

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Wednesday, December 5, 2018**

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Order of Worship  
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 5, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

*Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Lord Jesus as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of the Lord and assist all flesh in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."*

*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**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

ELW #264

**\*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,  
the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free,  
the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy,  
the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

**Amen.**

Let us come before God in confession.

*(Those who choose to may kneel.)*

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

To you, O God,  
**we lift up our souls.**  
You know us through and through;  
**we confess our sins to you.**  
Remember not our sins;  
**remember us with your steadfast love.**  
Show us your ways;  
**teach us your paths;**  
**and lead us in justice and truth,**  
**for the sake of your goodness**  
**in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*(Water is poured into the font.)*

Children of God, come with joy  
and draw water from the well of salvation.  
Remember the gift of baptism:  
your sin is washed away in the name of † Jesus;  
you belong to Christ;  
you are anointed to serve.  
Stand up and raise your heads!  
The reign of God is near.  
**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.**

**\*Candlelighting Hymn**

*Christ, Be Our Light*  
Stanza 2 and refrain

ELW #715

## \*Lighting of the Advent Candle

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.  
John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way  
for the kingdom of heaven is near.  
Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.  
Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit,  
that we may be a light shining in the darkness  
welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,  
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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## WORD

Malachi 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

## PSALM: Luke 1:68-79

<sup>68</sup>Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,  
you have come to your people and set them free.

<sup>69</sup>**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of your servant David.**

<sup>70</sup>Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,  
<sup>71</sup>from the hands of all who hate us,

<sup>72</sup>**to show mercy to our forebears,  
and to remember your holy covenant.**

<sup>73</sup>This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

<sup>74</sup>to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
**free to worship you without fear,  
<sup>75</sup>holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

<sup>76</sup>And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

<sup>77</sup>**to give God's people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

<sup>78</sup>In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

<sup>79</sup>**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

## Philippians 1:3-11

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**\*Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

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

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

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Darrel Cory

**Hymn of the Day**

*Soon and Very Soon*

ELW #439

## **\*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**

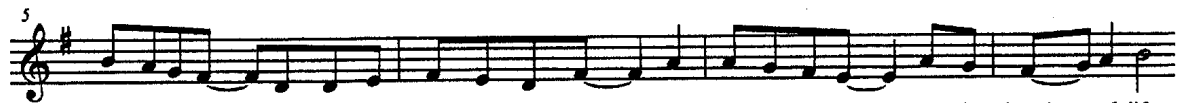
*We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! As our tithes and offerings are being collected, please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew and pass it down to the next person.*

\*Offertory

## Let the Vineyards



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful Lord and fill to the brim the 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 dreams of all u - nite them with the prayers we off - er.



Grace our ta - ble with your pre - sence and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### \*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...**



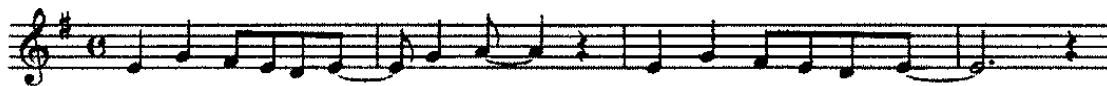
## \*Sanctus

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

C:

# Sanctus

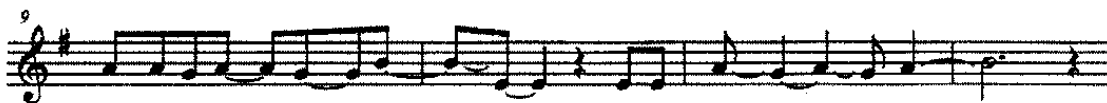
arr. Neil Gladen



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



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



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



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  
heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sins a -  
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  
glor - ry are yours, now and for ev - - - er. A - men.

## Distribution

### \*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

*Hark the Glad Sound*

ELW #239

### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!!

C. Thanks be to God!!!

## Postlude

### ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Reader: Angie Westling

Ushers: Brenda Russ and Kylie Westling

Communion Ministers: Greg and Susan Brekke, Chris Burnham

Acolytes: Spencer Hempel and Paul Anderson

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 SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9)

Reader: Seniors

Ushers: Seniors

Communion Ministers: Sue Bendickson, Alan and Phyliss Johnson

Acolytes: Zach and Landon Wikert

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

### ASSISTING IN MINISTRY NEXT WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 12)

Reader: Briana Berg

Ushers: Chad and Becky Berg

Communion Ministers: Stacy and Jeff Davidson, Maryel Anderson

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

Musicians: Greg Dally, Paula Adamson

Church Offering Bank Run: Stacy Davidson

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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 DECEMBER 5-12, 2018

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	<b>St. Lucia Festival</b> 8:15am 9:30am 3:00pm	Choir rehearsal and sing Worship with Holy Communion Sing and Ring at Greenleaf Assisted Living
Tuesday, December 11	7:00pm	Ruth Unit at Arlene Huot home Hannah Unit at Redeemer
Wednesday, December 12	5:10pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 7:15pm	Sing & Ring BLAST Worship with Holy Communion Confirmation

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Altar flowers this day** are given by Tom Kays in memory of Dianne Kays.

**A BIG Redeemer thank you to Jeff Olson for sanding the parking lot.**

**The Stain Glass fund** has a zero balance, and we still have projects that need to be completed. We encourage to consider this fund when you give a memorial.

**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!

**There is no scheduled quilting for the month of December.**

**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.**

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:tsyles@umn.edu) or [jkerdman@umn.edu](mailto: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