

Day of Thanksgiving

(Observed)

November 21, 2023 ✝ 6:00 p.m.



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VESPERS

Pre-Service Music

Entrance Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

LSB 892

Stand

Opening Versicles

LSB 229

L O Lord, o - pen my lips,

C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

Psalm 67 (anitiphon: v. 7)

- P** God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!
- P** May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
C that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
- P** Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
- C** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
- P** Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
- C** The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
- P** God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Sit

Readings

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

- P** A reading from Deuteronomy, chapter 8.

¹“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ²And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that

he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 4:6–20

P A reading from Philippians, chapter 4.

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

P A reading from Luke, chapter 17.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Common)

LSB 230



L 1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
 2 Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.
 3 Glory be to the
 Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain

C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Sit

Office Hymn

We Praise You, O God

LSB 785

Sermon

Canticle

Stand

I Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,

C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Magnificat ~ Song of Mary

LSB 231

(**C** Congregation; **I** Pastor; **II** Congregation)

C My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;

I for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.

II For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.

I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;

II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.

I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.
I He has filled the hun - gry with good things,
and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.
II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy
as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.
C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir-it;
as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev - er. A-men.

Offering: Offerings may be placed in the wooden box at the back of the sanctuary.

Prayer

Stand

Kyrie

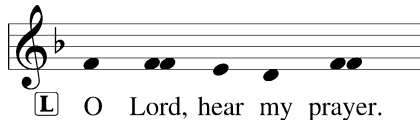
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C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Collects



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

After each Collect:

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

Collect for Peace

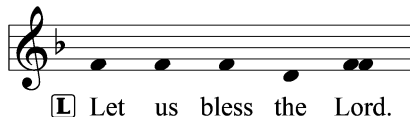
P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Stand

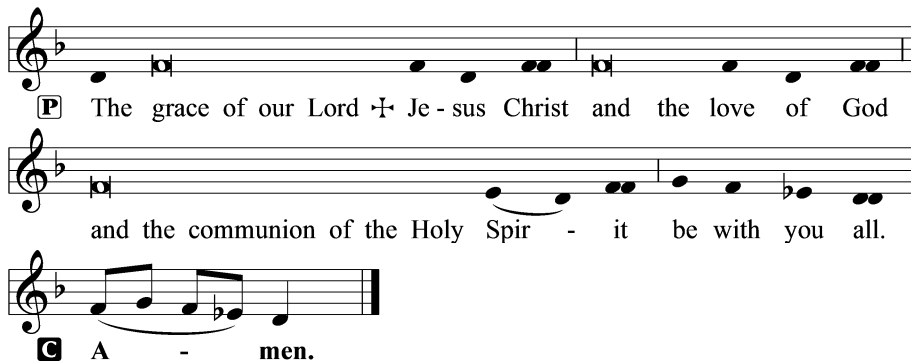
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Benediction

LSB 234



Hymn to Depart *Now Thank We All Our God*

LSB 895

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Vespers from Lutheran Service Book

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Rev. Joel Brassfield

Organist

Kris Neustadter

Ushers

Steve Hamann & Bob Gregurich

Altar Guild

Bonnie Wagner & JoAnn Noffke



This Week at Redeemer

Wednesday, November 22nd

Office Closed

Thursday, November 23rd

Happy Thanksgiving

Office Closed

Friday, November 24th

Office Closed

Saturday, November 25th

Sunday, November 26th

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

Announcements

Second Time Singles

Second Time Singles December outing will be on Saturday, December 9th at 3pm. We will attend the Clipper City Chordsmen Christmas presentation "A Lot For Christmas." The tickets are \$20 and the deadline for purchasing is Sunday, December 3rd. The performance is held at the Endries Hall at the Franciscan Center. We will have tickets available Sunday, December 3rd or at the door. Questions to JoAnn Noffke (920-717-0201) or Joanne Thompson (920-684-7152).

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has received a list of entirely new candidates for the Senior Pastor position at Redeemer. There are 10 candidates on the list, bios of which are included in the bulletin, and the committee is working through this list to narrow it down to a smaller list of candidates that we will reach out to in order to set up personal interviews. Post that, we will advise the congregation, as per the guidelines in our constitution, of a voter's meeting in order to present the final list of candidates. While this is quite a time consuming process, it is a priority of ours and we will keep the congregation updated along the way.

We also wanted to advise the congregation of the expectations and qualities that we are looking for in a Senior Pastor at Redeemer, based on the findings of our congregational self-survey. This survey is distributed by the District and was completed by a cross-section of congregational members ranging in age from 30's to 70's. Not only members of the call committee completed this survey, but other members of the congregation did as well, as we certainly want to thank everyone for their time. The survey was completed prior to receiving the first call list from the District as it is a requirement to do so before receiving any information. The survey was 18 pages in total and while a great deal asked practical questions about the church at large, as well as demographic information about the community, there were

direct questions on what we were looking for as a Pastor. The most direct questions related to the ranking of Pastoral Expectations (Qualities) and they had over 40 traits to choose from. Here are what we submitted as the Top 10 based on the results of the self-survey:

1. People Skills
2. Preaching Ability
3. Leadership
4. Administrative Skills
5. Initiative
6. Children's Ministry
7. Youth Ministry
8. Young Adult Ministry
9. Older Adult Ministry
- 10 Team Ministry

The survey also asked "What do you believe are the most important personal qualities for a Pastor to have". We answered "Leadership; People Skills/Approachability; Ability to interact with people of all ages".

December 10, 2023 Voters Meeting

The voters meeting is on December 10th, 2023 following worship services. At the end of this year, the position of President will be up for re-election, as well as the position of Executive Board Member. Nominations for these positions will be accepted at the meeting as we vote to elect new officers.

We Need Ushers!

We need ushers! It is getting tougher and tougher to fill our schedule. It is a pretty straight forward task to serve your fellow church members on a Sunday or Monday. Handing out bulletins, lighting the candles and ushering communion are the key responsibilities. If you are interested, please let Mike Kaczowski or one of the other board members know. We will set up training for those that sign up, and anyone currently ushering that would like a refresher course. Thank you!

Snow Shoveling Needed – Paid Position

Redeemer is looking for someone to shovel and/or snow blow whenever it is needed, including before preschool and church services. Shovels and a fairly new Ariens snow thrower are provided for the job – which is a paid opportunity. We have people contracted to plow the lot and salt, but they do not do the public sidewalks and walkways into church. If you are interested, please reach out to Kyle Weidmayer or Pat Korte for more information.

Youth Game Nights

November Youth Game Nights will be on

Wednesday nights, November 29th at 6:20pm.

The puzzle for November is a Haiku based on Malachi 3:7

You turned from my laws;

You have not kept them. Return

I will turn to ____.

Poinsettias

We will once again be decorating Church to celebrate the birth of our Savior! If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for Church, please sign up on the clipboards at the Welcome Center by **December 3rd**. Please fill out your name on the clipboard, put money in the envelopes (PLEASE put your name and envelope number on the envelope), and leave the envelopes in the brown box. Thank you! The plant sizes and prices are listed below:

- 4" White Poinsettia: \$6
- 6 ½" Red Poinsettia: \$11
- 8" Planter with foliage/plants/poinsettia: \$16
- Swag with cones, berries, and bow: \$14

St. Nicholas on December 6

St. Nicholas will be at Redeemer Lutheran's Advent Service on December 6! Invite children to bring any extra pair of shoes that night to be left below the TV at the entrance to church.

Help Decorate Church

Beth Utecht, Alysha Olson and Madri Gregurich are looking for some additional volunteers to help decorate the Church for the Christmas season. If you are available, please meet on **Monday, November 27th from 8-10am and/or from 4-5:30pm.**

Christmas Tree Decorating

All children are invited to help decorate the Christmas trees on December 6 at the Advent Service.

Children's Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 17th. Please be sure any child that wants to be in the program is attending Sunday School!

Family Ministry Donations

Family Ministry is looking for donations of candy canes (about 100), snacks (Peanut butter crackers, applesauce etc.---total of 100), candy and little trinkets (pencils, erasers, stamps) that will be used for three different events. Some will be used for the St. Nick's visit, other goodie bags are given to kids after the Sunday School Christmas Service and bags are handed out after the Christmas Eve and Christmas Services. Please put donations in the box by the welcome center. If you have any questions, talk to Beth Utecht or Johanna Harris.

Redeemer Directory Albums

It is a work in progress. The 2015 Redeemer Directory is constantly being updated in notebook album form with pictures of special groups, new members, some families have added children or children have grown considerably since the last picture. Other things added are stories of shut-ins, new or present members. Sadly, more members have left us but joined our Lord in Heaven and the published obituaries and added pictures are included in the albums. There are two three-ring binder albums so take a look when you have a chance. They will be on one of the round tables or cabinet by the card purchase stand. If you have anything to add, talk to Rosemary Kautzer.

Portals of Prayer

The January – March Portals of Prayer booklets are available at the Welcome Center.

