

Second Sunday in Advent

December 10/11, 2023



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Prelude

Announcements

Entrance

Prepare the Royal Highway

LSB 343

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

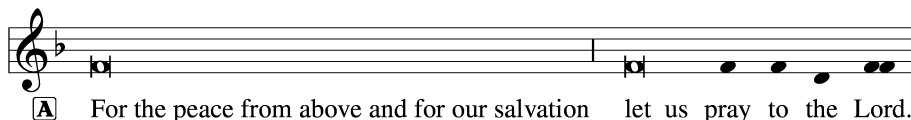
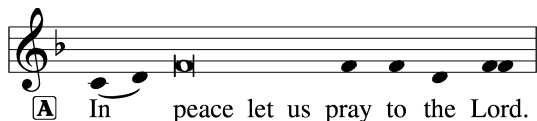
Introit

Psalm 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: v. 3

- P** Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- P** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- C** You brought a vine out of Egypt;
it took deep root and filled the land.
- P** Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- 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** Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Kyrie

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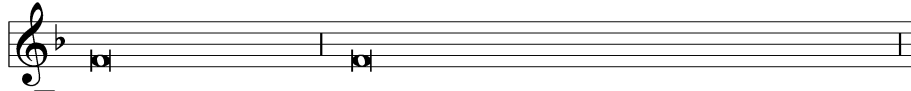




and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



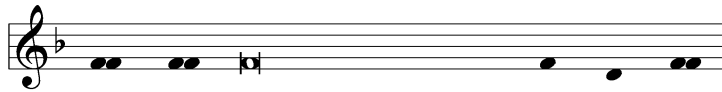
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1–11

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,

and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand

double for all her sins.

³A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades

when the breath of the LORD blows on it;

surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good news;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good news;

lift it up, fear not;

say to the cities of Judah,

“Behold your God!”

¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

behold, his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms;

he will carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead those that are with young.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26.

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

C Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

P Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle

2 Peter 3:8–14

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1–8

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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

²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,

³the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

**☐ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

LSB 344

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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

Offertory

LSB 159



C 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.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

C 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. Ho -

san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven...

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

Pax Domini

LSB 163



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

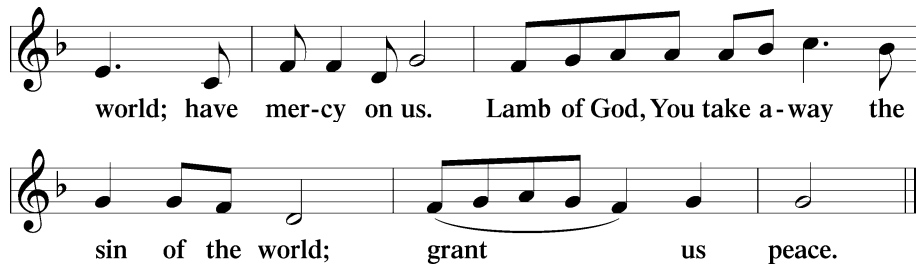
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C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



Sit

Distribution of the Sacrament

- The ushers will dismiss you to go forward.
- Go to the communion rail on your side.
- If you are able, you may kneel when pastor welcomes you.
- The host will be distributed, followed by the individual cups.
- If you receive the sacrament with an individual cup, please continue to hold the empty cup as pastor comes by with the chalice (common cup).
- The chalice will follow for those wishing to receive the sacrament in this way.
- If you take the common cup, please grasp the base or stem of the chalice and help the pastor tip the cup.

Distribution Hymns

<i>The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns</i>	<i>LSB 348</i>
<i>God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It</i>	<i>LSB 594</i>
<i>Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors</i>	<i>LSB 339</i>

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164





Post-Communion Collect

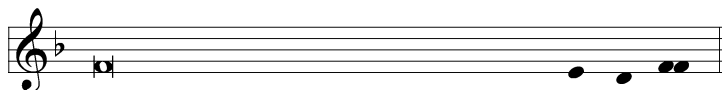
A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

LSB 166



P 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.



Hymn to Depart

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349

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Worship Times: Sunday at 9:00 A.M. & Monday at 6:00 P.M.

Welcome

We are glad that you have joined us today as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you have any questions during worship, please feel free to ask an usher at any time.

Small children are part of the Body of Christ. We always welcome them in worship. However, we understand that it may not be easy to remain still or quiet. If a break is needed, “Busy Bags” are hanging up as you enter the Sanctuary.

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Monday: Crystal Otto

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Monday: Steve Hamann & Mandy Miglieri

Wednesday: Pat Korte & Tim Zinkel

Communion Assistant

Sunday: Bob Gregurich

Altar Guild

Joanne Thompson

CD Recording

Deb Kaczkowski

Altar Flowers

Prayers



This Week at Redeemer

Sunday, December 10th

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Voter's Meeting

Monday, December 11th

6:00 pm Worship

Tuesday, December 12th

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

8:15 am Finance

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 13th

6:00 pm Advent Service

Thursday, December 14th

6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting

Friday, December 15th

Saturday, December 16th

Sunday, December 17th

9:00 am Worship

Children's Program

Last Week Attendance: 109

Last Week Offering: \$8,070

Statement on Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here every weekend and on other holy days. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation. All members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor before communing for the first time. When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:17-34), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.

Call Committee Update:

The Executive Board has completed their review of the list of Senior Pastor candidates that the District Office sent through, and have sent their recommendations to the Call Committee. The Call Committee will now review that list and plan on meeting in the upcoming weeks to engage those candidates that look to be best suited to meet the needs of the church based on our self-survey.

The Pastors that the Call Committee will be reviewing are:

- Pastor Greg Hovland
- Pastor James Robinson
- Pastor Andrew Dierks
- Pastor Craig Niemeier
- Pastor Michael Nielsen
- Pastor Brian Doel
- Pastor Kornacki

Thank you for keeping Redeemer in your prayers as we continue our search for our new Senior Pastor.

Voters Meeting TODAY

The voters meeting is TODAY 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.

Copies of the 2024 budget and meeting packet are now available at the Welcome Center

2024 Offering Envelopes

Your 2024 Offering Envelopes are now available. We ask that you take your packet as soon as possible so that we can decorate for Christmas. PLEASE DO NOT use your envelopes until January as your # (number) may have changed. All offerings for 2023 should be received in the church office by December 30th.

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 Kaczkowski 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!

Youth Game Nights

Youth Game nights will be December 20th following confirmation. Game night on the 20th will be a Christmas party.

Haiku from Isaiah 64:

**No one calls your name
for you have hidden your face
given us _____.**

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.

Kwik Trip

Kwik Trip cards are stocked and available for purchase. These make great Christmas gifts! The gift cards will be available for purchase after Church on Sundays and they are always available in the office. Thank you for supporting the Preschool!

Advent/Christmas Schedule

- Midweek Advent Services will be on Wednesday December 13th and December 20th all at 6:00 PM.
- Christmas Eve Worship: Sunday, December 24th at 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.
- Christmas Day Worship: 9:00 A.M. on Monday, December 25th.
- The weekend of December 31st, 2024 there will only be one worship service at 9:00 A.M. with no Monday worship.
- January 7th, 2024 will resume our regular worship schedule.

Epiphany Bonfire

Please join us for a bonfire at Redeemer Lutheran on Friday January 5th from 6-7p.m. We are remembering the Magi visiting Jesus by burning old real Christmas trees. S'mores and hot beverages will be provided.



Pastor Brassfield Installation

The members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church proudly invite you to join us as we celebrate the Installation of our new pastor, Rev. Joel Brassfield. Your presence will make this a memorable experience for Pastor Brassfield and our Congregation.

Sunday, January 7th, 2024 Installation of Rev. Joel Brassfield

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
3234 Mishicot Road
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Divine Service with Holy Communion
3:00pm

Reception to follow at:
The Lighthouse Inn
1515 Memorial Drive
Two Rivers, WI

If you are joining us for dinner,
please RSVP by December 20th
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