

3rd Sunday in Advent – December 13, 2020

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Officiant: Rev. Robert Spilman

Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church. We invite you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 AM. Our Sunday Education & Bible Classes begin at 9:15 AM. During Advent we will meet at 7 PM on Wednesday evenings. Please join us!

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To **Ponder**: Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11: 28

To **Smile** About: Bulletin bloopers: We now have a Lost & Found. If you have lost anything, please place it in the big, green box in the office.

Before **communing**, we follow our Lord's directions and examine ourselves as it says in I Corinthians 11. We ask ourselves: Am I baptized and do I believe in Jesus as my Savior? Do I admit I am a sinner in need of forgiveness? Am I ready and willing to repent of my sin, to turn away from it, and with God's help intentionally try to live in a way which pleases Him? Have I forgiven everyone who has sinned against me? Am I free of all grudges? Do I believe in His presence, that I am receiving Jesus' Body and Blood as He says? Do I believe His promise that if I confess my sins He will forgive me completely? ... If you respond in a positive manner to those questions, and feel led by the Holy Spirit to commune, then receive the Holy Supper Jesus offers.

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Prayer before worship: At the beginning of the week we come before You, O Lord, with grateful hearts for Your protection. We thank you for

the privilege of seeing the light of new mornings. We ask You to be with us. Give us wisdom and strength for the tasks which await us. Help us to perform our duties faithfully and to find that joy which comes from seeking You in all we do. Amen.

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Our Worship Service

Officiant: Rev. Robert Spilman

Communion Assistant: Janet Zehr

Readers: Janet Zehr and Earl Pierce

Organist: Kathy Beutel

Greetings and Announcements

Opening Hymn – On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry (LSB 344) verses 1,2 and 5

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry Announces that the Lord is nigh
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin, Make straight the way for God
withing, And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter
there.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.

The Invocation: Pastor: [In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.](#)

Congregation: Amen.

P: [The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;](#)

C: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light
shined.

The Advent Wreath 1st and 2nd purple and pink candles are lit.

P: Jesus Said. “ I am the light of the world.”

C: “Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Our Confession: Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Congregation: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said “ I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found. Let us confess our sins, confident that our gracious God forgives us.

C: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name’s sake!

P: Peace be with you! Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ tells His Church, “If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven.” I, therefore, a called pastor of His Church, by His authority forgive you all your sins in the name of the father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

The Introit: All: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak

peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly. Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land. Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.

The Collect of the Day: All: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers, and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of the Word:

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 126- Reader reads the odd numbered verses. Congregation reads the even numbered verses. (in the Psalm section of the LSB)

The **Epistle Reading** – I Thessalonians 5: 16-24 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The **Holy Gospel** – P: [The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter, verses 6-8 and 19-28](#)

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

P: [This is the Gospel of the Lord.](#)

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Hymn – (to the tune LSB 361)

A child is born in Bethlehem, the Savior promised long
In scrolls of prophets; promises; loud hailed in angels' song. Emmanuel, God with us, has come to heal the earth. With sages, saints and angel tongues, proclaim the wondrous birth.

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

The Prayer of the Church – During which after Pastor says “ Lord in your mercy”, Congregation replies “ **hear our prayer.** ”

*(Please place **Offerings** in the plate at the entrance upon leaving)*

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution and the Distribution

The Benediction : P: O Lord, I call upon You; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to You!

C: Let my prayer be counted as incense before You, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Our Closing Hymn: Hark the Glad Sound (LSB 349)

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the pris'ner to release, In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.

He come the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure, And with
the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim, And
heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy beloved name.

**The Worship is over, now the service begins. Honoring the past, living
in the present, planning for the future – in His Name. May each of us
leave church today ASSURED with unshakable promises and
unshakable hope, because of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Our Redeemer Lutheran officers: Rob Haak, Earl Pierce, Debbie Hall,
Tricia Papke. Our deacons: Jim Ganschow, Don Hajdufi, Marilynn
Kurzdorfer, Marilyn Winter, Janet Zehr, and Pam Zimmerman