

2nd Sunday in Advent – December 6, 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**: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3: 5-6

To **Smile** About: Josh was trying to teach his puppy to walk alongside him by reading the Bible to him. When asked why, he said, "I'm using the healing power of prayer."

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: Kathy Jaenecke and Jim Ganschow

Organist: Wanda Haak

Greetings and Announcements

Opening Hymn – (Tune LSB 410)

The Advent of our God shall be our theme for prayer; Come, let us meet Him on the road and place for Him prepare.

The everlasting Son incarnate stoops to be, Him self the servant's form puts on to set His people free.

All glory to the Son, who comes to set us free, With Father, Spirit, ever one through all eternity.

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 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: Restore us, O God, let Your face shine, that we may be saved! Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. You brought a vine out of Egypt, it took deep root and filled the land. Restore us, O God of hosts, let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

The Collect of the Day: All: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of the Word:

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 85- Reader reads the odd numbered verses.
Congregation reads the even numbered verses. (in the Psalm section of the LSB)

The **Epistle Reading** – II Peter 3: 8-14 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The **Holy Gospel** – P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter, verses 1-8.

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: Exalt the Lord our God; worship at His footstool!
Holy is he!

C: Moses and Aaron were among His priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon His name. They call to the Lord, and He answered them.

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 verses 1 and 4)

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

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