



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 16, 2018

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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 1)
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December 16, 2018, 9:30 a.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

BLAST Students

Welcome and Announcements

BLAST Christmas Program

(see insert)

***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 \ddagger 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

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

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

¹⁵The 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.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The 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

¹⁸as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹I 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.

²⁰At 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Isaiah 12:2-6 Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

WOV #635

Philippians 4:4-7

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

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 102

The musical notation consists of three staves, each in G major (indicated by a treble clef) and common time (indicated by a 'C'). The first two staves are identical, showing the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' with corresponding musical notes. The third staff begins with 'al -' and ends with 'ia.', with a bracket above it reading 'Repeat alleluia'. The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes.

*Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁷ 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? ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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.”

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹ In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³ He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴ 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.”

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷His 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."

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Darrel Cory

***Hymn of the Day**

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

ELW #256

***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.

Ministry of Music

English Advent Carol

Senior Choir

*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!!

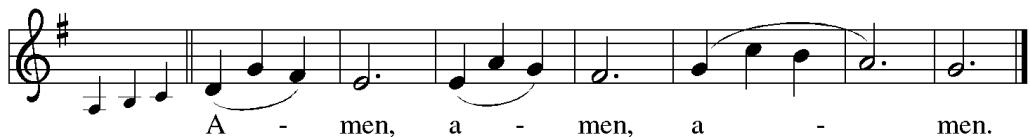
Make us one in the Spirit,
one in the church,
and one with Christ our Lord.

**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:



*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.**

*Agnus Dei

ELW p. 112

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

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding
Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

ELW #246
ELW #242

*Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

*Post-Communion Canticle

ELW p. 113

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

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW #264

***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: 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: BLAST

Church Offering Bank Run: Denice Nelson and Brooks Vigen

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 19)

Reader: Zach Wikert

Ushers: Carter and Leslie Rogalla

Communion Ministers: Linda Olson, Scott Pream, Terri Cuppett

Acolytes: Olivia Hempel and Ingrid Anderson

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

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY Christmas Eve service 3:30pm

Reader: Angie Westling

Ushers: Angie and Kylie Westling

Communion Ministers: Harold and Sue Dupree, Carol Ihle

Acolytes: Landon and Zach Wikert

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

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY Christmas Eve service 5:00pm

Reader: Chris Cuppett

Ushers: Rocky and Barb Ammerman

Communion Ministers: Carter, Leslie and Alexa Rogalla

Acolytes: Spencer Hempel and Paul Anderson

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

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY Christmas Eve service 11:00pm

Reader: Chris Burnham

Ushers: Barry and Sue Froiland

Communion Ministers: Chris Burnham, Janet Fisher, Jan Anderson

Acolytes: Ingrid Anderson and Olivia Hempel

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

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

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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 16-24, 2018

Sunday, December 16	BLAST Christmas Program	
	8:15am	Choir rehearsal and sing
	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 18	6:00pm	
	Council meeting	
Wednesday, December 19	5:10pm	
	5:30pm	
	6:30pm	
	6:30pm	
	7:15pm	
	Sing & Ring	
	BLAST	
	Worship with Holy Communion	
	Sing and Ring at Oakland Park Nursing Home	
	Confirmation	
Sunday, December 23	9:30am	
	Worship with Holy Communion	
Monday, December 24	3:00pm	
	3:30pm	
	5:00pm	
	10:30pm	
	11:00pm	
	Organ Prelude	
	Worship with Holy Communion	
	Worship with Holy Communion	
	Organ Prelude	
	Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion	

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.

Council meeting location changed! We will be meeting at Jan Anderson home,
1004 Hanson Dr., TRF

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 26th.

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).

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 jkerzman@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