



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Wednesday, December 12, 2018**

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Order of Worship

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December 12, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

*The presence of the Lord “in your midst” in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the Lord in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one “more powerful” than John, even with his winnowing fork in his hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.*

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 Way of the Lord*

STS #96

**\*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 3 and refrain

ELW #715

## \*Lighting of the Advent Candle

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.  
Your prophets spoke of a day  
when the desert would blossom  
and waters would break forth in the wilderness.  
Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.  
Strengthen our hearts  
as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.  
May he give water to all who thirst,  
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 the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen**

## WORD

Zephaniah 3:14-20

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD, your God, is in your midst,

a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

<sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors

at that time.

And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise

and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home,

at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised

among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes

before your eyes, says the LORD.

## **Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6**

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

<sup>3</sup>**With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.**

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name  
is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

## Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### \*Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

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

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

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup>He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**Hymn of the Day**

*I Wonder if He Knew*

STS #72

**\*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



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...**



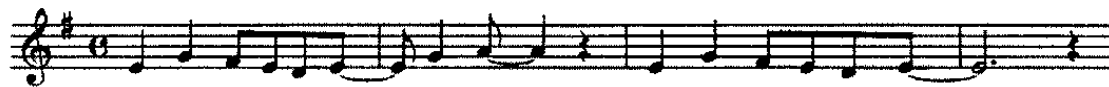
## \*Sanctus

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

C:

# Sanctus

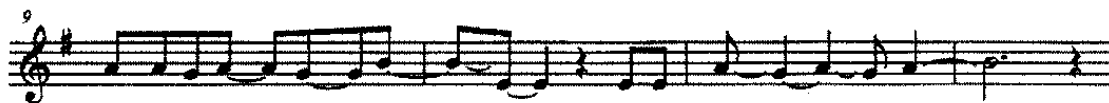
arr. Neil Gladen



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  
8 heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sins a -  
15 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  
22 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

*He Brings Peace*

STS#30

### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!!

C. Thanks be to God!!!

## Postlude

### ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Reader: Briana Berg

Ushers: Chad and Becky Berg

Communion Ministers: Stacy and Jeff Davidson, Maryel Anderson

Acolytes: Ingrid Anderson and Olivia Hempel

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

Musicians: Greg Dally, Paula Adamson

Church Offering Bank Run: LeeAnn Lund

### ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY (DECEMBER 16)

Reader: John Wollenzien

Ushers: Jan and Diedre Nordin

Communion Ministers: Paul and Carol Ihle, Jan Anderson

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: Property Committee

Church Offering Bank Run: Denice Nelson and Brooks Vigen

### ASSISTING IN MINISTRY NEXT WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 19)

Reader: Zach Wikert

Ushers: Carter and Leslie Rogalla

Communion Ministers: Linda Olson, Scott Pream, Terri Cuppett

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

Musicians: Greg Dally, Paula Adamson

Church Offering Bank Run: LeeAnn Lund

### ASSISTING IN MINISTRY NEXT SUNDAY (DECEMBER 23)

Reader: Linda Olson

Ushers: David and Linda Ulrich

Communion Ministers: Chris Burnham, Kristi Lane, Jan Anderson

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

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Faith, Family, and Fellowship

Church Offering Bank Run: Denice Nelson and Brooks Vigen

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**Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday**

**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:**

<i>Pastor</i>	Darrel Cory (phone: 218-791-0141, e-mail: darrelcory@gmail.com)
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<i>Choir Director</i>	Vacant
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<i>Custodian</i>	Mike Lundgren
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Marit Knutson (e-mail: mknutson@mncable.net)
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# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12-19, 2018

Wednesday, December 12	5:10pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 7:15pm	Sing & Ring BLAST Worship with Holy Communion Confirmation
Sunday, December 16	<b>BLAST Christmas Program</b> 8:15am 9:30am	Choir rehearsal and sing Worship
Tuesday, December 18	6:00pm	Council meeting
Wednesday, December 19	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 Pat and Heather Thibert in memory of their daughter Rebecca Thibert.

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

**The Stained 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.

**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.

**There will be no Wednesday service for December 26<sup>th</sup>.**

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

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

**Esther Mattson would like to share her new address and phone number.**

**The Waters on Mayowood  
827 Mayowood RD SW #214  
Rochester, MN 55902  
507-322-6359**

**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