



# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 am

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚ .....

## **Voluntaries**

*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

Paul Manz

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Michael Burkhardt

*Improvisation on "Greensleeves"*

Richard Purvis

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<We stand.>

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

<We kneel.>

Long-expected God,

**we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake.**

**Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

<We stand.>

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ✚ you are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

**Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN**

**O Lord, How Shall I Meet You**

*ELW Hymn 241*

## **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.**

# LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

## O Come, O Come Emmanuel, vs. 2

ELW Hymn 257

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

*Refrain*  
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together. God of breath, You promised new life to your people in exile by breathing into a valley full of dry bones. Breathe new life into us, so that we might live passionately for you. Amen.

<We sit.>

..... ✚ WORD ✚ .....

## READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Pew Bible page 704

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath<sup>[a]</sup> to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath<sup>[b]</sup> in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

### GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 11:25-26**

*Pew Bible page 874*

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"*

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

<We sit.>

### SERMON

**Rev. Matthew Titus**

<We stand.>

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1 Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, breath of God; un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, breath of God; so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love all that you love and do what you would do.  
un - til with you I will one will to do and to en - dure.  
but live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

<We kneel.>

*Each prayer petition will end with "God of grace," and the response is "hear our prayer."  
At the conclusion of the prayers, we respond with ... in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. "Amen."*

<We stand.>

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also, with you.**

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

<We sit.>

..... ✙ MEAL ✙ .....

## RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

Walk in Light

Karen Marrolli

<We stand.>

### OFFERTORY HYMN

#### People, Look East, vs. 2

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray... Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, ...

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

... We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

... Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

... one God, 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

Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

<We sit.>

## COMMUNION

*Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized. We come in faith, trusting Christ is truly present in the bread and wine – given for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen us for proclaiming God's love in the world. You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice. If you are unable to come forward, communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

<We stand.>

## THE TABLE BLESSING

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

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

..... ✚ **SENDING** ✚ .....

## SUNG BLESSING

In the name of the Father.

**In the name of the Father.**

In the name of the Son.

**In the name of the Son.**

In the name of the Spirit.

**In the name of the Spirit.**

The Three-in-One.

**The Three-in-One.**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

**May the Lord bless you and keep you.**

May God's face shine upon you.

**May God's face shine upon you.**

May God's blessings be with you.

**May God's blessings be with you.**

And give you peace.

**And give you peace.**

## SENDING HYMN

**Prepare the Royal Highway**

*ELW Hymn 264*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.

**Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

Michael Burkhardt

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our aunt, Katherine Epting Hawkins, and in memory of our mothers, Atlee Lindsay and Vivian Epting, by Johnny & Kathy Lindsay.

..... **ANNOUNCEMENTS** .....

**WELCA** - will meet today at 2:00 pm, (**please note the time change**) in the church library to prepare Christmas gifts for the shut-ins.

Redeemer's Lutheran Men in Mission will meet at Shealy's BBQ in Batesburg-Leesville at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 9 for supper and fellowship. We would like to invite all members and families to join us for this gathering. Please RSVP to Huger, Jr. by today if you plan to attend. This is important to make sure adequate space for our group is reserved.

**Save the Date** - the Fellowship Committee will host a Christmas Meal after service Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7 <b>Property Committee Mtg - 9:00am</b> <b>Sunday School - 9:30am</b> <b>Worship - 10:30am</b> <b>WELCA - 2:00 pm</b> <b>Youth Confirmation - 4pm</b> <b>Youth Group - 5pm</b>	8	9 <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry -10am</b> <b>FLC Reserved - At Home Senior Care -10am</b> <b>Finance Comm - 6pm</b> <b>LMM - Shealy's BBQ - 7pm</b> <b>Library Reserved</b>	10 <b>Handbell Rehearsal - 6pm</b> <b>Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm</b>	11	12 <b>FLC Reserved - Derryl Satterwhite</b>	13 <b>FLC Rsrvd</b>	14 <b>Sunday School - 9:30am</b> <b>Worship - 10:30am</b> <b>Fellowship Christmas Meal</b> <b>Youth Confirmation - 4pm</b> <b>Youth Christmas Party - 5pm</b>

**Worship Leadership - This Sunday**  
**Worship Asst:** Derryll Satterwhite  
**Acolyte:** Dennis Caughman  
**Crucifer:** Zarek Reid  
**Comm Prep:** Lynn Cary  
**Altar Flowers:** Johnny & Kathy Lindsay  
**Ushers:** Chad Cary, Norris Long, Zeb Reid, Dennis Caughman

**Sunday, December 14th**  
**Worship Asst:** Johnny Lindsay  
**Acolyte:** Elin Cary  
**Crucifer:** Zoe Reid  
**Comm Prep:** Erin Titus  
**Altar Flowers:** B.L. Brown  
**Ushers:** Susan Thomasson, Walter Jacobs, Justin Guy, Dennis Caughman

**Numbers for November 30, 2025:**

**Attendance:**

Sunday School: 29  
In-Person: 68  
Online: 164  
**Total: 232**

**Offering:**

Gen Operating Account: \$3,162.22/ Major Maintenance: \$575.00  
Abiding Memorial: \$25.00/ Redeemer Music Fund: \$25.00  
Special Flowers: \$212.00/MKBF Fund: \$56.00/ Choral Scholarship: \$210.00

**The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor · Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper**  
**Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr., Organist · Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director**  
**Aubrey Cisko, Youth Director**

**A/V Team: Annette Belcher, Wayden Caughman, Nikki Chapman, and Matt Bowers**

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