



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 am

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDES

Blessed Be the God of Israel

Paul Manz

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

Robert Benson

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Paul Manz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Lord, ✝ the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

<We kneel.>

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,

We confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

<We stand.>

People of God,

A new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✝ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

ELW 249

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

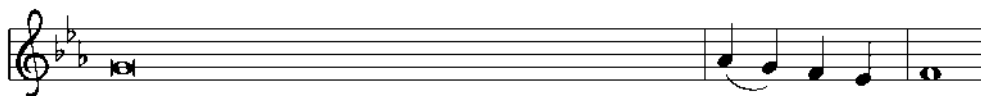
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



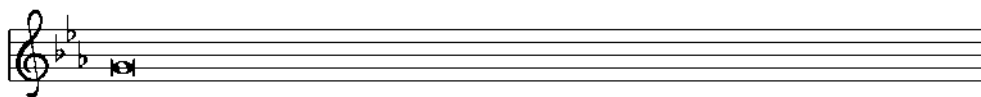
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



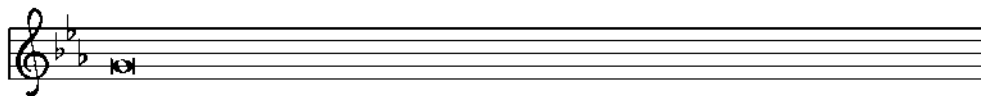
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together...God of justice,

You sent your servant Esther into a life of privilege so that those without would be taken care of. In our privilege, show us how to advocate for those who have less, so that your world might be peaceful and just. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Christ, Our Peace*

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Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;



Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod - y in you.

<We sit.>

+ WORD +

READING

Esther 4:1-17

Pew Bible pg. 388

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

SERMON

<We stand.>

Rev. Matthew Titus

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blessed Be the God of Israel

ELW 250

INSTALLATION OF 2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith with the words of the 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.

<We kneel.>

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition will end with “God, in your mercy” and the response is “**Receive our prayer.**”
At the conclusion of the prayers, we respond with “**Amen.**”

<We stand.>

SHARING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share the peace however you and those around you are comfortable.

<We sit.>

ANTHEM

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

K. Lee Scott

<We stand.>

+ MEAL +

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray ... We ask this through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg. 107

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

ELW pg. 108

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding...*

we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...

...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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 THE MEAL

Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

<We sit.>

COMMUNION

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. You are invited to come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. If you are not able, the meal will be brought to you in your pew. A gluten-free wafer is available, upon request, for those who need it.

COMMUNION HYMN

He Came Down

ELW 253

<We stand.>

THE TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray ... coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

SUNG BLESSING

In the name of the Father.

In the name of the Father.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

In the name of the Son.

In the name of the Son.

May God's face shine upon you.

May God's face shine upon you.

In the name of the Spirit.

In the name of the Spirit.

May God's blessings be with you.

May God's blessings be with you.

The Three-in-One.

The Three-in-One.

And give you peace.

And give you peace.

SENDING HYMN

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

ELW 246

<Please turn and face the rear of the nave.>

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE MUSIC

Prepare the Royal Highway

Michael Burkhardt

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Worship Leadership

Worship Leader	Rev. Matthew Titus
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Crucifer	Olivia West
Choir Director	Gayle Lindley
Organist	Huger Caughman, Jr.
Youth Director	Aubrey Guyton
Video	Matt Bowers
Audio	Annette Belcher or Claire Grosshuesch
Communion Prep	Huger Caughman Jr., Rosemary Dominick, Kitty Summer

Announcements

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents John and Atlee Lindsay, and George and Vivian Epting by Johnny and Kathy Lindsay.

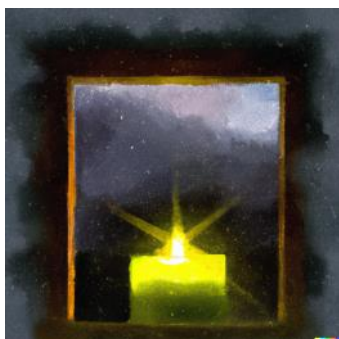
Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission will be gathering at Shealy's BBQ on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP to Huger Caughman, Jr. by Sunday, December 11 if you plan to attend.

50+ will not meet in December due to the Children's Christmas Program.

The Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 11 at 5:30 pm in the Family Life Center. Supper will be served following the program. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, December 9 if you plan to attend. (It is important that we know how many people are attending the meal.)

Any children or adults who would like to participate in the Christmas Program are invited to attend the practices during Sunday School (9:30 am) on Sunday, December 4 and Sunday, December 11 in the Family Life Center. It is important to be prompt to the practices so we can ensure that each part is covered and rehearsed.

The Prayer & Care Class meets on Monday from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm in the Fesperman classroom upstairs in the educational building. We meet each Monday afternoon except when the church is closed for a holiday. Anyone is welcome to come and join us for some creative card making. No experience required!



Our Longest Night Service will be held December 21, 2022 at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Angel Tree - We get to participate again in the local Angel Tree ministry! Unwrapped gifts are to be delivered to the church office by December 11. Thank you to all who have chosen to make Christmas even more memorable for so many children in our community!

WELCA will meet TODAY, Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 pm in the Church library to prepare gifts for the shut-ins and plan their distribution. There will not be a program. We look forward to preparing these gifts that bring joy to our shut-ins.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 10

Today	9:30 am	Sunday School
	9:30 am	Children’s Program Practice - FLC
	10:30 am	Worship
	2:00 pm	WELCA
	5:15 pm	Youth
Monday	2:30-4:30 pm	Prayer & Care Class - Room 212
	6:00 pm	Anger Management - Room 141
Tuesday		
	6:30 pm	Project Nectar
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir - McCullough Music Room
	7:30 pm	Senior Choir - McCullough Music Room
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

Attendance for Nov. 27, 2022

Sunday School	18
In-Person	62
Online	88
Total	150

Offering for this Week:

Needed Weekly - \$6,000.00
Received 11-27-22 - \$2,077.07