

The First Sunday in Advent

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.



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Hymns

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29 November 2020 A ☩ D 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

In Nomine ☩ Jesu

Order of Service: *Divine Service, Setting Three, Lutheran Service Book, page 184*

Stand **THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee* Refer to page 7

Kneel **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *LSB 184, right column*

The Service of the Word

Stand **THE INTROIT** *Psalm 25:1-3; Psalm 25:4, 5, 21-22*



[Unto] thee, O LORD, do I lift / up my sôul.

O / my God, I trust in thee:

Let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies / triumph over me.

Yea, let none that wait on / thee be ashamed.–

Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach / me thy pâths.

Lead me in / thy truth, and teach me:

For thou art the God of / my salvation;

on thee / do I wait all the day.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; / for I wait on thee.

Redeem Israel, O God, out / of all his troubles.

Glory be to the Fa- / ther and to the Son

and to / the Holy Spirit;

As it was in / the beginning,

is now, and will be / forever. Amen.

[Unto | thee, O LORD, do I lift / up my sôul.

O / my God, I trust in thee:

Let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies / triumph over me.

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THE KYRIE *LSB 186*

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT *LSB 189*

Sit **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Jeremiah 23:5-8

In those days, the prophet Jeremiah said, “Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that they shall no longer say, “As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,” but, “As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.” And they shall dwell in their own land.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Psalm 25:3-4



Yea, let none that wait on thee / be ashâmed:
let them be ashamed which trans- / gress without cause.—
Shew / me thy ways, O LORD;
- / teach me thy paths.—

THE EPISTLE

Romans 13:8-14

Brethren: Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY,” “YOU SHALL NOT MURDER,” “YOU SHALL NOT STEAL,” “YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS,” “YOU SHALL NOT COVET,” and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.” Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA

LSB 190

The congregation will sing the triple alleluia; the choir will chant the verse; then the congregation will sing the triple Alleluia again.

Shew us thy mercy, O LORD
and grant us thy salvation. (*Psalm 85:7*)

THE GOSPEL*St. Matthew 21:1-9*

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ Now when they drew near Jerusalem,

and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "TELL THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, 'BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, LOWLY, AND SITTING ON A DONKEY, A COLT, THE FOAL OF A DONKEY.'" So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

LSB 191

THE HYMN OF THE DAY *Savior of the Nations Come*

LSB 332

THE SERMON

THE OFFERING

Stand **THE OFFERTORY**

LSB 192

Sit **THE RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION**

Stand **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

The Service of the Sacrament

THE PREFACE AND FOLLOWING

LSB 194

Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastors Petersen or Frese are kindly asked to speak with either of them, or one of the ushers, before approaching the altar for the first time.

The Blood of Christ is offered on the pulpit side from either the chalice or individual cups, but on the lectern side, only the chalice is offered. If you prefer to receive the Blood from an individual cup and you did not sit on the pulpit side, you may cross the aisle.

Communicants are encouraged to take the bottom of the Chalice with a hand to help guide it to their mouths. Children and adults who are not eligible for the Holy Communion may cross their arms, placing both hands on their shoulders, to indicate they would like a blessing at the rail.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357

Prepare the Royal Highway

Refer to page 6

Come Thou Precious Ransom

LSB 350

Stand **THE NUNC DIMITTIS AND FOLLOWING**

LSB 199

Silent Prayer
Soli Deo Gloria

Communicants are invited to pray the following prayers:

Before receiving the Sacrament

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord.

What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

During the distribution of the Sacrament

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory; glory as of the only-begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. Amen.

After receiving the Sacrament

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me.

What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Abide with us, O Lord, that we may abide in You until the end; let not sin and need separate us from You, until we, through the strength of Your Holy Sacrament, enter into heaven, and eternal blessing. Amen.

Pastor - The Reverend David H. Petersen

Associate Pastor - The Reverend Michael N. Frese

Kantor - The Reverend Dr. Daniel Reuning

Archdeacon - The Reverend Professor Robert Roethemeyer

Vicar - Aaron Schultz

Seminarian Field Worker - Nicholas Belcher, Peter Preus

Deaconess Field Worker - Meghan Holst

Altar Care - Janet & Nadia Frese

Elders - Jonathan Busarow, Patrick Casey, Keith Frank, Rev. Benjamin Pollock, Mike Ritzman, Alex Schultz, Jason Thompson

Instrumentalists - Dr. Jason L. Thompson, *director, violin, viola*; Emily J. Thompson, *violin*; Hildie Felton, *flute*; Oscar Matter, *recorders, saxophones*; Rev. Dr. Benjamin Mayes, *trombone*

Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing; Your own e - ter - nal King!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised King!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All voic - es, join in sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Oh, blest is He that came In God the Fa - ther's name!

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O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee

Matt. 21: 1-9

Wie soll ich dich empfangen

Paul Gerhardt, 1653, cento

Tr., composite

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(FIRST TUNE)

Valet will ich dir geben

Melchior Teschner, 1613

1 O Lord, how shall I meet Thee, How wel-come Thee a - right?

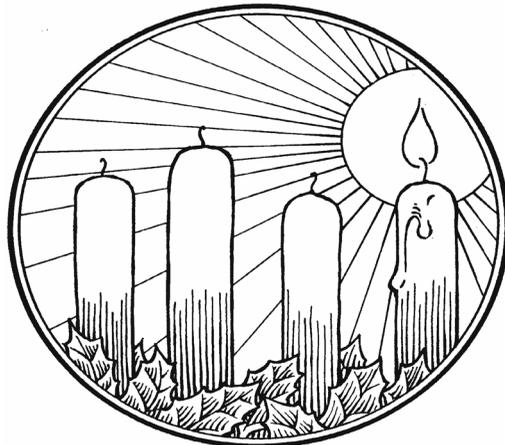
Thy peo - ple long to greet Thee, My Hope, my heart's De - light!

Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Thy lamp with - in my breast

To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please Thee best. A - men.

2. Thy Zion strews before Thee
Green boughs and fairest palms,
And I, too, will adore Thee
With joyous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever
For Thee with praises new
And from Thy name shall never
Withhold the honor due.
3. I lay in fetters, groaning,
Thou com'st to set me free;
I stood, my shame bemoaning,
Thou com'st to honor me;
A glory Thou dost give me,
A treasure safe on high,
That will not fail or leave me
As earthly riches fly.

4. Love caused Thy incarnation,
Love brought Thee down to me;
Thy thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling,
That led Thee to embrace,
In love all love excelling,
Our lost and fallen race.
5. Rejoice, then, ye sad-hearted,
Who sit in deepest gloom,
Mourn over joys departed
And tremble at your doom,
Despair not, He is near you,
Yea, standing at the door,
Who best can help and cheer you
And bids you weep no more.
6. Ye need not toil nor languish
Nor ponder day and night
How in the midst of anguish
Ye draw Him by your might
He comes, He comes all willing,
Moved by His love alone,
Your woes and troubles stilling;
For all to Him are known.
7. Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Let not your souls distress;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by His grace.
He comes, for me procuring
The peace of sin forgiven,
For all God's sons securing
Their heritage in heaven.
8. What though the foes be raging,
Heed not their craft and spite;
Your Lord, the battle waging,
Will scatter all their might,
He comes, a King most glorious,
And all His earthly foes
In vain His course victorious
Endeavor to oppose.
9. He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to His foes,
A Light of consolations
And blessed Hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Thy beams most cheering,
And guide us safely home.



CONGREGATIONAL NOTICES

We welcome you all to Redeemer Lutheran Church. Members and visitors are invited to meet at the coffee hour, which follows each service.

Team D, which could really use a couple more members, will be cleaning this week.

The **children receiving Holy Communion for the first time today** are Briella Adkins, Philip Dodson, Julia Koontz, Jack Meyer, Titus Pullmann, Charles Ritzman, Joseph Schuler, Ben Schultz, Martin Wei, Clara Wietfeldt, Olivia Wietfeldt. Please remember them in your prayers.

Thursday night **Advent services** begin this Thursday, December 3.

If you would like to donate for **Christmas flowers or music**, please use the insert that is in the bulletin. You can place it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. Donations can be of any size. Donations received by Sunday, December 20 will be included in the Christmas bulletins.

Gregorian Chant Vespers in Advent: Sing Gregorian Chant, the classic Christian choral music, at the Vespers services to be held on Saturdays in Advent: Nov. 27, Dec. 5, and Dec. 19 (but NOT on Dec. 12)

SCHEDULE

4:30 p.m., instruction and rehearsal (undercroft)

5:00 p.m., Vespers

Afterwards, stick around to socialize; the kegs will be open.

Please bring a copy of the Brotherhood Prayer Book. A few extra copies will be on hand to share.

Advent & Christmas schedule

Matins will continue during Advent, except on Saturdays at 10:30 am, when Holy Communion will be offered. As usual, the Holy Communion is offered at every Sunday service at 8:00 am & 10:30 am, midweek on Wednesdays at 10:30 am, and Thursdays at 7:00 pm. We will also continue the 6:00 p.m. Thursday Divine Service with extra covid-related precautions. Following the final Thursday Advent service, December 17, we will decorate the church for Christmas.

The Christmas Eve Divine Services are at 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m., and 7:00 pm. The Christmas Day services will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 am. Signups will be required for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. We will have daily communion throughout the twelve days

of Christmas with the service at 10:30 am on Saturday 12/26, Monday 12/28, Tuesday 12/29, Wednesday 12/30 and Friday, New Year's Day, 1/1. The service on New Year's Eve, Thursday 12/31, will be held at 7:00 pm

Special Prayer Requests: Terry Stephens; Matt Borchelt; Ron & Effie Sheron; Madeleine & David Herman; Clara Roth; Spencer Cassidy; Laura Cecil; Maureen DeLassus; Marilyn Conrad; Bob Heider; Gail Ludvigson; Norma Jean Uffleman; Angie Crouch; Amanda Willets; Juanita Hahn; Ed Snyder; Mark Crouch; Dale Steinke; John & Ele Sullivan; Jim Steinke; Jennifer Koontz; Abby Smith; Moreah Stuckwisch; Kelly Oliver, Bethany Kranz

Contact the pastors or church office

Pastor Petersen can be contacted by phoning the church office (744-2585) or his cell (414-3083). Pastor Frese can be reached through the church office or his cell (913-547-2292).

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The Church Secretary office hours are Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, 29 November THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Divine Service

There are Matins services at 8:30 a.m., Monday through Friday.

Wednesday, 2 December
10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Thursday, 3 December
6:00 p.m. Divine Service, extra precautions
7:00 p.m. Divine Service

Saturday, 5 December
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 6 December THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Individual Absolution is offered during Advent by appointment.

Office secretary hours: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday