



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**St. Lucia Festival**  
**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 1)  
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*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

St. Lucia Procession and Story

**\*Gathering Hymn**                      *Light Dawns on a Weary World*                      ELW #726

Please remain seated until the conclusion of the introduction; then please rise.

**\*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**

Ministry of Music

*Jul, Jul*  
stanza 2 sung in Swedish  
*A Voice Cries Out*

Senior Choir

# 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)**

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

ELW #250

## 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

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

## \*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.**

**\*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.**

## 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.*

Ministry of Music

*Come On, Ring Those Bells!*

Sing and Ring

Megan Browning, soloist

*When Christmas Morn Is Dawning*

stanza 1 sung in Swedish

## \*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.**

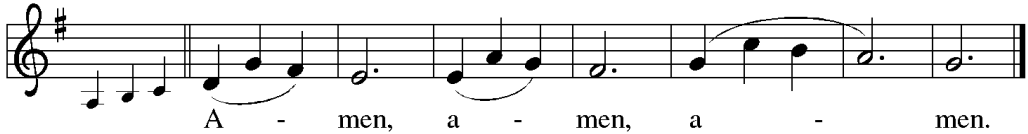
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us –  
this bread, this cup, these people –  
Christ's body and blood,  
given in love for the world.  
Let the church say, Amen!  
**Amen!!**

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.**

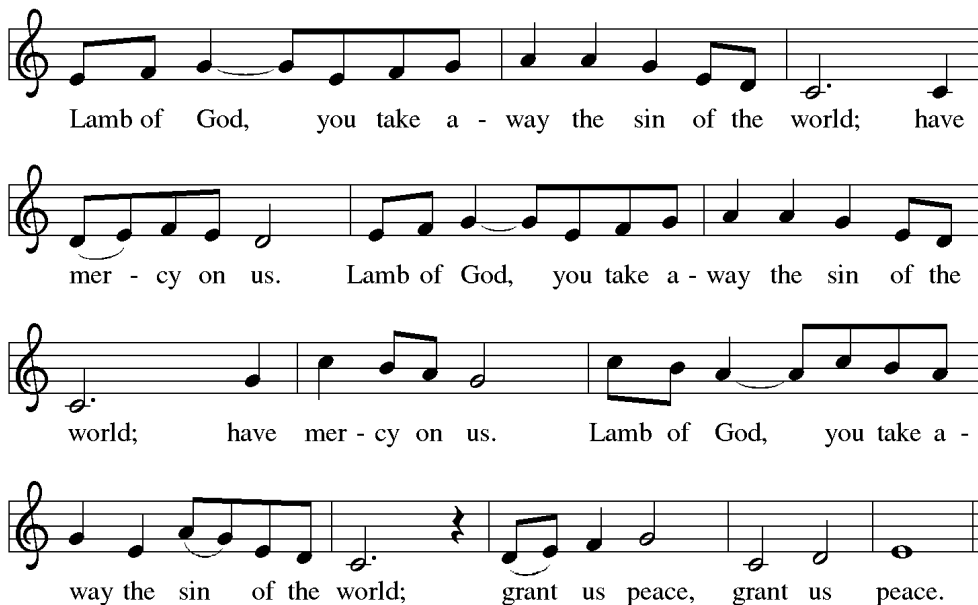
Even now, a voice is crying in the wilderness:  
Prepare the way of the Lord.

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**

*Lost in the Night*  
*Drawn to the Light*

ELW #243  
ELW #593

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

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

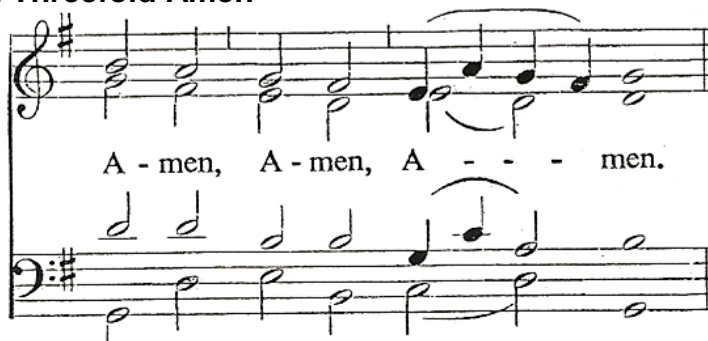
C: Amen.



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.

**\*Sending Hymn**

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

ELW #244

**\*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!

A special thank-you to the musicians for sharing their talents and to the seniors and seventh grade students and their parents for helping carry on the tradition of this celebration of light in the world!

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

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

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY 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

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY NEXT SUNDAY (DECEMBER 16)

Reader: John Wollenzien

Ushers: Open

Communion Ministers: Paul and Carol Ihle, Jan Anderson

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

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Property Committee

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 9-16, 2018

Sunday, December 9	<b>St. Lucia Festival</b>	
	8:15am	Choir rehearsal and sing
	9:30am	Worship
	3:00pm	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	Sing & Ring
	5:30pm	BLAST
	6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion
	7:15pm	Confirmation
Sunday, December 16	<b>BLAST Christmas Program</b>	
	8:15am	Choir rehearsal and sing
	9:30am	Worship

## 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.

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

**Christmas Eve services** will be at 3:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m. Holy communion will be celebrated at all three services. The 11:00 p.m. service will be a candlelight service.

**The organ prelude on Christmas Eve** will begin at 3:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

**2019 offering envelopes are here!** Please pick yours up today!

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

**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**

	<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>Second Quarter</b>	<b>Third Quarter</b>	<b>Fourth Quarter</b>	
<b>2018</b>	<b>Jan-Mar</b>	<b>Apr-Jun</b>	<b>July-Sept</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
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