

Worship

Saturday: 5pm
Sunday: 10:30am
Hmong: 1pm

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AS WE GATHER

On the second Sunday in Advent we hear a voice rise up calling us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is not meant to be the voice of terror but the promised voice of comfort. God is coming to His people to announce an end to their warfare, the pardon of their sins, and the promise of a whole new future. Once this voice was the voice of John insisting he was not the one but was preparing for the One who is mightier than he. Voices still proclaim the comfort of the Lord and the grace that forgives sins---not as someone to come but as the One who came for us and our salvation. Today we not only listen for our own sake, but we listen so that we may speak into the world the grace of Him who came before He comes again.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Prepare the Royal Highway

Cherub Choir: “Light One Candle”

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

Pastor: The voice of the prophet cries out to us: Prepare the way of the Lord. The gracious God whom we know in Christ comforts us with the promise of grace bigger than every sin. God alone makes us clean and makes us ready to meet Jesus. He comes as a Shepherd to carry us in His arms and to lead us home clothed in forgiveness and His very own righteousness.

Pastor: Restore us, O God, and let Your face shine on us,

People: That we may be saved. *Psalm 80:3*

Pastor: Give ear to Your people, O Shepherd of Israel,

People: and lead Your people like a flock. *Psalm 80:1,*

Pastor: You forgive all the iniquity of Your people;

People: You cover up all our sin and show us Your steadfast love and faithfulness. *Psalm 85:2*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know---the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed---but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.

Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace. Amen.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

WORD OF GOD

SALUTATION and COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: Once You sent to Your people a messenger to be the voice calling them to repentance. Raise up many voices in our own day that we may hear Your call to renewal and be restored by the grace of Your forgiveness and found ready when our Lord comes in His glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: Amen.

HYMN: The Advent of Our King #331 vs1-4

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40:1-11

Pastor: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

PEOPLE: ³ **A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the**

LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Pastor: ⁶ A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. ⁷ The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever." ⁹ You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰ See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. ¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be To God!

Harmony Choir: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8 (*Our Lord's coming begins with the voice sent to prepare the world for His appearing.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" ³ "a voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" ⁴ And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message:

“After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with^[d] water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Prepare the Royal Highway #343

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy Christian Church the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray in the name of Jesus, clinging to the comfort of His grace and standing before the Lord as a people united in prayer...

(Silence for prayer)

Pastor: As You raised up a voice in the wilderness, O Lord, continue to equip Your people to speak to those in darkness and to call them forth into the light of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: comfort us in our need and hear our prayer in Jesus' name.

Pastor: As the passing world gives way to the new heaven and the new earth of Your promise, we pray You, Lord, to sustain us amid the changes and chances of this mortal life and to keep us firmly grasped in the arms of our Shepherd.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: comfort us in our need and hear our prayer in Jesus' name.

Pastor: Lord, open our eyes to those in need that we may extend the comfort of Your grace to the hungry, the unemployed, the aged, and those forgotten in our society. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: comfort us in our need and hear our prayer in Jesus' name.

Pastor: Lord, give aid to the wounded in body or spirit, give healing to the sick, give relief to the suffering, and sustain the dying in Your peace.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: comfort us in our need and hear our prayer in Jesus' name.

Pastor: Prepare us for Your Table, O Lord, that we may come with faith to receive all the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that You have placed in the bread which is Your body and the cup which is Your blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: comfort us in our need and hear our prayer in Jesus' name.

Pastor: Receive the worship of our mouths and the prayers of our hearts in Jesus' name. Accept the tithes and offerings we bring, signs of our trust and part of our worship. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;**

**From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ, the kingdom of heaven has drawn near. With thankful hearts we pray then:

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

THE PEACE

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

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" #711
"On Jordan's Bank the Baptists Cry" #344

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Great and merciful God, the days pass quickly and we grow weak and weary amid the rapid pace of change. Give us patience to wait upon You. Give us wisdom to judge with the discernment of Your Spirit. Give us an awareness of Your constant presence. And give us Your abiding peace to calm us on our way. These we ask with confidence that You will give us all that we need to be prepared for our Lord Jesus when He comes; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Savior of the Nations Come" # 332 vs 1-4

**Please stay for the Voter's Meeting Sunday following Worship
(Child Care Provided)**

SERVING US THIS WEEKEND:

Preacher: Pastor Zachary M DeArmond

Liturgist: Pastor Eric W Kolonich

Organist: Roberta Hilgendorf

Greeters on Saturday: Scot & Amy Eisenshink

Greeters on Sunday: Buzz & Fran Beckman

Ushers on Saturday: Van Neff, Glenn Griepentrog, Steve Pribek, Mike Pribek

Ushers on Sunday: Mike Andrastek, Bill Ballard, Terry Swoboda

CD Recording: Carla Gregurich

Delivery: Joan Barnard, Butch Strouf

Altar Guild: Charlotte Weber, Rose Ann Kuehne, Dorothy Klien

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

Attendance: Saturday-79; Sunday -191

Offerings: \$5900

Altar Flowers this weekend have been presented to the glory of God by Bill and Roberta Hilgendorf in memory of their Daughter Steffani Abegglen

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- Donna Meyer
- Carl Umlandt
- Donna Carty

December Voter's Meeting
Following Worship
on
December 4, 2011
(Child care will be provided)

The Lord's Week at Redeemer

Saturday, December 3

5:00 p.m. Worship (C)

Sunday, December 4

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Studies

10:30 a.m. Worship(C)

11:30a.m. Voter's Meeting

Monday, December 5

8:00a.m. Finance Committee

7:00 p.m. Java & the Word
at Manitowoc Coffee

Tuesday, December 6

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Class

9:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Class

6p.m. Thailand Team Meeting

7:05 p.m Financial Peace U.

Wednesday, December 7

6:00p.m. Advent Worship

6:45 p.m. Senior Choir

7:30 p.m. Handbells

Thursday, December 8

7p.m. Executive Board Meeting

Friday, December 9

Saturday, December 10

11-2p.m. Tree & Nativity Decorating

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, December 11

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Studies

10:30 a.m. Worship

1:00 p.m. Hmg. Worship

6:30p.m. Woman's Small Group Jenn's Java

Proclaim the Wondrous Birth!

In Advent we are looking toward the wondrous birth of Jesus on Christmas, but along the way in Scripture there were other wondrous births that pointed to God's promises fulfilled and to that most special birth in Bethlehem. Each week we will draw closer to the crib in Bethlehem as we meet the Baby of Promise!

SAMUEL—Wednesday, December 7 @ 6pm

JOHN—Wednesday, December 14 @ 6pm

JESUS—Wednesday, December 21 @ 6pm

2012 Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex. Please take yours along today, so that we can clear away the tables to accommodate Christmas displays and activities.

2011 Contributions: Any offerings that you would like credited for 2011 must be in the office on or before December 31st.

**A Thailand Team meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, December 6, at 6:00PM.**

I plan on showing a short power point presentation of Pastor Kolonich and my recent trip to Nan. We'll talk about our experiences in Nan, meeting with Pastor Niran who works with the Thailand Concordia Lutheran Churches, some of the challenges and requests that would benefit the students and Preecha , and a possible mission team from Redeemer traveling to Nan in 2012. You may invite and bring others that are interested in the Thailand Mission Project.

Bill Hilgendorf Director of discipleship, evangelism



DECORATIONS – HYMN SING – LUNCH

If you like to decorate, sing, eat and fellowship, this activity is for you. On Saturday, December 10th from 11-2p.m. we will put up the Christmas tree and nativity set. Roberta Hilgendorf will play your requested Christmas hymns and everyone can sing along. This will be followed by soup, sandwiches and pizza. More information will follow in the bulletin or you may contact Jim and Karen Beke or Mary Orth.

LWML- will be hosting a cookie drive for all homebound members. If you would like to donate cookies please have them at church by December 17th. Cookies will be delivered Friday December 18th

The Children's Christmas Program December 18, 2011 at 10:30a.m.

Youth

All Confirmation age youth and older are invited to a Christmas party at the home of Greg and Lisa McDougal (2204 Granger Road) on Wednesday, December 14th. We will get started right after Advent mid-week worship, approximately 7:00 P.M. and go until 9:00. After worship come on over to relax and enjoy some food and games. Please sign-up by Sunday, December 11th so we know how much food to get. If you have any questions please contact Lisa McDougal or Pastor DeArmond.

Preschool; Christmas Program

Please Join Us as the children will present a Christmas program on December 19th at 6:30 p.m. and December 20^t at 10:30a.m.; everyone is invited to hear the singing of joyous Christmas carols.



Birthday's for the Week

Dec. 3 Andra Fechner, Lora Lutz, Deb Kaczowski

Dec. 4 James Nadeau Jr.

Dec. 5 Julie Jaskolski, Roland Peronto

Dec. 6 Florence Beduhn, Jim Schultz

Dec. 7 Brennan Lutz

Dec. 8 Johnathan Cain, **Pastor DeArmond**

Dec. 9 Roberta Hilgendorf, Tisha Hang

Dec. 10 Bob Burtard

Dec. 11 Brent Budnik

Wedding Anniversary's

Dec. 4 Adam & Amy Blanchard

Dec. 8 Justin & Renee Massart

Dec. 9 Keith & Sharon Meyer

Dec. 11 Harold & Cherilyn Salzberg

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for preschool will be starting in December to all members of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Please call Preschool/church at 684-3989 to enroll your child. What a blessed gift you can give your children or grandchildren for Christmas. May our Lord continue to bless our ministry with children and families. Thank you to all the families and members who have supported and prayed for the Preschool at Redeemer. With God's blessing may we continue to do Mission work in Manitowoc County.



What is The Crossing???

The Crossing of Manitowoc County is a nonprofit Christian organization dedicated to saving lives and protecting futures. They are located at 814 Washington St (across the street from the courthouse).

The Crossing accomplishes their mission through the following outreach programs:

- Healthy Relationships Team; an education team working on site and in the wider community.
- Pregnancy Consultants; One-on-one assistance with the struggles and decisions related to unplanned pregnancy.
- H.E.A.R.T., a healing program designed to serve women experiencing emotional, mental and spiritual challenges due to a past abortion.
- Baby Boutique, offering an assortment of clothing for mother and baby as well as baby furnishings and consumables.
- Healthy Relationships, classes held both on site and in the community.
- Partnerships and referrals with other community agencies and organizations.
- Earn While You Learn incentive program for clients to learn and select earned rewards.

You can learn more about The Crossing at: www.thecrossingpartners.org

Pastor Kolonich serves on the Executive Board for the Crossing and was recently chosen to be the chair for the Healthy Relationships Team.

In 1 John 4:19 it says “We Love because HE first loved us.” As we seek to share God’s love with the community around us, this Christmas season, please consider helping out this local ministry.

**The Crossing Boutique is in desperate need of the following:
Size 4 & 5 diapers & Baby Wipes**

If you would like to help out, feel free to bring the above items to the church during the month of December!

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Christmas Eve Worship Services

4 pm

6 pm (Candlelight Service)

Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am

(No Sunday School or Bible Study)

New Year's Weekend Worship

New Years Eve Worship with Holy Communion

Saturday, December 31 @ 5:00p

New Years Day Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, January 1 @ 10:30a

(No Sunday School or Bible Study)

