



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 am

..... + **GATHERING** +

Voluntaries

A Lovely Rose is Blooming

Johannes Brahms

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Paul Manz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The congregation kneels as silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned. We plead: Come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

<We stand.>

... through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway


ELW HYMN 264

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.


And also with you.

Assisting minister

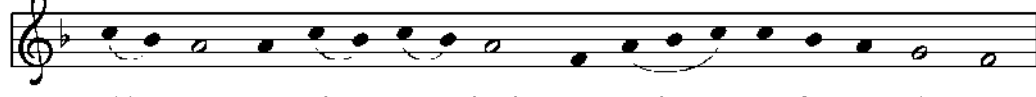


Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

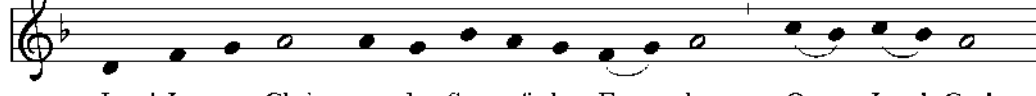
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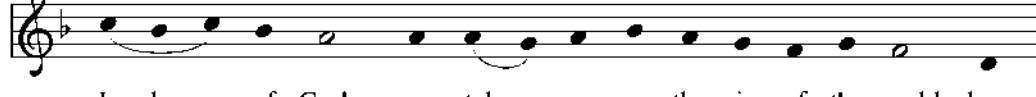
Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor -



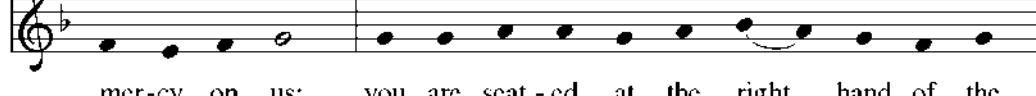
ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



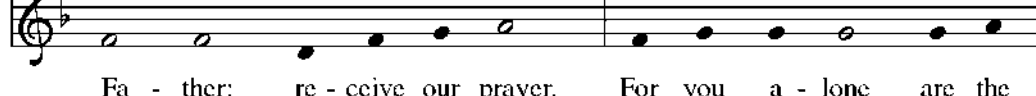
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, O Lord God,




Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have



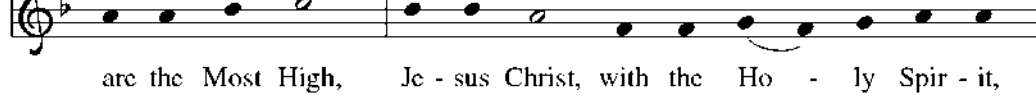
mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the




Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone



are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. God our Parent, **There is no miracle as grand as birth. As we prepare for the coming of your son, Jesus, create in us new life. Transform us so that we may reflect the light of your son, and become beacons of goodness, kindness, compassion, generosity, honesty, patience, and peace, for the sake of the one whose name brings deliverance and life to all the world, Jesus Christ, infant king. Amen.**

<We sit.>



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awc.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Let us pray...

O God, the reality of your coming fills us with hope today. As we enter the fourth week of Advent, and as we witness the lighting of the fourth candle, empower us to be living signs of your love in our homes, our schools, our places of work, and our communities. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

..... + WORD +

READING

Psalm 113

Pew Bible page 491

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

The Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 1:26-45

Pew Bible page 831

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

<We sit.>

SERMON

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

ELW HYMN 251

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

<We kneel.>

*Each prayer petition will end with "Lord, in your mercy," and the response is "Receive our prayer."
At the conclusion of the prayers, we respond with "Amen."*

<We stand.>

SHARING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share the peace however you and those around you are comfortable.

<We sit.>

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

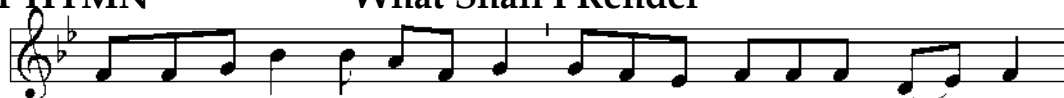
As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

Carl Schalk

<We stand.>

OFFERTORY HYMN

What Shall I Render



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?



I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing



and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the



pres - ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,



in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator God, you made the whole world ... Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding ...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy one, the beginning and the end...

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

... We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

... Bring the gift of peace on earth.. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

... one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...
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.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

<We sit.>

COMMUNION

Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world.

You are invited to come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice of wine. If you are not able, the meal will be brought to you in your pew. A gluten-free wafer is available, upon request, for those who need it.

<We stand.>

THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous God, ... in your name.
Amen.

..... + **SENDING** +

SUNG BLESSING

In the name of the Father.
In the name of the Father.
In the name of the Son.
In the name of the Son.
In the name of the Spirit.
In the name of the Spirit.
The Three-in-One.
The Three-in-One.

May the Lord bless and keep you.
May the Lord bless and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you.
May God's face shine upon you.
May God's blessings be with you.
May God's blessings be with you.
And give you peace.
And give you peace.

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World

ELW HYMN 267

<Please turn and face the rear of the nave.>

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Prepare the Royal Highway

Michael Burkhardt

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Huger Caughman, Jr. on his 47th birthday December 26th by Huger, Anne, Kristin, Dennis, and Wayden.

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor
Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr., Organist · Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director
Aubrey Guyton, Youth Director
Annette Belcher or Rebecca Sexton, Audio · Matt Bowers, Video
Woody Cornwell, Bookkeeper · Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant

Worship Leadership - This Sunday

Christmas Eve

Worship Asst	Mary Alex Kopp
Acolyte	Lawson Bannister
Crucifer	Olivia West
Comm Prep	Ann Jacobs & Susan Thomasson
Ushers	Elmer Long, Mack Garner, Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman
Altar Flowers	Caughman Family

Worship Asst	George Franklin
Acolyte	Ashleigh Titus
Crucifer	Griffin Long
Bible Bearer	Adam Boozer
Torch Bearers	Elin Cary & McKenzie Garner
Comm Prep	Robert Kneece
Ushers	Members of Redeemer


..... **Announcements**

Christmas Eve Service - will be at 5pm on Tuesday, December 24th.

Christmas Poinsettias - please plan to pick up your plants on Christmas Eve after the service. Thank you!

Pictorial Directory - if you were unable to come by to have your photo taken for the pictorial directory there is still time! Come by the office during regular office hours!

Committee Reports - all committee reports should be turned into the church office by January 12th. Feel free to leave them on Haley's desk or email them to info@redeemernewberry.org.

SUN 22	MON 23	TUES 24	WED 25	THURS 26	FRI 27	SAT 28	SUN 29
SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am		Christmas Eve Service - 5p FLC Reserved - Harriet Guy Church Office Closed					SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am FLC Reserved

Numbers for December 15, 2024:

Attendance

Offering

Sunday School	22
In-Person	94
Online	159
Total	253

General Operating Account	\$4,155.21
Major Maintenance Account	\$455.00
Dedicated Account	
Choral Scholarship:	\$100.00



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