

## Worship

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

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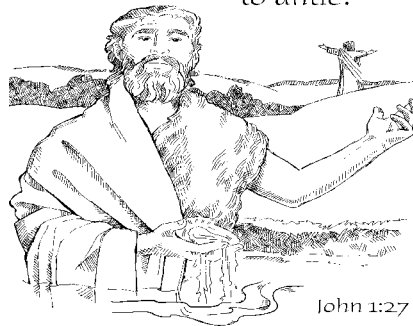


Redeemer Lutheran Church  
and 3K/4K Preschool

1712 Menasha Ave., Manitowoc, Wisconsin

**December 10&11, 2011**

He is the one who  
comes after me,  
the thongs of whose sandals  
I am not worthy  
to untie.



John 1:27

## AS WE GATHER

The unknown always leads to fear and anxiety. We spend so much of our lives waiting in fear of the unknown, painting dark pictures of an imposing future. St. Paul reminds God's Advent people that we know the future---the future is Jesus Christ. The same Jesus who was born of the virgin in human flesh and blood to secure forgiveness and salvation for us will return in glory to complete His new creation. The divine blessings from the Word and Table of the Lord unite us and call us to fervent joy; the gifts of God initiate, nourish, and sustain that joy, refreshing our weary hearts with forgiveness, life, and hope. As God's Advent people, we lay down our fears in order to retain the holy joy of Christ---both now as He comes in the means of grace and in expectation of His coming again that we might dwell with Him for all eternity.

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*We ask that as you enter the sanctuary you use this time to prepare your heart for worship. Please refrain from conversations in the sanctuary, but keep your conversation between you and God.*

**HYMN** "Hark the Glad Sound"# 349

### INVOCATION and OPENING VERSES

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

**People: and grant us Your salvation.** *Psalm 85:7*

Pastor: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him. *Psalm 85:9*

**People: Yes, the Lord will give us what is good.** *Psalm 85:12a, adapted*

Pastor: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

**People: and grant us Your salvation.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**People: who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. I have not honored my Lord's name as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace that I may amend my sinful life.**

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.**

## + THE WORD OF GOD +

### **SALUTATION and COLLECT**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: Stir up our voice, O Lord, to sing your good news. Lift us up to the high mountain of hope. Lift us up to behold your coming again. Lift us up without fear into your renewing presence, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**ADVENT THEME HYMN** O Come, O Come Emmanuel vs 1, 4, 5

### **OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 40:1-11

Pastor: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

**PEOPLE: <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.**

Pastor: <sup>9</sup> 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!" <sup>10</sup> See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him,

and his recompense accompanies him. <sup>11</sup> 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!**

**EPISTLE** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (*Rejoice, pray, and give thanks in all things for this is God's will.*)

<sup>16</sup> Be joyful always; <sup>17</sup> pray continually; <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. <sup>19</sup> Do not put out the Spirit's fire; <sup>20</sup> do not treat prophecies with contempt. <sup>21</sup> Test everything. Hold on to the good. <sup>22</sup> Avoid every kind of evil.

<sup>23</sup> May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks Be To God!**

**Anthem:** Senior Choir- "How Should A King Come"

**GOSPEL** John 1:6-8, 19-28 (*John the Baptist points to the One who is to come, of whom he is not worthy to untie His sandals.*)

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>6</sup> There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. <sup>19</sup> Now this was John's testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent

priests and Levites to ask him who he was. <sup>20</sup> He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Christ. <sup>21</sup> They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." <sup>22</sup> Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to

take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup> John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the desert, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'<sup>24</sup> Now some Pharisees who had been sent <sup>25</sup> questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

<sup>26</sup> "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. <sup>27</sup> He is the one who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." <sup>28</sup> This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN** "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry" #344

## **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: Great and mighty God, in our tears and in our fears we come before You that You may answer our need with hope and sustain our hearts in joy.

*(Silence for prayer and meditation)*

Pastor: As John the Baptist sought no glory but witnessed to Jesus, give us humble hearts of faith that we may glory in Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away our sin, and proclaim Him who takes away the sin of the whole world. Lord, in Your mercy

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Order our lives by Your grace that we may not be overcome by sorrows of body, mind, or material goods, but rejoice in the eternal treasure of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give us wisdom to discern Your truth and Your Spirit and to rejoice in Your Word and Sacraments that bestow on us the comfort of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Guide Your Church to fulfill Your will and purpose and bless us with faithful pastors and church workers who will faithfully steward Your mysteries to us. Lord, in Your mercy

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Raise up honest and wise leaders here and in every nation of the earth, that all people may enjoy freedom, have confidence in justice, and know peace. Lord, in Your mercy

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Bless those who care for us in time of emergency or disaster, especially police, firefighters, and first responders that they may effectively support all who have been affected by natural or manmade disaster. Lord, in Your mercy

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give Your grace to the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying.... that all who cry to You in time of need may receive patience, healing, and peace according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ. Who taught us to pray....

## **Lord's Prayer**

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.

**OFFERING** (*Please use this time to fill out the friendship pads and pass them down the pew.*)

**OFFERTORY HYMN** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" [St. 1: *LSB 338; LW 22;*  
*CW 6*]

## **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** "When All the World Was Cursed" #346

## **SERVING US THIS WEEKEND:**

**Preacher:** Pastor Eric W. Kolonich

**Liturgist:** Pastor Zachary M. DeArmond

**Organist:** Roberta Hilgendorf

**Greeters on Saturday:** Patrick & Joel Engelbert

**Greeters on Sunday:** Jim & Karen Beke

**Ushers on Saturday:** Lisa Battin, Al Troullier, Craig Troullier, Rick Wolfe

**Ushers on Sunday:** Collin Hass, Matt Borchardt, Brian & Nancy Boprey

**CD Recording:** Carla Gregurich

**Delivery:** Donna Carty & Van Neff

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

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:**

Attendance: Saturday-95; Sunday -219

Offerings: \$7022

**Altar Flowers** this weekend have been presented to the glory of God by Tabitha & Taliah Seefeldt in celebration of Brad's Birthday

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**

- Carl Umlandt at Shady Lane Rehab in Rm. #142
- Donna Carty
- Donna Wiesner as she was called to her eternal rest.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>. Cookies will be delivered Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>

# The Children's Christmas Program

## December 18, 2011 at 10:30a.m.



We will be decorating the church with poinsettia plants again this Christmas. If you would like to purchase a plant in memory or honor of a loved one, sign the chart posted on the lobby bulletin board. PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION! Use a flower fund envelope from your packet or take one from the display to make your payment and drop it in the offering any time before Christmas. Cost is \$9.00 per plant.



**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



# The Lord's Week at Redeemer

## **Saturday, December 10**

5:00 p.m. Worship

## **Sunday, December 11**

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Studies

10:30 a.m. Worship

6:30p.m. Ladies Small Group Bible Study at Jenn's Java

## **Monday, December 12**

8:00a.m. Finance Committee

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

## **Tuesday, December 13**

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

9:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Class

7:05 p.m Financial Peace U.

## **Wednesday, December 14**

5:45p.m.-6:p.m. Join in as we sing your favorite Christmas Hymns

6:00 p.m. Advent Worship (Decorating the Christmas Trees)

6 :45 p.m. Senior Choir

7-9:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party at McDougal's Home

7:45 p.m. Handbells

## **Thursday, December 15**

## **Friday, December 16**

## **Saturday, December 17**

5:00 p.m. Worship (Deaf Interpreted)

## **Sunday, December 18**

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Studies

10:30 a.m. Children's Service

1:00 p.m. Hmg. Worship

## **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!

**Join us from 5:45pm-6pm as we sing our favorite Christmas Hymns**

JOHN—Wednesday, December 14 @ 6pm  
JESUS—Wednesday, December 21 @ 6pm

**Following the Advent service on December 14**

**The Men's Club will be serving Ice Cream in the Fellowship Hall**

### **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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 11<sup>th</sup> so we know how much food to get. If you have any questions please contact Lisa McDougal or Pastor DeArmond.

### **December Birthday's**

Dec. 12 Ryann Miglieri  
Dec. 13 Cory Miller, Owen Lettenberger, Aaron Webb, Tabitha Seefeldt  
Dec. 14 Cal Kuehne, Sam Krajnik, Kailey Gilbert, Logan Densow  
Dec. 15 Erik Battin, Noah Wisnowski  
Dec. 16 Matt Zuege, Carol Johnston \*, Bill Lutz  
Dec. 17 Carol Graff, Carol Nadeau, Pam Kretsch  
Dec. 18 Jody Hagenow, Sue Robinson, Lindy Wolfe, Rob Block, Callyn Hartwig,  
Jason Lettenberger, Jennifer Yang

### **December Anniversary's**

Dec. 12 Luke & Johanna Harris  
Dec. 14 Steve & Bev Hamann

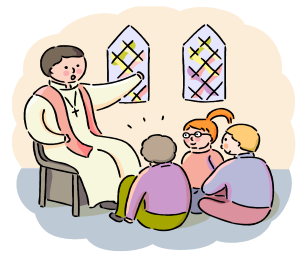
## Preschool; Christmas Program

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



### 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](http://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!

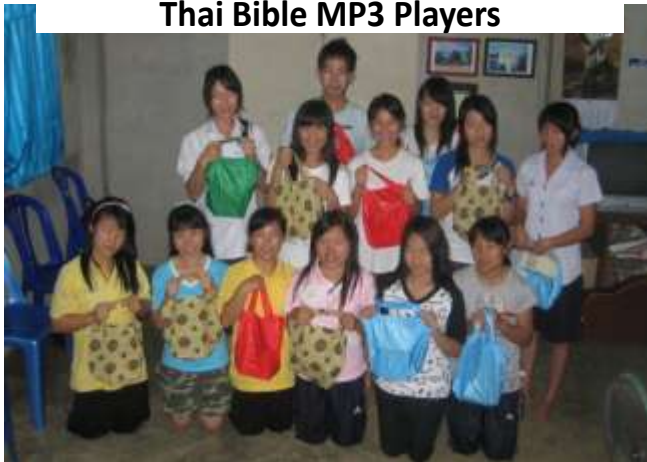
2012 Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex. Please take yours along today, so that we can clear away the tables to accommodate Christmas displays and activities.

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

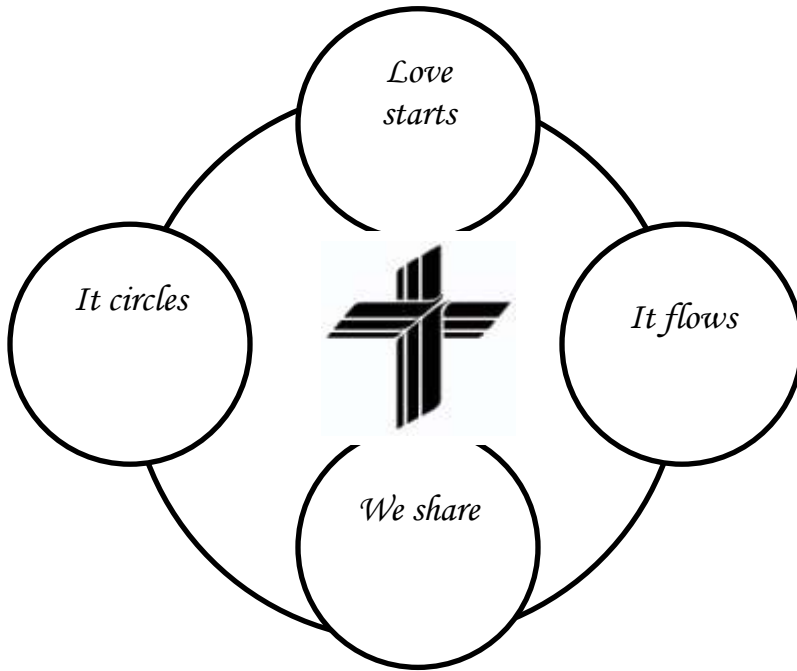
**Video Conference with Redeemer's Thailand Project!**

On **Sunday, December 18, at 9:00am** you can come and wish the students at Redeemer's Thailand Mission Project a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. In the lobby, Pastor Her will be setting up a Skype (video conference) Conversation with the students in Nan. Everyone welcome!

**Gifts to students: special bags with Thai Bible MP3 Players**



# Mission Opportunities Right Here At Home!



*Acts 1:8*

*<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Do you have a passion for missions? Do you want to help, but can't go overseas? Do you think there are plenty of mission opportunities in our own backyard? Well, we do too!

A new group is being formed to look at community mission opportunities right here at home. Come join us at the first meeting which has been scheduled on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at Redeemer.

Remember the mission field is all around us! Call Karen Beke (682-1785) or Jennifer Kolonich (629-2335) for more information. Check out the newsletter for additional information.