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Order of Worship

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In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

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

* = Please rise

The Christmas Prelude To be selected from the following:

Still, Still, Still

setting, Paul Manz

He Is Born (IL EST NÉ)

arr. by Diane Bish

Three Reflections on Your Little Ones, Dear Lord

setting, David Lasky

(HER KOMMER DINE ARME SMA)

Angels We Have Heard on High (GLORIA)

setting, William Ringham

("...sweetly singing o'er the plains...")

God Rest You Merry

setting, Aaron Shows

O Come, Little Children (IHR KINDERLEIN KOMMET)

setting, Michael Burkhardt

It Came upon the Midnight Clear (CAROL)

setting, David M. Cherwien

O Sanctissima

arr. by Diane Bish

Now Shine a Thousand Candles Bright (CHRISTMAS CANDLES) setting, Edwin T. Childs

Prelude Hymn *Before the Marvel of This Night*

WOV #636

(facing page)

Welcome and Announcements

We thank you for worshiping safely with us this evening by wearing your mask, even when singing, and practicing social distancing.

BEFORE THE MARVEL OF THIS NIGHT

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008

MARVEL
Carl F. Schalk



1. Be - fore the mar - vel of this night
2. A - wake the sleep - ing world with song,
3. The love that we have al - ways known,



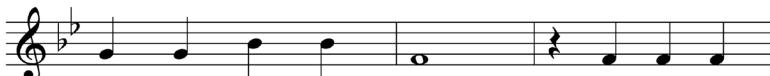
a - dor - ing, fold your wings and bow,
this is the day the Lord has made.
our con - stant joy and end - less light,



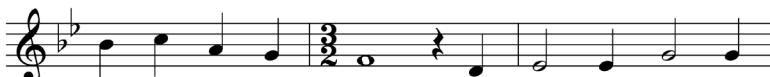
then tear the sky a - part with light and
As - sem - ble here, ce - les - tial throng, in
now to the love - less world be shown, now



with your news the world en - dow. Pro - claim the
roy - al splen - dor come ar - rayed. Give earth a
break up - on its death - ly night. In - to one



birth of Christ and peace, that fear and
glimpse of heav'n - ly bliss, a teas - ing
song com - press the love that rules our



death and sor - row cease: sing peace, sing peace, sing
taste of what they miss: sing bliss, sing bliss, sing
u - ni - verse a - bove: sing love, sing love, sing



gift of peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace!
end - less bliss, sing bliss, sing end - less bliss!
God is love, sing love, sing God is love!

*The Christmas Proclamation

All turn and face the processional cross at the rear of the sanctuary.

Many ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth
and then formed man and woman in his own image;
long after the great flood, when God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant;
twenty-one centuries from the time the promise was given to Abraham and Sarah;
thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt and Miriam
danced in freedom;
eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the judges;
one thousand years from the anointing of David as king,
in fulfillment of the times and years and months and days discerned by the
prophets;
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome;
the forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus;
while the whole world enjoyed a span of peace,
Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,
desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming,
being conceived by the Holy Spirit and nine months of growth in the womb of his
mother—
now in our own times is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, God made flesh.

*Gathering Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW #270

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

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time. The music features a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes.

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!

Music score for the first stanza of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing". The music is in G major, common time. The vocal line consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics describe the birth of Christ:

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Music score for the second stanza of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing". The music is in G major, common time. The vocal line consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics describe the divine nature of Christ and his mission:

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Music score for the third stanza of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing". The music is in G major, common time. The vocal line consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics describe the divine hosts and the birth of Christ:

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Music score for the Refrain of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing". The music is in G major, common time. The vocal line consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are:

Refrain
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

*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.

*Candlelighting Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light

stanzas 1-5 and refrain

ELW #715

Musical notation for the first stanza of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the

Musical notation for the second stanza of the hymn, continuing the melody from the first stanza.

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone
wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants

Musical notation for the third stanza of the hymn, continuing the melody from the previous stanzas.

your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.
bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.
to one an-oth-er, signs of your king-dom come.

Musical notation for the Refrain of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

Musical notation for the fourth stanza of the hymn, continuing the melody from the previous stanzas.

dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

Musical notation for the fifth stanza of the hymn, continuing the melody from the previous stanzas.

church gath-ered to-day.

*Lighting of the Christ Candle

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
In song and story your Son, Jesus, is proclaimed
Light of the world, Word made flesh.
In him we see the glory of God full of grace and truth.

Bless us, now, as we light this Christ candle.
Let us be, like Jesus, light in the darkness,
love for a fearful world,
and a people proclaiming peace and justice.

O come, let us adore him.

Let us adore the light of the world, Christ the Lord. Amen.

*Candlelighting Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light refrain

ELW #715

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The first staff is labeled "Refrain". The lyrics are as follows:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96

¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

Hymn

Away in a Manger

ELW #277



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
 2 The cat - tle are low-ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.
 your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.



Text: North American, 19th cent.

Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841–1905

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who

gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord

stanzas 1 and 2

ELW #286

Musical notation for stanza 1 of "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord". The music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are:

1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we, and
2 With songs we has - ten you to greet, and

Musical notation for stanza 2 of "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord". The music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are:

Musical notation for stanza 3 of "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord". The music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are:

come your low - ly bed to see; en - light - en ev - 'ry
kiss the ground be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,

Musical notation for stanza 4 of "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord". The music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are:

Musical notation for stanza 5 of "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord". The music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are:

soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.
sweet-est night that gave you birth, our soul's de - light.

*Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*Gospel Acclamation

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord stanzas 3 and 4

ELW #286

3 Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord, and
4 Un - til at last we too pro - claim,
and with

to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to
all your saints, your glo - rious name; in par - a - dise our

us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.
songs re - new, and praise you as the an - gels do.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth, 1845–1925, alt.
Music: HER KOMMER DINE ARME SMÅ, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

Sermon

Rev. Darrel Cory

*Hymn of the Day

See amid the Winter's Snow

The musical score consists of two staves of music in G major, common time. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, with some sustained notes indicated by dots. The first stanza of lyrics is set to the first four measures of music. The second stanza follows, also set to four measures. The third stanza begins at the start of the fifth measure, continuing through the end of the music staff.

1 See a - mid the win - ter's snow, born for us on earth be - low,
 2 Lo, with - in a man - ger lies God who built the star - ry skies,
 3 Say, ye ho - ly shep - herds, say what your joy - ful news to - day;
 4 "As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a won - drous light;
 5 Sa - cred in - fant, all di - vine, what a might-y love was thine,

see, the ten - der Lamb ap - pears, promised from e - ter - nal years.
 who en-throned in height sub - lime sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
 where-fore have ye left your sheep on the lone - ly moun - tain steep?
 an - gels sing - ing 'Peace on earth' told us of the Sav - ior's birth."
 thus to come from high - est bliss down to such a world as this!

Refrain

Hail, thou ev - er bless-ed morn; hail, re-demp-tion's hap - py dawn;

sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem, Christ is born in Beth-le - hem.

Text: Edward Caswall, 1814–1878

Music: SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW 7 7 7 7 and refrain, John Goss, 1800–1880

*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.

Offering

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

Ministry of Music

O Holy Night

Dane Froiland

*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.

*Thanksgiving for the Word

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

***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.**

*Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night!

ELW #281

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are in German, with some lines repeated. The music features eighth and sixteenth note patterns, with dynamic markings like p (piano) and f (forte). The lyrics are:

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

 ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

 Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

 Ruh,
 peace,
 born!
 birth,
 schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

SENDING

*Benediction and Threefold Amen

A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

*Sending Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW #283

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

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing!



Refrain

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!



Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

*Dismissal

P: Glory to God in the highest!

C: Peace to God's people on earth!

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TONIGHT:

Presiding Minister	Rev. Darrel Cory
Cantor/Lector	Chris Cuppett
Greeters/Ushers	Denice Nelson and Carol Ihle (3:00) Angie Westling and Carol Ihle (5:00)
Acolyte/Video	Dave Ulrich
Organist	Reid Froiland

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2020– JANUARY 3, 2021

Sunday, December 27	Final Day of the ELCA Good Gifts Campaign 9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Thursday, December 31	Office Closed	
Friday, January 1	<i>Happy New Years!</i> Office Closed	
Sunday, January 3	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your prayers this week please remember 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.

We give our Christian sympathy to the family of John T. Anderson. John T. died on Friday, December 18, in Mankato, MN. Funeral services will be in Thief River Falls at a later date.

We give our Christian sympathy to the family of Jerry Odegaard. Jerry died Saturday, December 19; funeral services will be held Monday, January 5, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls.

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 off of Redeemer's website, filled in on your computer, and e-mailed to the church office. Thank you for your commitment.

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 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
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Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____

- 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
other _____