



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 2, 2018

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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 1)
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December 2, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Our Lord’s contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.

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

Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Cormac Leland Paulson and Grayson Wayne Aune
Parents: Adam and Shauna Paulson; Dallas and Rachel Aune
Godparents: Dallas and Rachel Aune, Chelsey and Ben Larson, Adam and Shauna Paulson

PRESENTATION

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: I present Cormac Leland Paulson and Grayson Wayne Aune for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Cormac/Grayson baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

P: As you bring Cormac and Grayson to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that they may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Cormac and Grayson grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Cormac and Grayson in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Cormac and Grayson and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: We do.

(The assembly rises.)

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

***THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

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

P: Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*BAPTISM

P: Cormac/Grayson, I baptize you in the name of the Father, . . .
and of the Son . . .
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Following each baptism, the congregation sings its praise to God:

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the lyrics: "You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized." The second system contains the lyrics: "al - le - lu - ia." followed by "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with block chords in the bass line.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Cormac and Grayson with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Cormac and Grayson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

*WELCOME

P: Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me
will have the light of life.

L: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*Gathering Hymn

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

ELW #436

*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
Stanza 1 and refrain

ELW #715

*Lighting of the Advent Candle

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
You call all nations to walk in your light
and to seek your ways of justice and peace,
for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.
Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.
Rouse us from sleep,
that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes
and welcome him into our hearts and homes,
for he is our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God forever.

*Candlelighting Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light
refrain

ELW #715

*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

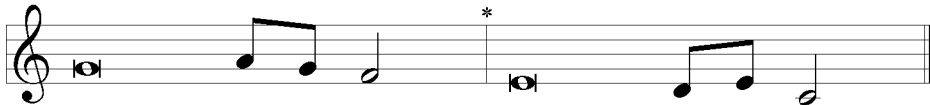
Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10



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

¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

*Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Darrel Cory

***Hymn of the Day**

He Came Down

ELW #253

***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: ...Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

***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 Be Fruitful

ELW #181

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

It is right and our great joy to thank you, O God;

for sun and moon and stars;

for breath and life and all things good;

for your steadfast promise and your faithful love;

for the day that is surely coming

when all things will be made new.

With saints and martyrs, with angel choirs, and the whole creation,

we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

*Sanctus

ELW p. 108

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give you thanks, Holy God, for Jesus,
who came to be your living Word,
to baptize us with Spirit and fire,
to feed the hungry, to humble the mighty,
and to announce the good news of your coming realm.

With thanksgiving, we remember how, when the hour had come,
Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and give it to the apostles, saying,
This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.
After supper, he took a cup, saying,
This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Drink from it all of you.

**With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you,
sharing this holy meal,
remembering Christ's dying and rising,
and praying: Come, Lord Jesus!**

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us –
this bread, this cup, these people –
Christ's body and blood,
given in love for the world.
Let the church say, Amen!
Amen!!

Make us one in the Spirit,
one in the church,
and one with Christ our Lord.

**Make us gentle, joyful, thankful people,
serving our neighbors, worshiping you our God.
Keep us in the peace of Christ
until you gather us at your table in glory.**

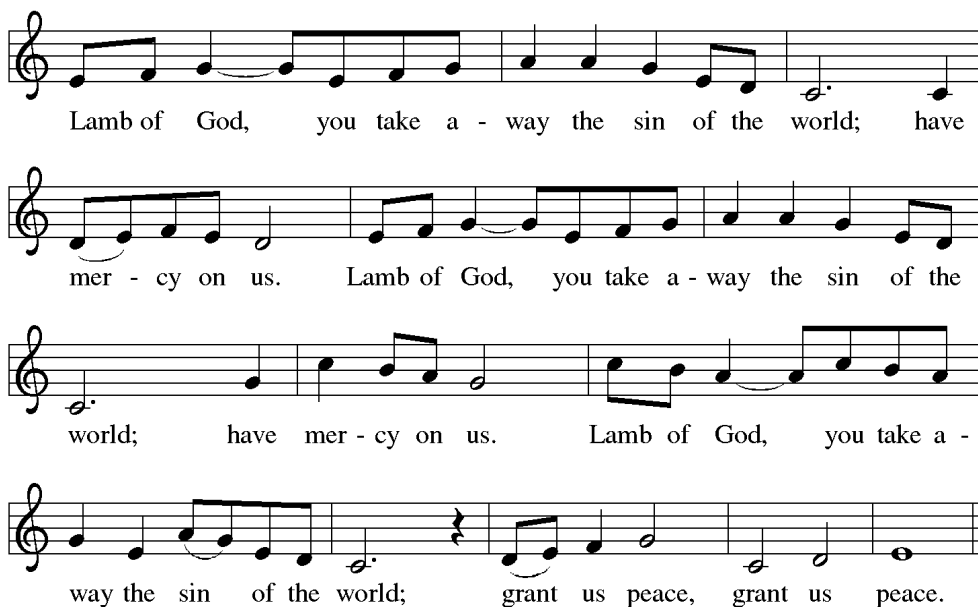
Even now, a voice is crying in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.
Let the church sing, 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.**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution

Hymns during Distribution

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
My Lord, What a Morning


ELW #254

ELW #438

***Post-Communion Blessing**

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

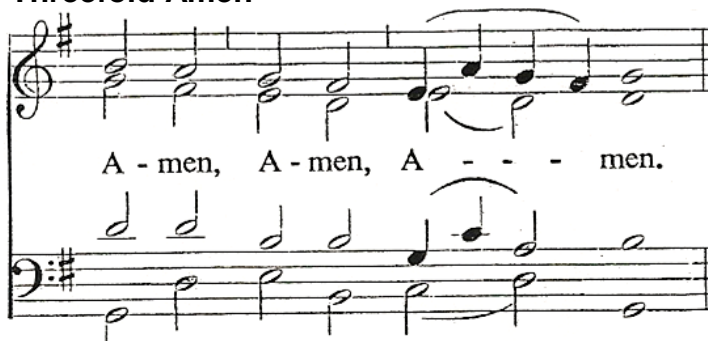
C: Amen.



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

SENDING

***Benediction and Threefold Amen**



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

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!!

C. Thanks be to God!!!

Postlude

Please join us for coffee fellowship in the Narthex following worship!

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Reader: Mike Parker

Ushers: Mike and Sandy Parker

Communion Ministers: Chris Burnham, Marlys Kain, Tom Kays

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Susan Brekke, Chris Burnham, Mary Jo Mugaas

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Faith Formation Committee

Church Offering Bank Run: Denice Nelson and Brooks Vigen

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 5)

Reader: Angie Westling

Ushers: Brenda Russ and Kylie Westling

Communion Ministers: Greg and Susan Brekke, Chris Burnham

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Susan Brekke, Chris Burnham, Mary Jo Mugaas

Musicians: Greg Dally, Paula Adamson

Church Offering Bank Run: Stacy Davidson

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY NEXT SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9)

Reader: Seniors

Ushers: Seniors

Communion Ministers: Sue Bendickson, Alan and Phyliss Johnson

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Susan Brekke, Chris Burnham, Mary Jo Mugaas

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Confirmation Students

Church Offering Bank Run: Denice Nelson and Brooks Vigen

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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.

Our Staff:

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2-9, 2018

Sunday, December 2	8:15am 9:30am	Choir rehearsal Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 4	10:00am	Martha Unit at Valley Home
Wednesday, December 5	5:10pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 7:15pm	Sing & Ring BLAST Worship with Holy Communion Confirmation
Saturday, December 8		Sing and Ring extra practice, time TBA
Sunday, December 9	St. Lucia Festival 8:15am 9:30am	Choir rehearsal and sing Worship

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your prayers this week please remember Dee Wollenzien, Shirley Wagner, Judi Helgeland, Sandra Sundahl, Kip Dalen, Ione Poole, Jovie Defrang, Shelley Steva, Molly Dahlin and family.

Altar flowers this day are given by Melanie Lunsetter in memory of her father Glenn Lunsetter.

The Thanksgiving offering at Trinity was able to collect the food shelf a total of \$313, thank you to all of you for your participation.

St. Lucia Festival will be on Sunday, December 9th. We will be celebrating this special tradition during the 9:30 service. Any questions please call or text Denice Nelson 218-686-1248.

Save the date! Dec. 16th will be the BLAST Christmas program at the 9:30 service. Everyone is invited!

Altar Guild is in need of new members due to members moving. If you're interested please contact Bev Thompson. Also in need of large yogurt containers. Lids not needed.

Funeral Help: Kathi and Mark Jenkins and Sue and Harry Dupree plan to be gone during the winter months. **They need someone to cover for them January, February, and March.** Redeemer has about 4-6 funerals in a given year. Each funeral requires about six hours of your time.

Responsibilities are:

1. Coordinate with the funeral home and the caterer about the menu the family selected and the number expected.
2. Call for kitchen helpers from the list provided.
3. With your helpers, make coffee, serve the food and clean up after the meal.

If you would be willing to serve in this capacity, or if you have some questions, please contact one of us.

Kathi Jenkins 684-5051

Sue Dupree 684-1405

Church directory pictures: If you haven't submitted your picture for the church directory, please do so. You can bring your photo to the church or e-mail your family photo to (redeemer@mncable.net).

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

The electronic giving cards are now in the pews, so for those of you who give electronically you can now put these cards in the offering plate.

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.

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@gmail.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.

Fourth Quarter Financial Status

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	
2018	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	July-Sept	October	Year to Date
Budget Income	\$74,034.99	\$74,034.99	\$74,034.99	\$24,678.33	\$246,783.30
Actual Income	\$54,044.08	\$57,132.80	\$50,522.69	\$23,836.32	\$185,535.89
Budget Expense	\$74,034.99	\$74,034.99	\$74,034.99	\$24,678.33	\$246,783.30
Actual Expense	\$49,600.51	\$59,828.02	\$51,578.62	\$16,690.97	\$177,698.12