

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH Second Sunday of Christmas Sunday, January 3, 2021

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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 1) Second Sunday of Christmas January 3, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

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

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send a text message to Reid Froiland at 218-686-5265 to let us know from where you are worshipping. Please include your name.

All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.



Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, st. 4 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

*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, \pm one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy. **Amen.**

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

(Those who choose to may kneel.)

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

God of goodness and lovingkindness,

we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.

We have turned away from your invitation to new life.

We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

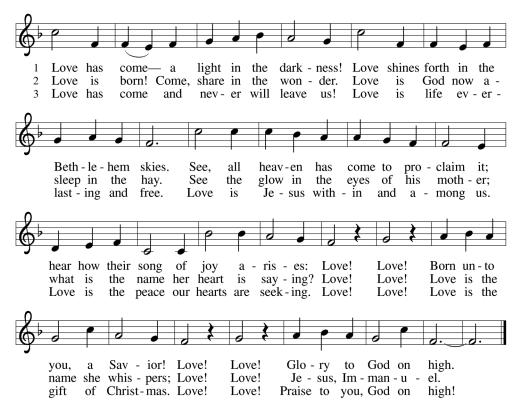
(Water is poured into the baptismal font.)

(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.



Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale, 1856 Text © 1996 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (ASCAP), c/o Integrity Media, Inc., 1000 Cody Road, Mobile, AL 36695.

*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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:12-20



The tone is played once; all hum the tone once; then the psalm is chanted responsively.

- ¹²Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem; praise your | God, O Zion,
- ¹³who has strengthened the bars | of your gates and has blessed your chil- | dren within you.
- ¹⁴God has established peace | on your borders and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.
- ¹⁵God sends out a command | to the earth, a word that runs | very swiftly.
- 16God gives | snow like wool, scattering | frost like ashes.
- ¹⁷God scatters | hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?
- ¹⁸The LORD sends forth the | word and melts them; the wind blows, and the | waters flow.
- ¹⁹God declares the | word to Jacob, statutes and judg- | ments 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.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

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*Gospel: John 1:1-18

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.

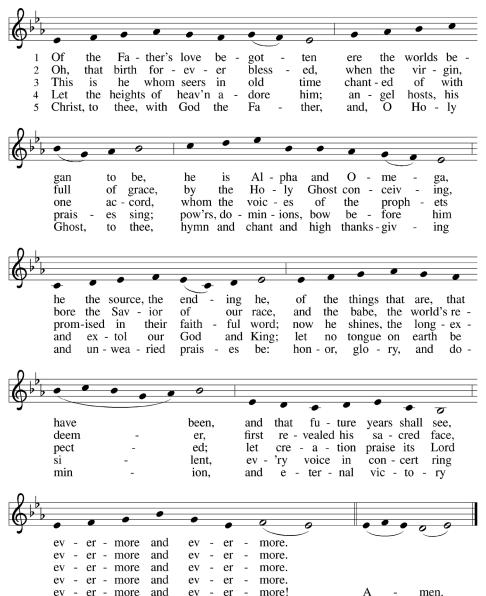
⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

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 Madison Crane



Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–413; tr. composite Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

*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.

*Prayers of the Church

L: ...Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

*Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

C: And also with you.

<u>MEAL</u>

Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! In-person worshippers can place their offering in the offering box before the service or at this time. Your tithes and offerings submitted via the Postal Service or electronically are also gratefully appreciated.



Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894 Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

*Offering Prayer

Gracious God, you came to us as one unknown, bringing joy and salvation to the earth. Nourish us at your banquet table, that with all who welcome your birth we may proclaim your peace, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*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.

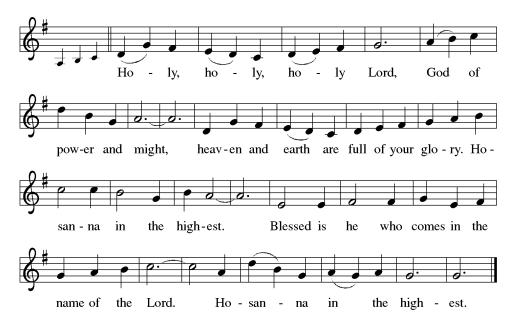
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus ELW p. 108



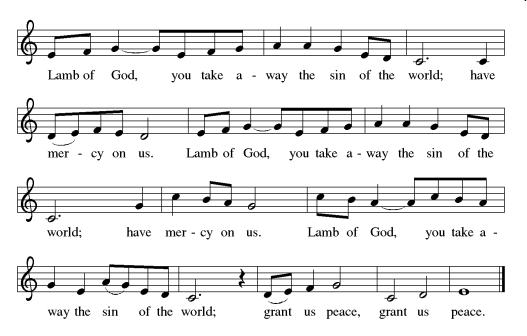
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*Lord's Prayer

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.

*Agnus Dei ELW p. 112



Distribution

If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, we invite you to join in celebrating at Christ's table wherever you are, with bread and wine, grape juice, or water, as we remain physically separated yet "together met, together bound by all that God has done" and "the love that makes us one." ("I Come with Joy". ELW #482)

If you are worshipping with us in person today, know that all who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please approach the serving station at the front of the church using the center aisle. One side of the church will be served at a time.

Please wait to leave your pew until the last person in the pew ahead of yours has reached the serving station, so that we maintain proper social distancing.

As you approach the serving station, please cup your hands together and stretch them out toward the server; the bread will be dropped into your hands. Then as you move to the wine, a server will remove an individual pre-filled cup, place it on the table, and step back; you may then pick up the cup from the table. Then return to your pew via the outside aisles. Be mindful of the cables for the livestream running across the floor.

Our bread is a new recipe that is gluten- and other allergen-free.

If you wish to receive grape juice instead of wine, please indicate that to the server; a cup of white grape juice will be given to you.





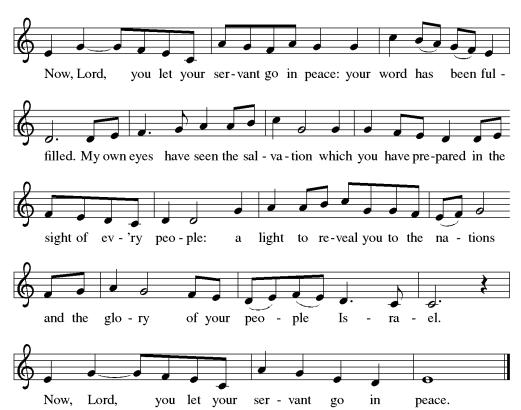
*Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

*Post-Communion Canticle

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*Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us from your very self with the body and blood of Christ. Through this mystery, send us forth to proclaim your promise to a world in need, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

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SENDING

*Benediction and Threefold Amen



*Sending Hymn

The Bells of Christmas

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All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The Bells of Christmas

Det kimer nu til julefest



- 5 O patriarchs' Joy, O prophets' Song, O Dayspring bright, awaited long, O Son of Man, incarnate Word, great David's Son, great David's Lord:
- 6 Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly guest, and keep your Christmas in our breast; then David's harpstrings, hushed so long, shall swell our jubilee of song.

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding: Madison Crane Cantor/Lector: Chris Cuppett

Organist: Reid Froiland

Communion Minister: Jan Anderson

Acolyte/Video: Dave Ulrich

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<u>Our Mission Statement:</u> 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 DECEMBER 27 2020-JANUARY 3,2021

Sunday, January 3 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, January 6 5:30pm Live streamed BLAST

Sunday, January 10 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your prayers this week please remember David Grovum, David Jarvi (Susan Froiland's brother), Dan Parker (Mike Parker's brother), Tami Hanson, Julie Kiesow (Lavonne Forsberg's sister), Scott Hickerson, Karen Burgus (Chris Burnham's sister), Dale Folger, Joyce Froschheiser, Ken Poole, Mike Gilbertson, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Brooklyn Poe, Brenna Stenberg (Dale & Jan Dillon's great-granddaughter), Mark Thompson (Dale & Jan Dillon's son-in-law), Gloria Leach, Larry Forsberg, Annabelle Cuppett, Jeremy Johnson, Chad Gunderson, Shelley Steva, and Molly Dahlin and family.

Especially during these uncertain times, God calls us to certain tasks, and we call on God's help to fulfill them.

Dear Lord, we call on you now to guide us through the tasks ahead of us. Amen

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

Redeemer's Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

2021 Offering envelopes are now available for pickup, they are in the Narthex. Please pick up your envelopes by Wednesday, February 17th. You can pick them up anytime the church is open, either during business hours 8:30-1:30, even during another activity, or Sunday morning. If you are unable to pick up your envelopes by February 17, please let the church office know. Also, if you give electronically and would like to decline your envelopes, please let the church office know.

Anybody that does not pick up their envelopes or notify the office to hold their envelopes by February 17 will not receive envelopes for 2022.

Please complete an Estimate of Giving card as a sign of your commitment to the ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church. A version of the card is on the last page of

this bulletin; additional cards are available in the Narthex. Cards can be mailed to the church or dropped off anytime the building is open. Additionally, the card can be downloaded from Redeemer's website, filled in on your computer, and e-mailed to the church office. Thank you for your commitment. Estimate of Giving cards will be consecrated during worship on January 10.

Altar flower purchases for 2021 are available now. Please contact the church office if you would like to purchase flowers. Any flowers that were purchased for the time when indoor public worship was suspended in 2020 will be moved to the corresponding week in 2021.

Indoor public worship services! At this time there will be one service each week, at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. You must call the church office each week by 8:00 a.m. the Friday prior to worship to reserve seats for your family unit; we are limited to 55 worshippers in the Sanctuary to allow for adequate spacing. Please see the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for more information. The livestream of worship will continue.

BLAST will continue to be livestreamed at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Families who have not yet picked up their packages of materials for BLAST can do so anytime the church is open.

We are now back to normal office hours, 8:30am-1:30pm. For your safety and the safety of our staff, we are requesting when you come to Redeemer that you wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Most other in-person events at Redeemer have been cancelled.

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.

2020	January- March	April-June	July- September	October	November
Budget Income	\$75,096.25	\$75,096.25	\$75,096.25	\$25,031.25	\$25,031.25
Actual Income	\$63,477.59	\$56,975.22	\$48,728.37	\$20,427.52	\$18,110.14
Budget Expense	\$75,096.25	\$75,096.25	\$75,096.25	\$25,031.25	\$25,031.25
Actual Expense	\$73,382.89	\$63,663.69	\$73,060.50	\$21,951.00	\$21,968.45
Short Income	-\$9,905.30	-\$6,688.47	-\$24,332.13	-\$1,523.48	-\$3,858.51

Redeemer Lutheran Church Estimate of Giving 2021

LORD, STIR US TO DREAM

Redeemer Ministry in Action

Name(s)
Address
City/State/Zip
Phone: HomeCell
Email
\Box I will pray for the mission and ministry of our church through financial support.
☐ I will grow in my giving next year by increasing my support by%.
☐ My yearly commitment: \$
□ I plan to give: \$ weekly \$ monthly \$ quarterly \$ annually
☐ I am interested in contributing online but need help. ☐ I contribute online.
☐ I would like information on the Mission Endowment fund. (Contact information will be sent to you.)
☐ I am able to help with: serving communion reading ushering greeting Altar Guild