15 AM – 117 / 10:45 AM – 147 = 317
Postlude - “Joy to the World” – arr. C.W. Ore

ALTAR FLOWERS
The altar flowers this 3rd Sunday in Advent are given by Steve & Anna Gaunt. “We pray that our church family will remember the joy promised by our Heavenly Father today and all year.”

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT
We remember in our prayers, Connie Howard, Joan Swift, Tom Shutt, Kim Will, Aaron Beaver, Michael Bridegroom, Betty Pohlman, Lacy Johnson, Carol Shutt, Wess Mechner, Diane Braswell, Steve Larson, Joshua Gaylor, Maggie Gaylor, Nancy Cox, Bill Spoon, Bob Lemke, Mary Harper, Kathy & Michel Peterson, Michael Arthur, Jan Wasmuth, Bill Schmidt, Marilou Reason, and Janet Matyas.

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK – LOIS GROTRIAN
This week we are honoring Lois Grotrian as shut-in of the week.

POINSETTIAS
The beautiful poinsettias on the altar are donated from Golden K Kiwanis Club of Kokomo. Our Redeemer has many Golden K Kiwanis members.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE TO BE PICKED UP THIS WEEKEND IN THE EAST WING HALLWAY. PLEASE NOTE ENVELOPES HAVE BEEN RENUMBERED FOR 2020.
"THE KING IS HERE" CHRISTMAS CANTATA
"The King is Here" Christmas Cantata will be presented this Saturday, Dec. 14 at 5:30 PM, and Sunday at 8:15 and 10:45 AM. This multigenerational Christmas musical is designed to unite all ages rejoicing in the birth of our Savior and King, with heartfelt, passionate songs of worship.

"THE KING IS HERE" PARTICIPANTS
Sopranos: Sue Allison, Erin Klepfer, Natalie Schneider, Marcia Sturdevant, Diane Turner; Altos: Judy Brown, Kristin Hartman, Joan Hoch, Sarah Klepfer, Juanita Martin-Davis, Barb Porter, Elizabeth Wence, Renee Young; Tenors: John Bagby, Pearl Miller, David Turner; Basses: Barry Akers, David Hawk, Gary Jewell, Gene Miller, Bill Tucker; Youth Singers: Natalie Schneider, Jacob Trueblood, Jonoah Trueblood, Lizzie Tucker, Faith Wence; Narrators: Randy McPike, Kathy Tucker; Flute: Stephanie Bolinger; Oboe: Sophie Wroblewski; Horn & Trumpet: Mary Moeller; Violin: Daniel Guevera; Viola: Ann Larimer; Guitar: Bill Allison, Alex Moss; Bass: Matt Bolinger; Percussion: John Wieske; Organ: Florence Moeller; Director & Keyboard: David Britton; PowerPoint: Dan Dinkel; Sound: Jason Barton.

REMAINING CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Tuesday, December 24 at 4 PM & 6 PM
Christmas Day Communion Service - Wednesday – December 25 – 10 AM
New Year’s Eve Communion Service – Tuesday, December 31 at 5:30 PM

CHRISTMAS CARDS TO SHUT-INS
If you would like to send Christmas cards to Our Redeemer’s shut-ins, lists are available at the Welcome Center.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - ANSWERS BIBLE CURRICULUM - GIVING THANKS TO GOD!
Join us at 9:30 am each Sunday for a journey of discovery into the Bible using the Answers Bible Curriculum (ABC) from Answers in Genesis. Preschool children through adults will not only learn what’s in the Bible, but we’ll learn why it is there, why it’s true, and how to defend it. Your questions will be answered, your faith encouraged, and your view of God expanded as all age groups study the same lesson each week. Here are the details on each class:

Preschool through 1st grade meets in the RLS Kindergarten classroom with Jerry & Julie Satterfield teaching.

2nd through 4th grades meet in the RLS Third grade classroom with Mandi Stout teaching.

5th through 7th grades meet in the RLS 5th & 6th grade classroom with Kyle Bedwell teaching.

8th Grade Confirmation Class is on Christmas break until January 5th.

High School students meet in the Youth Room with Steve Gaunt & Jerry Hartman teaching.

Adults meet in Mission Hall for a study of ABC with Pastor Akers teaching.

Please take note that the nursery will be staffed during the Sunday School hour for children younger than 3 years old.

This week’s lesson for ABC is Christmas Lesson 2.

“Jesus Before the Manger: Jesus is eternal — He always was and always will be.”

ATTENTION LADIES
Coming in January, ladies Sunday morning Bible Study "Altogether Beautiful", a study of the “Song of Songs” by Heidi Goehmann, facilitated by Renee Young. You may sign up / pick up a book in the church office at Bev’s desk. Please contact Renee Young.

RLS MENTORS
Redeemer Lutheran School is in need of three more mentors for first grade students. For more information, please contact Debby Durr, Steve Gaunt, or Suzanne Dunkin.

Kokomo Rescue Mission meal service sign-up sheet for January through June, 2020 is at the Welcome Center.
ADULT INFORMATION CLASS BEGINS SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020 AT 9:30 AM
We are forming a new adult membership class. It will start Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 9:30 AM in the Adult Education Room. Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in Him, this class will explore what the Bible says about our God, and how His love gives direction and meaning to your life today and forever. This class is designed for those who are interested in learning or for members to review the foundations of the Christian faith. Attendance at the class may lead to membership in our church, but there are no obligations. We will be using Luther’s Small Catechism as our study guide. For more information, please talk with Pastor Allison.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Hosted by Mitchell Grecu
"Hi, everyone! I will be hosting a blood drive here at LCOR on Friday, January 3, 2020. During the busy Christmas season, there is a great need for blood donations, so I ask that you consider signing up to donate. You can sign up online at redcrossblood.org using the sponsor code "redeemerluth", call 1-800-RED CROSS, or see me after early or late service. Thanks. Mitchell Grecu".

RLS THIRD GRADE CLASS COLLECTING OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS
The third grade class at RLS is collecting old Christmas cards to use for a special craft. If you have any you would like to recycle, please put them in the labeled box at the Welcome Center by Monday, December 16th. Feel free to just give us the front! Thank you.

GREETERS
It is the responsibility of the Board of Deacons to provide Greeters for our Saturday 5:30 PM, Sunday 8:15 AM and the 10:45 AM services. The primary duty of a Greeter is to make all members and visitors feel welcome at Our Redeemer. Being a Greeter provides you an excellent opportunity to meet and greet the various members of Our Redeemer. If you are interested in serving as a Greeter, please contact Bob Hoch. If you are a current Greeter and do not want to serve in 2020 or would prefer a different month or time, please contact Bob so he can make change to the greeter's schedule. Thank you.

LWML WIDOW'S MITE 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 28 & 29!
The weekend of December 28 & 29 is our next 5th Sunday loose change collection. All loose change in the offering plates will be donated to the LWML as mites to fund current missions. So, check your pockets and purses and add those coins to the offering plate. [This does not take the place of the ongoing contributions placed in the new Mite Box in the Narthex.]

SMALL GROUPS
Have you ever wanted to join a Small Group? Small groups are currently being formed. Please feel free to contact Mark Dunkin, Ginny Hingst and Mark Pearson if you have any questions. There is a signup sheet at the Welcome Center. There has been interest expressed in forming a ladies' small group. If you are also interested in this type of group, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet or contact Mark Dunkin, Mark Pearson or Ginny Hingst directly.

2020 FLOWER CHART
The 2020 Flower Chart is now available in the Narthex. Please sign your name and include your phone number for the weekend you wish to place flowers on the altar. Each bouquet is $30.00 each, or $60.00 for the weekend. Questions, please contact the Church Office at 453-0969.
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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT
Isaiah 35:4 – “Say to those who have an anxious heart, ‘Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.’” The return of our Lord at the Last Day is a cause of joy and anticipation for us believers. We know our Lord and His love, and we look forward to His Second Advent. Indeed, how we live our lives here and now flows from our certain hope of resurrection and eternal life.

FAMILY FRIENDLY IDEA
The Advent of Christ – During the season of Advent we prepare for the “coming” of Jesus at Christmas. But that isn’t the only coming that we celebrate. There are three parts to the Advent of Christ: 1) His Christmas coming to earth as a human being long ago; 2) He comes to his Church today through the Bible and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper; 3) Finally, He will come again in judgment on the Last Day.

PATHWAYS / GROUNDS
Listed below are the scheduled times we will be meeting. All youth 6th – 8th (Pathways) and 9th – 12th (Grounds) are welcome to attend these events. We encourage you to bring friends, too! Please contact Erin Jorgensen or Stephanie Gross for more information.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 – ICE SKATING AT THE KOKOMO FROZEN SANDLOT
Pathways & Grounds will meet AT the Frozen Sandlot (Jackrabbits Stadium) from 5-7 PM for ice skating. A waiver must be filled out for you to attend.

SIMPLY GIVING – A WAY TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY!
Visit the church web site at www.lcorkokomo.org and select the On-line Giving link in the left column to set up your account. Once set up, you can also use a smart phone and the QR code image here to go directly to the giving page.
We find so many ways to say it. But the old familiar words are somehow always best; the members of the church & school staff pray that you will have a blessed and Christ-centered Christmas and for God’s richest and choicest blessings for you and yours both now, as we pause with the world to remember the birth of our Lord, and throughout every day in

Christmas greetings to our members and friends