

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Second Sunday of Christmas
Wednesday, January 1, 2020

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Order of Worship
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Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

Key to hymnals:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

* = Please rise

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELW #311

***Confession and Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
Love from the beginning,
Word made flesh,
Breath of heaven.
Amen.

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another,
trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

(Those who choose to may kneel.)

(Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.)

Merciful God,
we confess that we are not perfect.
We have said and done things we regret.
We have tried to earn your redeeming grace,
while denying it to others.
We have resisted your call
to be your voice in the world.
Forgive us, loving God.
Give us your righteousness,
the strength to put aside our failures,
and the courage to try again. Amen.

(Water is poured into the baptismal font.)

Dear people of God, hear the good news:
Christ the Savior is born!
You are loved and forgiven
in the name of † Jesus, who has come among us.
You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved,
because God's love is given to you
as the most precious gift of all.
Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.
Amen.

(Please rise.)

***Greeting**

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

C: And also with you

***Hymn of Praise**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW #172

*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,

and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

Psalm 147:12-20

¹²Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion,
¹³**who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.**
¹⁴God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
¹⁵**God sends out a command to the earth,
a word that runs very swiftly.**
¹⁶God gives snow like wool,
scattering frost like ashes.
¹⁷**God scatters hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against God's cold?**
¹⁸The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.
¹⁹**God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.**
²⁰The LORD has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*Gospel: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

P: The holy gospel according to St. John...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or

of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

The First Noel

ELW #300

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Prayers of the Church

P: ...Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

*Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

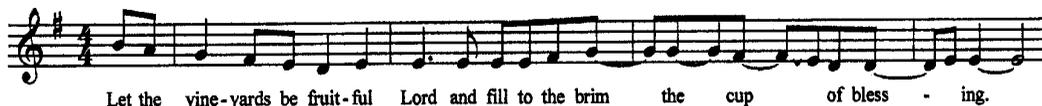
MEAL

Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! As our tithes and offerings are being collected, please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew and pass it down to the next person.

*Offertory

Let the Vineyards



*The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

*Sanctus

L: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C:

Sanctus

arr. Neil Gladen



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might.



5 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - na - in the high - est.



9 Bless-ed is he who co - mes in the name - of the Lord,



13 Ho - sa - na in the high - est Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

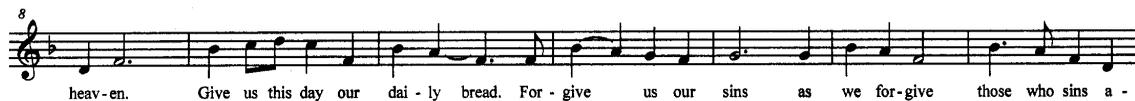
*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

Lord's Prayer



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in



8 heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sins a-



15 gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil, for the king-dom the pow'r and the



22 glor-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.

Distribution

All who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please follow the direction of the ushers, exiting your pew on the outside and returning to your pew via the center aisle. Communion will be served at two stations in the front of the sanctuary. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice (in pre-filled cups) is available as you approach the front.

*Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Benediction**

***Sending Hymn**

This Little Light of Mine

ELW #677

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Reader: Brianna Berg

Ushers: Chad and Becky Berg

Acolytes: Payton Leier and Cora Hintz

Communion Ministers: Sharon Odegaard, Linda Olson, Scott Pream

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Renae Dalen, Mary Jo Mugaas

Musicians: Greg Dally, Paula Adamson

Church Offering Bank Run: Tony Olson

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY (JANUARY 5)

Reader: Jane Aandal

Ushers: Eric and Julie Tjelle

Acolytes:

Communion Ministers: Darlene Kelley, Tom Kays, Open

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Renae Dalen, Mary Jo Mugaas

Musicians: Dean Dalen, Scott Pream, Paula Adamson

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Altar Guild

Church Offering Bank Run: Brooks Vigen

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY NEXT WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 8)

Reader: Cindy Dally

Ushers: Kate and Briggs Anderson

Acolytes: Payton Leier and Cora Hintz

Communion Ministers: Cindy Dally, Stacy Davidson, Leslie Rogalla

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Renae Dalen, Mary Jo Mugaas

Musicians: Greg Dally, Paula Adamson

Church Offering Bank Run: Tony Olson

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Our Mission Statement: Being chosen by God and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Redeemer Lutheran Church gathers together to worship, serve and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, to provide meaning and purpose for daily living.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF January 1-8, 2020

Wednesday, January 1



Happy New Year's Day!

Office Closed

6:30pm

Worship with Holy Communion

Friday, January 3

10:00am

Annual Reports due!

Church directory pictures due!

Sunday, January 5

9:30am

Worship with Holy Communion

Tuesday, January 7

10:00am

Martha Unit at Valley Home

6:00pm

Council meeting

Wednesday, January 8

5:15-6:15pm

6th - 7th Confirmation

5:15pm

Sing and Ring

5:45pm

BLAST

6:30pm

Worship with Holy Communion

7:30pm

8th Confirmation

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your prayers this week please remember Linda Olson, Ingrid Anderson, Obert Sundahl, Delores Ault, Rev. Darrel Cory, Gloria Leach, Larry Forsberg, Annabelle Cuppett, Erika Kahlhamer, Jeremy Johnson, Brenda Russ, Chad Gunderson, Kelly Amundgaard, Jason Miller, Shelley Steva, and Molly Dahlin and family.

Altar flowers this day are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

We are looking for a wheelchair in great shape for the church, please contact the church office if you have any information.

We still have openings for Altar Flowers on the following dates in:

January 8/12, 22/26, Jan 29/Feb 2, Feb 5/9

Church Directory!!! If you have not turned in a picture for the church directory you still have time. We are getting the church directory updated and available for everyone. **Please have your picture in by Friday, January 3rd.**

Youth Event at Redeemer!!!

6th-8th Grade Youth Group will start on Sunday, January 12th from 7-8:30pm at Redeemer.

9th-12th Grade Youth Group will start on Sunday, January 26th from 7-8:30pm at Zion.

Just a friendly reminder to make sure you visit our website www.redeemertrf.org, we have plenty of information on how you can volunteer, newsletters, bulletins, our different programs, and you can also donate thru our website.

Church Announcements: Please make sure to have your announcements in every week to Vanessa VanDam by **Monday at 10:00 a.m.** so that the preparation of bulletins does not get delayed.

Quarterly statements are available upon request; please contact Vanessa at the church office.

Monthly Treasurer's Reports are available anytime for viewing. Contact Marit Knutson or the church office.

A support group for people who are caregivers and/or family members of those with dementia/Alzheimer's will be held the third Monday of each month at the Grand Stay hotel meeting room in Thief River Falls. This caregiver support group is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. It is designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for caregivers through regularly scheduled meetings. For more information, please contact the facilitator Kari Jesme at 218-686-4487 or at kari.jesme@outlook.com.

Free services for seniors wishing to remain independent: The RSVP Groceries to go and Handyman Programs are vital services for seniors 60+ wishing to remain independently in their homes. G2G Volunteers shop for and deliver groceries or assist with shopping 2-4 times per month.

Handyman volunteers assist with minor home maintenance issues. Caring volunteers are ready to help you! Contact Tammy or Jennifer at 218-281-8288 or 800-862-6466, or e-mail tsyles@umn.edu or jkerdman@umn.edu.

If you are struggling with grief, please check the kiosk in the Narthex for various grief support groups being offered by Hospice of the Red River Valley