



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 4, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

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Order of Worship
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At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases, we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

Key to hymnals in the pews:

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)

Hymnals we do not have in the pews but use their resources in our bulletins:

ACS = All Creation Sings (purple; the new hymnal supplement of the ELCA)

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green)

* = Please rise

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send an e-mail to redeemer@gvtel.com to let us know from where you are worshipping.

***Gathering Hymn**

Hark, the Glad Sound!

ELW #239

All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Francis Dean Martell, son of Doug and Marit Martell; Godparents: Derek and Ashely Dalen, Seth Martell

PRESENTATION

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.

The sponsors present the candidates.

I present Francis Dean Martell for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves.

Called by the Holy Spirit,
trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to have Francis baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring Francis to receive the gift of baptism,
you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he 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 Francis grow in the Christian faith and life?

The parents respond: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors.

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

The sponsors respond: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support Francis and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly joins in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce evil 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?

Response: **I renounce them.**

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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

The presiding minister leads the thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Water is poured into the font.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family,
and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you set us free from the power of sin and death
and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word,
that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life.
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes candidate. Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

Francis is baptized in the name of the Father,

Water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:

and of the Son,

Water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:

and of the Holy Spirit,

Amen.

ALLELUIA

All sing the Alleluia in response.

al - le - lu - ia.

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

Text: *Holy Baptism and Related Rites*, Renewing Worship 3
Music: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962
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The presiding minister continues:

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.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain Francis 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.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:
Francis, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me

will have the light of life.

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**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.**

***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**

Light One Candle
All sing stanza 1

(next page)

***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 way of the Lord
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. Amen.

***Candlelighting Hymn**

Light One Candle
All sing stanza 2

(next page)

Light One Candle

Candlelighting Song



1. Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah:
 2. Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:
 3. Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:
 4. Light four can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:



let the light pierce the dark - ness.
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Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,
 Forth from the stump of the fam - 'ly of Da - vid
 Na - tions, cre - a - tion, RE - JOICE and be glad,
 Look, a young wom - an gives birth to a son:



filled with HOPE for the world!
 comes PEACE, prom - ised of old!
 see the glo - ry of God!
 "LOVE, Em - man - u - el!"

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 Tune: *TIF IN VELDELE*, Yiddish folk song (FD).

***Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray...

C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WORD

Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

- ¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

- ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

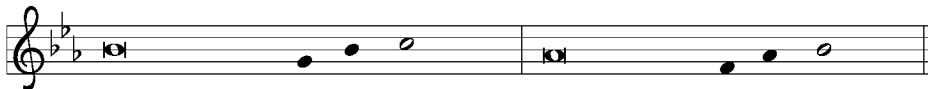
¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace. (Ps. 72:7)



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

- ¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
²**that he may rule your | people righteously**
and the | poor with justice;
³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.
⁴**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,**
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.
⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
⁶**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,**
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.
⁷In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;**
you alone do | wondrous deeds!
¹⁹And blessed be your glorious | name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen.

Romans 15:4-13

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 102

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

*Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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

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

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

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

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume 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. ¹⁰Even 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.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the

Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Stephanie White

***Hymn of the Day**

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

ELW #255

***Prayers of the Church**

L: ...God, 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! In-person worshippers can place their offering in the offering plate before the service or at this time. Your tithes and offerings submitted via the Postal Service or electronically are also gratefully appreciated.

*Offertory

Tidings of Comfort and Joy

Unison:



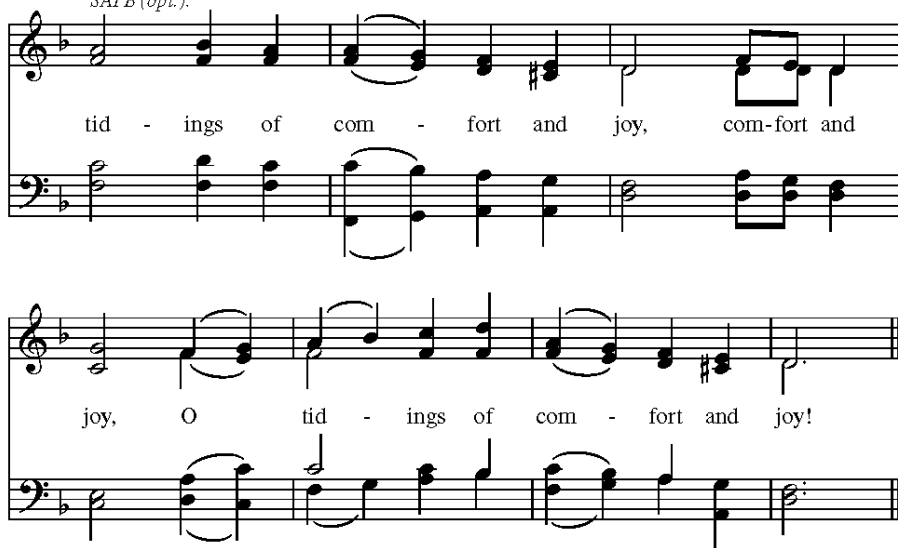
1. I - sai - ah, proph - et, seer of old, re - spond-ing to God's
2. Pre - pare your heart, lift up your voice, join in this Ad - vent

call, pro - claimed the com - ing of the Lord to
song; walk in the light of God's own Son to

peo - ple, great and small. Now on this day we
whom we all be - long. A lit - tle child shall

hear God's word: de - clare good news to all!
lead us all, his love will make us strong! O

SATB (opt.):



tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com-fort and

joy, O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

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Refrain: Traditional English carol (PD).

Tune: *GOD REST YE*, Traditional English carol (PD).

*Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

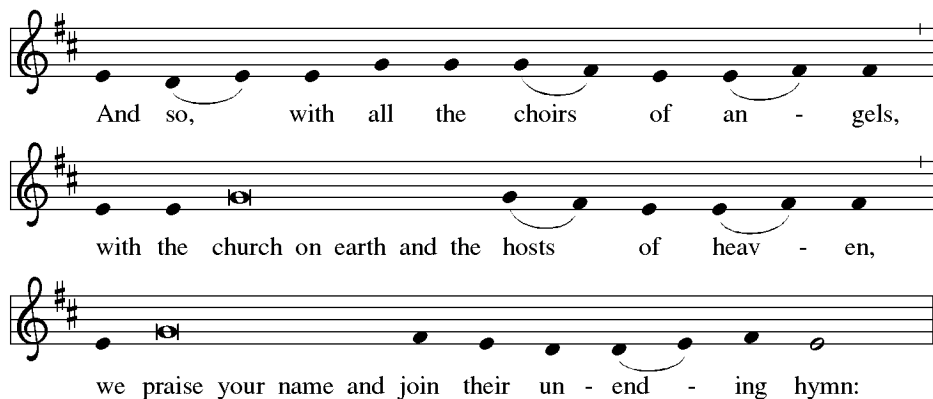
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Re - deem - er,

through whom you will also make all things new

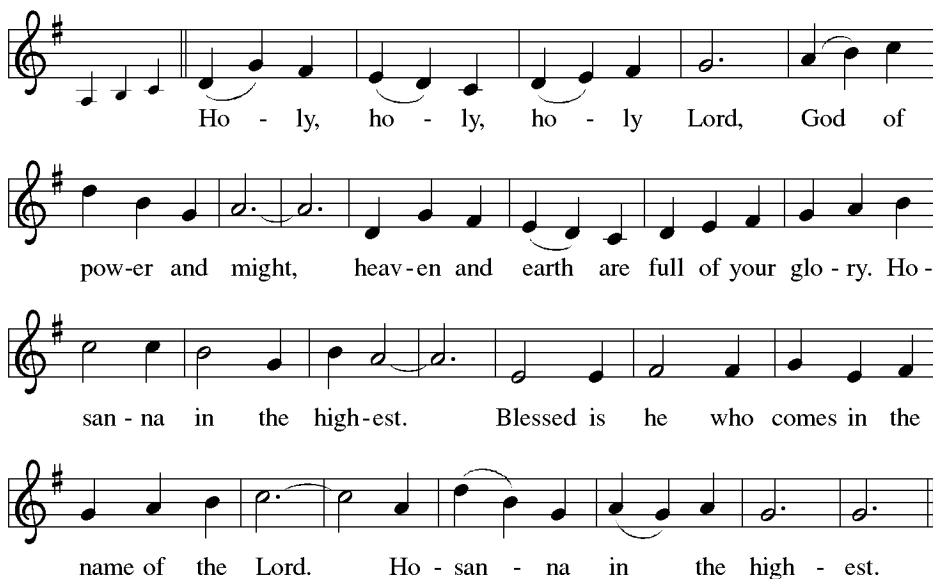
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righ - teous-ness.

The musical score is written for a single voice on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes with some eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across two notes. The score is divided into four systems, each containing two staves. The first system has a repeat sign at the end of the first staff. The second system has a repeat sign at the end of the second staff. The third system has a repeat sign at the end of the second staff. The fourth system has a repeat sign at the end of the second staff. The final note of the fourth system is a double bar line.



*Sanctus

ELW p. 108



In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*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



Distribution

If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, we invite you to join in celebrating at Christ's table wherever you are, with bread and wine, grape juice, or water, as we remain physically separated yet "together met, together bound by all that God has done" and "the love that makes us one." (ELW #491)

If you are worshipping with us in person today, know that all who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please approach the serving station at the front of the church using the center aisle. One side of the church will be served at a time.

Please take an empty cup as you approach the head of an aisle; if you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please take one of the pre-filled cups of white grape juice from the center of the tray.

Our bread is gluten- and other allergen-free.

Hymn during Distribution

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

ELW #254

ELW #256

*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.

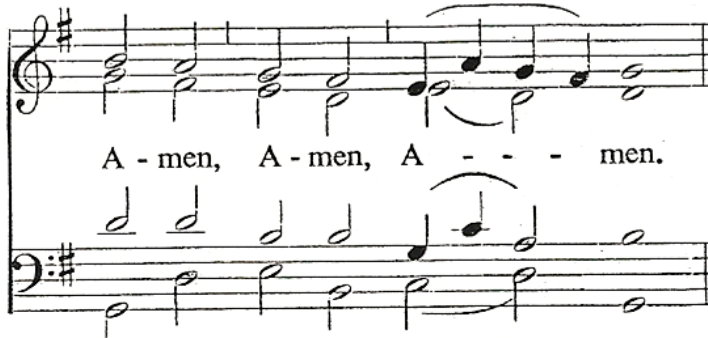


Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

SENDING

***Benediction and Threefold Amen**

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.



***Sending Hymn**

All Earth Is Hopeful

ELW #266

All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding Minister: Rev. Stephanie White

Lector: Sandy Sundahl

Serving at the Altar: Phyliss Johnson

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Organist: Reid Froiland

Video: Dave A. Ulrich

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Presiding Minister: Rev. Stephanie White

Lector: Maryel Anderson

Serving at the Altar: Denice Nelson

Musicians: Greg Dally, Dean Dalen, Reid Froiland

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Presiding Minister: Rev. Stephanie White

Lector: Phyliss Johnson

Serving at the Altar: Phyliss Johnson

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Organist: Reid Froiland

Video: Dave A. Ulrich

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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 DECEMBER 4–10, 2022

Sunday, December 4	8:15am 9:30 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal and Sing Worship with Holy Communion Baptism of Francis Dean Martell
Tuesday, December 6	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Martha Unit – Emmaus Room Worship & Music Committee meeting
Wednesday, December 7	5:45pm 6:30pm	BLAST and Confirmation Worship with Holy Communion
Thursday, December 8	4:00pm	Personnel Reviews – Emmaus Room
Saturday, December 10	9:30am	Advent Brunch

Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 11	8:15am 9:30am	Senior Choir Rehearsal and Sing Worship – St. Lucia Service
Monday, December 12 – Friday, December 16		WIC
Monday, December 12	5:30pm	Property Committee meeting
Tuesday, December 13	5:30pm	Faith & Family Stewardship meeting
Wednesday, December 14	5:30pm 6:30pm	Senior Choir warm-up Christmas Program – no regular worship
Sunday, December 18	8:15am 9:30am	Senior Choir Rehearsal and Sing Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 20	6:00pm	Church Council meeting
Wednesday December 21	6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion
Friday, December 23		Newsletter Information Due
Saturday, December 24	4:00pm 10:30pm	Christmas Eve Worship Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, December 25	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 27	6:00pm	Altar Guild Meeting
Wednesday, December 28		No Worship Service

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your prayers this week please remember Robbin Matheson (Dave Thompson's niece), Jamie Elleson (Carol Ihle's niece), Sandy Niemi, Ken Froschheiser, Leona Bugge, Travis Forsberg, Bob Horien, Barb Horien, Morgan Martell, Maxine Holmstrom, Rick Hanson, Tami Hanson, David Grovum, Dan Parker (Mike Parker's brother), Scott Hickerson, Karen Burgus (Chris Burnham's sister), Dale Folger, Mike Gilbertson, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Larry Forsberg, LaVonne Forsberg, Annabelle Cuppett, and Jeremy Johnson.

Especially during these uncertain times, God calls us to certain tasks, and we call on God's help to fulfill them.

Dear Lord, we call on you now to guide us through the tasks ahead of us. Amen

Altar Flowers this day are given by Melanie Lunsetter in loving memory of Glenn Lunsetter. May his memory be blessed.

We need you!! We need the following volunteers...

- Acolytes for Sunday's worship service.
- Worship readers and communion servers for Sunday worship.

Volunteers will have a rotation schedule. If you are interested, please put your name down on our sign-up sheet in the Narthex or let Dianne know at the church office.

Financial Stewardship for 2022:

Weekly Giving – week of October 24th – 30th: \$2,565.53(\$4,504 needed each week to meet budgeted expenses)

November 2022 Income: \$10,3913.65(\$19,517 needed each month to meet budgeted expenses)

Year-to-Date Income (through September 30): \$127,795.69 (\$175,653 budgeted)

Weekly Giving includes cash and envelopes mailed to the church, dropped off at the church, or placed in the plate each week; it also includes some forms of electronic giving (e.g.: Vanco). Monthly income includes all forms of electronic giving.

Church Announcements: Please make sure to have your announcements in every week to Dianne Stroh at your earliest convenience.

Quarterly statements are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.

Monthly Treasurer's Reports are available anytime for viewing. Contact Dianne Stroh at the church office.

BLAST Coordinator still needed – if you like working with children PreK – 5th grade, prayerfully consider this position.

Altar Guild Flower sale has ended. There are several weekends still available. If you wish to purchase a bouquet in memory of a loved one or in honor of, please check in the office for available dates. Thank you all for your orders. They are greatly appreciated.

Giving cards for 2023 are located on the table in the Narthex. Please take one, fill it out and leave it in the basket. Thank you for celebrating generosity!

“I Can” sheets are in the narthex. Please take a moment and consider where your talents could best be utilized serving and assisting at church. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.

O, Come O Come Emmanuel – and Redeemer Ladies/Women of the ELCA!

Our Advent Breakfast is back!!! Please join us on Saturday, December 10th, at 9:30 AM in the Redeemer Lutheran Fellowship Hall for breakfast, - and bring a friend with you! We will need you to reserve your spot and a spot for a friend, by Sunday, December 4th. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex! Pastor Stephanie will have an Advent message to share, and we'll have wonderful food and conversation. The cost? Please bring any non-perishable food item to be donated to the TRF Area Foodshelf.

Offering envelopes were ordered in August. Due to staffing shortage and production issues, McDaniel Envelope Co. is behind schedule. Anticipated delivery date for 2023 offering envelopes is by 01/01/2023.

Do you know of someone who is homebound or in a care facility? Please let the office know – either a note, call 218-681-3390 or email to redeemer@gvtel.com. We are updating our list for Pastor Steph. Thanks in advance for the help! 🙏

Staff reminder: Annual reviews are scheduled for December 8th beginning at 4pm.

Newsletter correction – Youth event for December 18th will begin at 3:30pm instead of 4:00pm. Please note the change.

Reminder: please sign the red friendship pad at the end of the pews during offering each week.

Hark, the Glad Sound!

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

There's a Voice in the Wilderness



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
 2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -
 3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the



high - way, a high - way for our God!
 peo - ple the com - ing of their king.
 na - tions and soon will right the wrong.



The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like
 Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the



loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of
 lambs so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now



plac - es where God, our God, may go!
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way.
 lead them, and bring them to your fold.

Text: James Lewis Milligan, 1876-1961, alt.
 Music: ASCENSION, Henry Hugh Bancroft, 1904-1988
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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

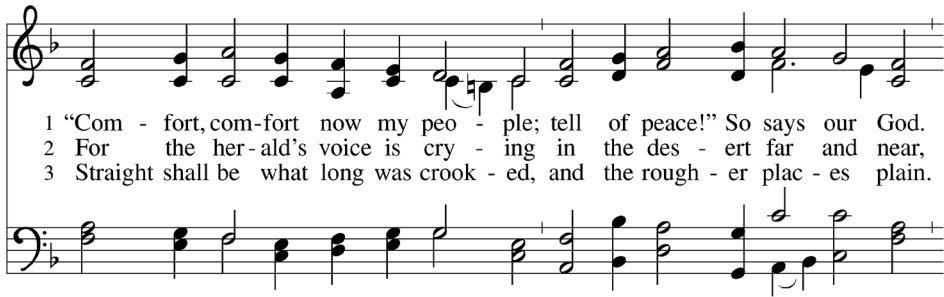


dear de - sire of ev-'ry na - tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

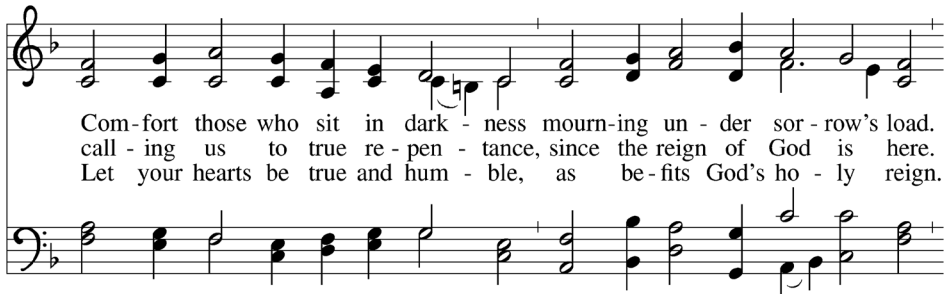
Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Comfort, Comfort Now My People




1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
 Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

All Earth Is Hopeful

Toda la tierra



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell;
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task; this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

2 *Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel:*
"De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel,"
será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será,
con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.

3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;*
nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.
El está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar,
y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.

4 *En una cueva Jesús apareció,*
pero en el mundo está presente hoy.
Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;
y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé

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