

The Fourth Sunday in Advent-Rorate Coeli

Stir up Your power, O Lord,
and come and help us by Your might,
that the sins which weigh us down
may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy.



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Hymns

357 *LSB*
347 *LSB*
621 *LSB*
340 *LSB*
352 *LSB*
333 *LSB*

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20 December 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 *Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel* LSB 357

Kneel THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION LSB 184, right column

The Service of the Word

Stand THE INTROIT *Isaiah 45:8; Psalm 19:1, 4-6*



[Drop down,] ye / heavens, from above,
and let the / skies pour down righteousness:

Let / the earth open,
and let them / bring forth salvation.

**The heavens declare the glo- / ry of Gôd;
and the firmament / sheweth his handywork.**

Their line is gone / out through all the earth,
and their words to the / end of the world.—

**In them hath he set a taber- / nacle for the sun,
which is as a bridegroom coming / out of his chamber,**

And rejoiceth as a strong / man to run a race.

His going forth is from the / end of the heaven,

**And his circuit un- / to the ends of it:
and there is nothing / hid from the heat thereof.**

***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.**

[Drop down,] ye / heavens, from above,
and let the / skies pour down righteousness:

Let / the earth open,
and let them / bring forth salvation.

THE KYRIE

LSB 186

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

LSB 189

Sit THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

In those days Moses said: “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Psalm 145:18, 21



The LORD is nigh unto all them that call / upon hîm,
to all that / call upon him in truth.

**My mouth shall speak the praise / of the LÔRD:
and let all flesh bless his holy name for / ever and ever.**

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4-7

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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 as printed; then the congregation will sing the triple Alleluia again.

Thou art my help and my / deliverer;
make no tar- / rying,— O my God. (*Psalm 40:17b*)

THE GOSPEL

St. John 1:19-28

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

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



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?” He said: “I am ‘THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS: “MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD,”’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. And they asked him, saying, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, saying, “I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose.” These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

LSB 191

THE HYMN OF THE DAY *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

LSB 347

THE SERMON

THE OFFERING

Stand **THE OFFERTORY**

LSB 192

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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 621

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

LSB 340

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

LSB 352

Once He Came in Blessing

LSB 333

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 - Alicia Herman

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*

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Friday	25 December	Christmas Day	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
			10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Saturday	26 December	St. Stephen, Martyr	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Sunday	27 December	St. John, Apostle	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
			10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Monday	28 December	The Holy Innocents	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Tuesday	29 December	5th Day of Christmas	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Wednesday	30 December	6th Day of Christmas	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Thursday	31 December	Name and Circumcision of Jesus	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service
Friday	1 January	Name and Circumcision of Jesus	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Saturday	2 January	9th Day of Christmas	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service
Sunday	3 January	10th Day of Christmas	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
			10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Monday	4 January	11th Day of Christmas	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Tuesday	5 January	12th Day of Christmas	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Wednesday	6 January	Feast of the Epiphany	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
			7:00 p.m.	Divine Service



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). Vicar Schultz can be reached through the church office or his cell (559)920-0476. The Church Secretary office hours are Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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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 B, captain Krissy Lagemann, will be cleaning this week.

Here is the link to the **SignUp Genius**, needed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084baaae2ca2fa7-communion> It is also on the website in several places.

If you would like to donate for **Christmas flowers or music**, please use the insert that is on the table in the narthex or email Jane @ secretary.redeemer@gmail.com. Donations can be of any size. Donations received by tomorrow morning will be listed in the Christmas bulletins.

Special Prayer Requests: Zeke Felton; Terry Stephens; Matt Borchelt; Madeleine & David Herman; Clara Roth; 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; Amanda Shemwell; Claire Burgdorf

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, 20 December THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Wednesday, 23 December
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
6:00 p.m. Divine Service, extra precautions

Thursday, 24 December CHRISTMAS EVE
10:30 a.m. Divine Service, signup required
5:00 p.m. Divine Service, signup required
7:00 p.m. Divine Service, signup required

Friday, 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY
8:00 a.m. Divine Service, signup required
10:30 a.m. Divine Service, signup required

Saturday, 26 December ST. STEPHEN, MARTYR
10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Sunday, 27 December ST. JOHN, APOSTLE
8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Individual Absolution is offered by appointment.

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