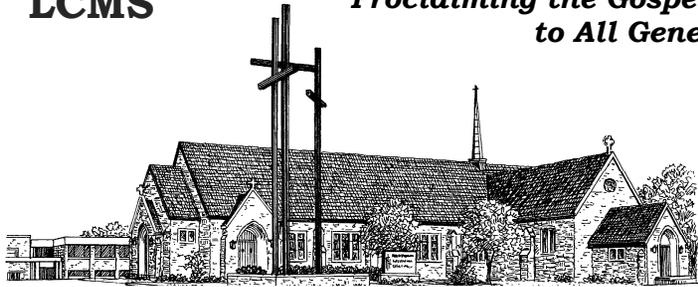


Redeemer Lutheran Church

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to All Generations”*



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***THE SECOND SUNDAY IN AVENT
Saturday, December 4, and
Sunday, December 5, 2021.***

WELCOME! May the Lord bless your time in this place! We ask that all worshippers sign an attendance card and place it in the appropriate box in the narthex. If you are not a member of Redeemer and are **interested in becoming a member**, please contact one of the Pastors.

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS: During this time, we will temporarily close the nursery space off from playing activities. The nursery toys and children's activity bags have been stored away. The nursery should only be used for mothers who are nursing and diaper changing needs. A diaper changing table is also available in the main narthex bathroom. Thank you for your understanding. When it is safe to resume to normal activities, the nursery toys and the activity bags will return.

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PLEASE WEAR YOUR FACE MASK at all times, removing it only to receive Holy Communion.

PLEASE RESPECT the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask you to turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you!

DID YOU FORGET your offering envelope? Extra envelopes are located in the tract rack of each narthex.

LISTENING DEVICES are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak to the Elder on duty (main narthex) if you need one.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS WITH HYMNS are available in the main narthex.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated at all services this weekend in continuous style. All communicants should sign the Communion registration side of an attendance card. A common participation in the Altar of Christ assumes a common unity of faith and doctrine. We therefore ask that all guests who are not in fellowship with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod contact one of the pastors prior to the Divine Service before presenting themselves at the Altar for the Holy Communion. Thank you!

THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: *Come to us, O Christ, and smooth out the rough spots in our lives. Fill in the empty spaces with Your love. And even out all the crooked pathways in our lives, so that we may be led straight to You. In Your name we pray. Amen.*



ORDER OF WORSHIP

(LSB, pp. 203-212)

THE PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION

THE HYMN: 349 – “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, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P (Pastor): In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (Congregation): Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Almighty God,

C: have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE KYRIE *(Sung; LSB, p.204)*

(Organist introduces tune)

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

(The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent.)

THE SALUTATION *(Spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

All: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Malachi 3:1-7b

P: The Old Testament Reading for the Second Sunday in Advent is from the 3rd chapter of Malachi.

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But 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. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ^{7b}From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them." (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL (*Spoken*)

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

C: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

P: Behold, your king is coming to you;
C: righteous and having salvation.

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
C: From the house of the Lord we bless you. (ESV)

THE EPISTLE: Philippians 1:2-11

P: The Epistle is from the 1st chapter of Philippians.

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection

of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

THE VERSE (*Sung; LSB, p.205*)

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is
the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

C: (*Spoken*) Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

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

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷He said therefore 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? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to

yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: *(Spoken)* Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose Kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: 344 - "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
Δ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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THE SERMON

Title: "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Text: Luke 3:1-14

(Please stand)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(At the conclusion of each petition, the Pastor will say, "Lord, in your mercy." The congregation should then respond, "Hear Our Prayer.")

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE OFFERING

(Please stand)

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son,

C: Lord Jesus Christ,

P: to save us from our sin. Heavenly Father, You will send Your Son,

C: Lord Jesus Christ,

P: to gather us to our heavenly home. Receive these humble offerings,
now--

C: signs of our hope, pledges of our service--

P: and lead us, by Your Spirit, to live godly lives. Through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PREFACE *(Spoken; LSB, p. 208)*

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 Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS *(Sung; LSB, p. 208)*

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

C: 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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (Sung; LSB, p. 210)

**All: O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

(Please be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION AND THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

A Prayer before receiving the Sacrament

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

THE HYMN: 618 - "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art.
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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THE HYMN: 354 - "Arise, O Christian People"



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -
2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the
3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on
4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -



day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your
best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this
high; Be - neath His feet in ter - ror The haugh - ty
side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed



sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The
heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The
soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That
Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come

Hymn continued on next page.



truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from
low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -
heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -
now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing Your prais - es



heav - en To all the world is shown.
bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.
ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.
glad - ly And forth Your glo - ry show.

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THE HYMN: 334 - "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;
3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.
4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast
My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new
A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.
That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.
In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by His grace.

He comes, for you procuring
The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing
Eternal life in heav'n.

6 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations
And blessèd hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering,
And guide us safely home.

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(Please stand)

THE GENERAL DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *(Sung; LSB, p. 211)*

**All: O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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 AND BENEDICTION (*Spoken; LSB, p.212*)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: (Spoken) Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE THREE CHIMES

(Please be seated)

THE POSTLUDE



SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist & Celebrant: Pastor Mark H. Ebert

Preacher: Pastor Joel A. C. Dietrich

Organist: Joe Herl

Acolytes: 6:00PM – Ben Rorabaugh & Nick Rorabaugh
8:30AM – Lydia Guilford & Sophie Wohlgemuth
11:00AM – Lynne Ficke & Rose Jorgensen

Chancel Guild: Ginni Haase & Marj Lauer
Julie Bachman
Gayle Bartels & Heidi Bokelmann

Elder on Duty: 6:00PM – Derek Trutna
8:30AM – Craig Wohlgemuth
11:00AM – Daryl Bell

Head Usher: 6:00PM – Rick Nobbe
8:30AM – Lonnie Fierstein
11:00AM – Mick Syslo

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< **NEWS & NOTES** >

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us for the Coming of the Lord

The preaching and Baptism “of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 3:3) prepare us for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The historic work of John the Baptist was completed with the first advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of Law and Gospel and in Holy Baptism. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to “see the salvation of God” (Luke 3:6). Our haughtiness is removed and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does He perfect it by His Word and Holy Spirit, and He “will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6). He purifies us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight and abounding in faith and love, so that we offer our very lives in righteousness to the Lord (Mal. 3:3–4).

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND, Dec. 11 & 12:

• Zephaniah 3:14–20 • Philippians 4:4–7 • Luke 7:18–28

Prepare to worship by reading and meditating on these sections of Scripture.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Bob & Deb Geisler and Family in thankfulness to God for Abigail Geisler being able to come home from the hospital after seven months.



THE BULLETIN today is given to the glory of God by Alma Hoffman in loving memory of her husband, Louis Hoffman, who was born on December 9th.

OPEN DATES AND NUMBER OF BOUQUETS available to sponsor the chancel flowers for December 19-1; January 2-1, 9-2, 16-1, 23-2, 30-2; February 6-2, 13-2, 20-2, 27-2. **The cost of each bouquet is \$30.** To place an order, please call the church office. **Please remember to return the black liner pot to the office.**

OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE BULLETIN: December 12, 19; January 2, 9, 16, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27. The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$25 per Sunday or special service. To reserve a date, please call the church office.

REHABILITATION: Wayne Wolf (Gateway Vista)



HOSPICE: Marian Radford (Tabitha); Merle Rudebusch (Home)

OUR RESPONSE TO THE REDEEMER LAST WEEKEND

Worship Attendance: 268 (51-101-116)

Online Service Stream: 76*

Sunday School & Bible Classes Attendance: 99 (35-64)

<u>Unified Budget Receipts</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Ahead (Behind)</u>
11/28/21 \$27,619.50	\$17,145.19	\$10,474.31
YTD \$794,642.98	\$822,969.23	(\$28,326.25)

LWML Mites for Missions Collected for November: \$116.29

Thanksgiving Eve & Day Attendance: 167 (105-62)

Thanksgiving Offering: \$2,437.00

*Number of views online as of 12/02/21.

“I Have Good News for You”

This **Adult Information Class**, led by Pastor Dietrich, is for those looking at learning more about our Lutheran faith and those that would like to refresh their knowledge of the Lutheran faith. The class began on Sunday, November 21, (and continues subsequent Sundays) during our Bible Study hour (9:45-10:45AM) in FEC Room 200. We look forward to learning more about God’s Good News that He has for YOU!



The **CHOSEN**

Pastor Ebert’s Sunday morning Bible class is based on the groundbreaking television series, **The Chosen**. The pattern this study follows is to watch a DVD segment one week and then go through the accompanying Bible study the following week. Class is at 9:45AM in the Fellowship Hall.

- Nov. 28 & Dec. 5—Part 7: **Invitations**
- Dec. 12—No Class (Sunday School Service)
- Dec. 19 & 26—Part 8: **I Am He**
- Jan. 2—**Christmas Special**



Join us at any time!

If you are interested in seeing what The Chosen is all about, seasons 1 & 2 are available to watch for free online at <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen/watch>. You can also download the app from Google Play or the App Store.

Advent Desserts to Go!

Each Wednesday after the Advent service, enjoy a themed dessert and coffee or punch to go. Cost for a dessert and drink is \$7. Homemade Ice Cream is available each week.

Dec. 8 - Caramel Themed Desserts

Dec. 15 - Trifle Themed Dessert

Please register in advance on the church website for a Themed Dessert. If you do not register, no problem! We will have extras on a first-come, first-serve basis. Order forms for coffees from The Mill are available. Consider buying for a gift!

Monies raised will assist the youths’ summer servant trip for 2022.

Future Worship Opportunities

THANK YOU FOR YOUR 2022 FAITH PROMISE! We have received many faith promise forms for 2022. God bless us as we strive, by His grace, to embrace our calling as disciples, to commit to His Word, and live a life of joyful generosity. If you have not yet had a chance to turn in your faith promise form for 2022, you will find a copy of the form on the last page. Simply detach the page, fill it out, fold it, and place it with your offering. Thank you!



END OF THE YEAR OFFERINGS: As we approach the end of the year, we encourage everyone to check and see if they are current with their Faith Promise for the current year. We also welcome and need gifts above and beyond the faith promises. Gifts can be sent to the church office.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2022 ARE NOW AVAILABLE and are located in the in the **Fellowship Hall along the east wall**. Please pick up your envelopes. If you take envelopes for someone else, please deliver them in a timely manner. In order to keep our financial records straight, please do not use the new envelopes until next year.

THE BLESSING BOX CONTINUES TO HELP THOSE IN NEED: Our box is being refilled three times a week so there are a lot of hungry folks out there depending on us. With the freezing temperatures approaching, please remember to contribute dry foods and not canned foods. Please feel free to add to the box at any time (located in the northwest corner of the church parking lot). If it is full, you may leave your items in the labeled tub located in the church narthex coat room. Join us in helping to feed the hungry right here in our community.

JOIN US FOR TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING Sundays, December 12 & 19, from 2:30–5:30PM. Voices of all ages are welcome! We will meet in front of the FEC and work out travel arrangements at that time. One week we will go to individual homes of members and friends of the church, and the other week we will go to some local care facilities. Join us and share your Christmas spirit with others!



WOR CHRISTMAS CARDS & MORE SALE! WOR will be selling cards **Nov. 13—Dec. 12** in the main narthex before and after each service. This year they have Christmas, get-well, sympathy, and birthday cards. Palm crosses will also be available to purchase.

Wednesdays, Dec. 8 & 15

6:30PM*: **Midweek Advent Worship**

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 4 & 5

6:00PM Saturday: **Worship** (with Holy Communion)

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

9:45AM Sunday: Sunday School & Bible Classes

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 11 & 12

6:00PM Saturday: **Worship**

8:30AM Sunday: **Worship**

9:45AM Sunday: Sunday School

11:00AM* Sunday: **Preschool – Grade 8 Children’s Christmas Worship**

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 18 & 19

6:00PM Saturday: **Worship** (with Holy Communion)

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

9:45AM Sunday: Sunday School & Bible Classes

Friday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

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

Saturday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

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

No Saturday evening worship

Sunday, Dec. 26

10:00AM* Sunday: **Worship**

9:00AM Sunday: Sunday School & Bible Classes

Friday, Dec. 31 – New Year’s Eve

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

Saturday, Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day

No Services

Sunday, Jan. 2

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

(Installation of the 2022 Church Council at 11:00AM)

9:45AM Sunday: Sunday School & Bible Classes

* Indicates Service will be live-streamed and available for later viewing.

~Youth News~

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE UPDATE

Parents and grandparents, the Sunday School teachers would like to encourage your child to be involved in this year's Christmas service. How do you make sure your children are involved in this unique service? Please bring your children to Sunday School each week between now and December 12, as speaking parts are being assigned. If you have any questions or absences, please communicate them to your Sunday School teacher or DCE Rod Lane. Parents, we thank you for your commitment and time for this ministry.



PRACTICE DATES:

Saturday, Dec. 4, Grades 1–8, 9:00–10:30AM, Church Sanctuary
Saturday, Dec. 11, Grades Preschool–8, 9:00–11:00AM, Church Sanctuary
(Preschool-1st grade may have modified schedule. We will communicate directly with parents and grandparents.)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE DATE:

Sunday, December 12, at 11:00AM, Church Sanctuary

ADVENT WORKSHOP: Preschool – 5th graders join us on Saturday, December 11, 11:00AM–1:30PM, FEC Lower Level. Cost: hat, gloves, or a coat for Hartley School. We will have crafts, activities, snacks, and include lunch as well. In addition, children will have a chance to craft holiday gifts for others and create decorations for your home. This event is free and open to the public, so invite your neighbors to come to enjoy the anticipation of the coming Christmas season! *Youth in grades 6–12 are wanted and encouraged to help during this event. Contact DCE Rod Lane for info.*

ADVENT CALENDARS AVAILABLE: If you want to celebrate Advent with your family this year, consider using one of three different Advent calendars to make time-honored traditions and profound spiritual truths come alive. You are invited and encouraged to pick up a free calendar starting today while supplies last. Calendars are in the FEC Sunday School Office. They are fun, easy to use, and most of all, **free**. You are encouraged to grab one for yourself, a neighbor, or a friend as well.

A PLAN FOR 2022 2022 Faith Promise -- Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lincoln, NE

God's Love Compels Us

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 2022 Faith Promise as soon as possible.
Thank you!

December 5-12

Sun 5	8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services with Holy Communion 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Classes (FEC & Fellowship Hall)
Mon 6	11:30AM-Staff Meeting (FEC Conference Room) 6:00PM-Men's Night Fellowship (FEC Room 200)
Tue 7	9:30-10:30AM—Weekday Communion (Main Narthex) 12:00PM-Brown Baggers (FEC Room 200) 6:15-6:45PM—Weekday Communion (Main Narthex) 7:00PM-Redeemer Bells (Church Balcony)
Wed 8	9:30AM-Women's Bible/Prayer Group (FEC Room 200) 12:30PM-Mary Martha/Circle 3 (FEC Room 200) 3:30-6:30PM-Confirmation (FEC) 5:15PM-Sunday School Instrumental Ensembles (FEC) 5:30-6:30PM-High School Dessert Prep (Fellowship Hall) 5:45-6:30PM-Redeemer Choir (Sanctuary) 6:30PM-Advent Service 7:30PM-Advent Dessert Pick-up (Fellowship Hall) 7:30PM-Brass (FEC)
Thur 9	Pastor Ebert's Day Off DCE Rod Lane's Day Off 9:30-10:30AM-Weekday Communion (Main Narthex) 1:00PM-Ruth/Circle 2 (FEC Room 200)
Fri 10	Pastor Dietrich's Day Off Noon-Cross Talk News Deadline
Sat 11	9:00AM-Board for Education (FEC Chapel) 9:00-11:00AM-Children's Christmas Rehearsal w/Instruments (Sanctuary) 11:00AM-1:30PM-Advent Workshop, Pre-Grade 5 (FEC Lower Level) 6:00PM-Divine Service
Sun 12	8:30AM-Divine Service 9:45AM-Sunday School (FEC) 11:00AM-Preschool-Grade 8 Children's Christmas Worship 2:30-5:30PM-Christmas Caroling