



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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December 29, 2024

First Sunday of Christmas

10:30 am

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

Voluntaries

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Neil Harmon

Still, Still, Still

Paul Manz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

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-with-us,

we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us.

Amen.

<We stand.>

... † forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

It Came upon the Midnight Clear


ELW HYMN 282

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

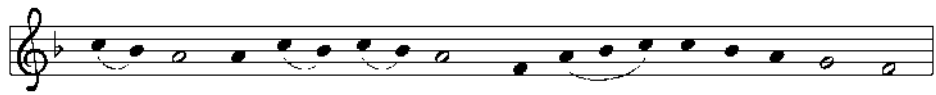


Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



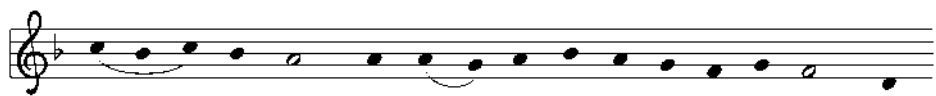
Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor -




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



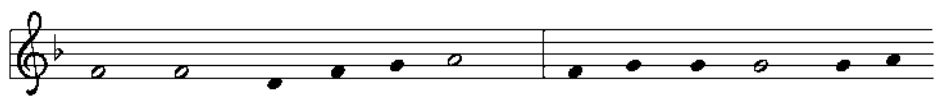
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, O Lord God,




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



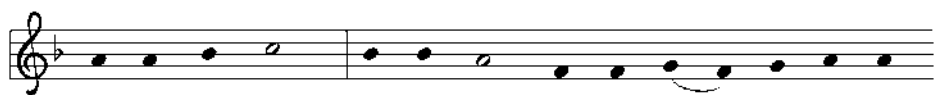
mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the




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. **Glory of Isreal, The coming of your son, Jesus, broke open the heavens and prepared a way for all of your children to come home to you. Give us eyes to see your miraculous spirit moving in this church and in this world. Teach us to be proclaimers of your love to the nations, for the sake of the one whose name is redemption for the peoples, Jesus Christ, our salvation. Amen.**

<We sit.>

..... + WORD +

READING

Psalm 131

Pew Bible page 500

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 2:21-38

Pew Bible page 833

<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

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW HYMN 290

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

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

<We kneel.>

Each prayer petition will end with "God of grace," 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.>

..... + MEAL +

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

See, Amid the Winter's Snow

arr. Dan Forrest

<We stand.>

Soloist: Alanna Boozer

OFFERTORY HYMN

What Child Is This vs. 3

ELW page 296



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of heaven and earth, ... from day to day. **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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

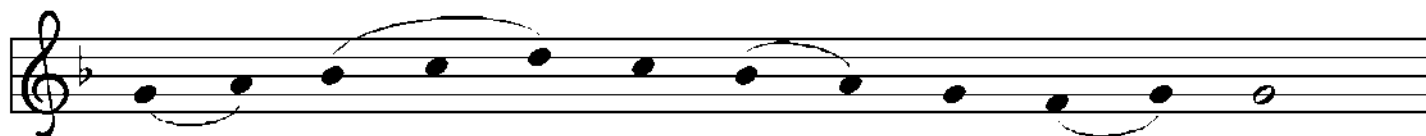
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



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

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

<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

Merciful God, ... good news of great joy.

Amen.

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

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW HYMN 283

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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

O Come, All Ye Faithful

David Cherwien

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God, may God bless us all and show us the way, by Bob, Annette, Rosealynn, and Becca.

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

Worship Leadership - This Sunday

Worship Asst	Anne Caughman
Acolyte	Ellie Nguyen
Crucifer	Zoe Reid
Comm Prep	Huger Caughman, Jr.
Ushers	Kathy Riffin, Nikki Chapman, Doggett Whitaker, Dennis Caughman
Altar Flowers	Belcher & Sexton Families

Worship Leadership - January 5th

Worship Asst	
Acolyte	Levi Richardson
Crucifer	Zarek Reid
Comm Prep	
Ushers	
Altar Flowers	

..... **Announcements**

Volunteer Opportunities - if you feel called to join a committee or to volunteer during worship, now is the time! A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Pictorial Directory - if you were unable to come by to have your photo taken for the pictorial directory come by the office during regular office hours and we will get that taken quickly.

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 29	MON 30	TUES 31	WED 1	THURS 2	FRI 3	SAT 4	SUN 5
SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am FLC Reserved	Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am FLC Reserved	Library Reserved - 6p	 Church Office Closed	FLC Reserved - 5p		FLC Reserved	Property Committee Mtg - 9am SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am WELCA - 3:45p

Numbers for December 22, 2024:

Attendance

Offering

Sunday School	23
In-Person	75
Online	245
Total	320

General Operating Account	\$4,587.55
Major Maintenance Account	\$1,100.00
Dedicated Account	
Choral Scholarship:	\$100.00
Abiding Memorial:	\$105.00
MKBF Fund:	\$35.00



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Christmas Eve:	
In-Person	168
Online	272
Total	440