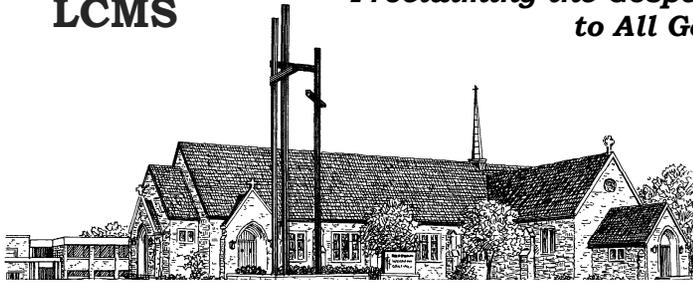


# Redeemer Lutheran Church

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*“Proclaiming the Gospel  
to All Generations”*



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## **ADVENT VESPERS #1** *“Jesse Tree”* **December 2, 2020**

### **Jesus, the Seed of Jesse’s Tree**

Advent means “coming.” As the largest of trees begin with a seed, so it is with God’s promise to save the world from sin and death. Salvation is coming. After the fall, God promised that the fruit of Adam and Eve would one day be wounded, yet He would crush the head of sin and death. From that seed of a promise sprouted numerous signposts of the Coming One: the promise to Abraham and Sarah, the crossing of the Red Sea, the prophets declaring that out of the stump of Jesse would sprout a Savior. The seed of salvation, promised long ago, was born into the world in Jesus, His first advent. And now, during this Advent season, we await with joyful hope His second advent. Jesus, the Seed, has been planted in a tomb and sprouted forth to new life, filling us with hope as we wait, watch, and prepare for Jesus’ second advent.



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THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: *Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### **THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

### **THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THE ORDER OF VESPERS** *(LSB, pp. 229-234)*

THE HYMN: 347 – “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”  
– Stanzas 1, 3

- 1 “Comfort, comfort ye My people,  
Speak ye peace,” thus saith our God;  
“Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
Mourning ’neath their sorrows’ load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
Of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover  
And her warfare now is over.”
  
- 3 Hark, the herald’s voice is crying  
In the desert far and near,  
Calling sinners to repentance,  
Since the Kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet Him  
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

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**THE VERSICLES, RESPONSES, AND ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE**

*(LSB, p. 229; Spoken)*

P(Pastor): O Lord, open my lips,

**C(Congregation): and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C: make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**All: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.**

**THE PSALM:** Psalm 126

P: Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!

**C: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.**

P: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;

**C: then they said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”  
The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.**

P: Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like streams in the Negeb!

**C: Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!**

P: He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,

**C: shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him. (ESV)**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**THE OFFICE HYMN: 342 – “What Hope! An Eden Prophesied”**



1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;  
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,  
3 As ban - ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,  
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!  
A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.  
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.  
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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**THE FIRST READING:** Genesis 1:27; 3:8-15

P: The First Reading for this evening is from the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> chapters of Genesis.

1:27 So God created man in His own image,  
in the image of God He created him;  
male and female He created them.

....

3:8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,  
“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,





bles-sing, Join in con-fess-ing God, who is sole-ly Might-y and  
halt-ed; The meek ex-alt-ed. Full are the hun-gry; Emp-ty, the



ho-ly— O sing the great-ness of God the Lord! His mer-cy  
wealth-y— O sing the great-ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure-ly Shall rest se-cure-ly On all who fear Him,  
to-ken All that was spo-ken To A-br'ham's off-spring



Love and re-vere Him— O sing the great-ness of God the Lord!  
God is ful-fill-ing— O sing the great-ness of God the Lord!

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### THE KYRIE (*Spoken*)

**All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

**All: 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.**

### THE COLLECT

P: Let us pray

P: Gracious Father, You promised long ago a Savior to overcome sin and death, and You fulfilled that promise in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Fill us with hope as we await Christ's return, which will bring the seed of Your promise to full fruition, that our lives may show forth the joy of trusting in You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving)*

### THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### THE BENEDICAMUS (*LSB, p. 234; Spoken*)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### THE BENEDICTION (*LSB, p. 234; Spoken*)

P: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

### THE SILENT PRAYER

### THE THREE CHIMES



### SERVING US TODAY

**Liturgist & Preacher:** Pastor Joel A. C. Dietrich

**Organist:** Joe Herl

**Children's Message:** Pastor Joel A. C. Dietrich

## Nov. 30, 2020—Activity Update

By action of the Board of Elders, please note the following changes:

- 1) All three midweek Advent services (Dec. 2, 9, & 16) will be recorded. The service for a given day will be available by 6:30PM of that day and for at least a week afterward.
- 2) We will resume Saturday & Sunday services beginning the weekend of Dec. 5 & 6. Registration for these services opens on Monday before at 8:00AM and closes on Friday at 4:00PM.
- 3) During the month of December, there will be no in-person Sunday School or Bible Classes. Inquiring Minds Bible Study, Women's Bible Study & Prayer Group, and Men's Night Fellowship will not meet.
- 4) During the month of December, Holy Communion will be celebrated only on Christmas Day (Dec. 25) and New Year's Eve (Dec. 31). Registration for these services is required and opens the Monday before the services.
- 5) Christmas Eve worship will be at 2:30, 4:30, and 6:30PM with limited seating at each service. Registration is required and opens the Monday before at 8:00AM.
- 6) Services will be shortened by reducing the number of hymns and/or stanzas.

These changes are being made in order to provide in-person worship opportunities, and yet make for a safe environment during this latest surge of COVID-19. Those who are in high risk categories are encouraged to worship remotely. The Christmas Day & Eve services will be available online along with the Sunday and Advent Services.

Please remember to ... Wash (sanitize) your hands.  
Wear your face mask.  
Watch your distances.

If you have any questions, please call your Elder or one of the Pastors. May the Lord bless us and keep us!

**REGISTRATION:** You may register online on the church's website: [redeemerlincoln.org](http://redeemerlincoln.org) or by calling the church office (402-477-1710). Registration is open from Monday, 8:00AM thru Friday, 4:00PM.



*Those who are comfortable with registering online, are encouraged to use this method to help the office manage the process more efficiently.*

## Future Worship Opportunities

*Registration is required for all services.*

### Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9, & 16

6:30PM: **ONLINE ONLY - Midweek Advent Vespers**

### Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 5 & 6

6:00PM Saturday: **Worship**

8:30 & 11:00AM Sunday: **Worship**

### Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 12 & 13

6:00PM Saturday: **Worship**

8:30 & 11:00AM Sunday: **Worship**

### Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 19 & 20

6:00PM Saturday: **Worship**

8:30 & 11:00AM Sunday: **Worship**

### Thursday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

2:30PM, 4:30PM, 6:30PM: **Service of Lessons and Carols**

*(Registration will be required for Christmas Eve Services)*

### Friday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

9:00AM: **Worship** (with Holy Communion)

*(Registration will be required for Christmas Day Service)*

### Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 26 & 27

No Saturday evening worship

8:30 & 11:00AM Sunday: **Worship**

### Thursday, Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve

6:30PM: **Worship** (with Holy Communion)

### Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 2 & 3

No Saturday evening worship

8:30 & 11:00AM Sunday: **Worship** (with Holy Communion)

(Installation of the 2021 Church Council at 11:00AM)

9:45AM Sunday: Sunday School & Bible Classes



# Poinsettias

We are taking orders for Poinsettias to decorate the Church for the Sunday before Christmas, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. You can purchase one red poinsettia plant with foil wrap for \$8.00 each.

**DEADLINE to order is Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>!**

**If you wish to purchase a plant:**

1. Fill out the order form.
  2. Enclose form with your check (payable to the Church).
  3. Place your order and payment in the offering plate.
- Please mark it **“POINSETTIA ORDERS”**.

**OR**

Mail your check and form to:  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
510 South 33<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68510

*Please remember to pick up your poinsettia(s)  
after the service on December 25<sup>th</sup>.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

No. Plants Ordering \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is: \_\_Check \_\_Cash

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APLAN FOR 2021**  
**2021 Faith Promise – Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lincoln, NE**

***Faithful Stewards of God's Gifts***

In response to God's love for me/us,

- I/we will **worship** regularly and be diligent in the **use of God's Word and the Sacraments**.
- I/we will **pray** for the mission and ministry of Redeemer and the Church at large.
- I/we will use my/our **time and talents** to serve God and His people.
- I/we plan to **give...** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ a **week** through my congregation for the work of my Lord; or  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ a **month** through my congregation for the work of my Lord; or  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ a **year** through my congregation for the work of my Lord.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I/We choose not to make a fixed financial commitment at this time, but I/we will support the Lord's work through monetary offerings as I/we am/are able.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
**(Please print)**

If you have not already done so, please **complete and return** a 2021 Faith Promise as soon as possible.  
Thank you!