

Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2023



Redeemer Lutheran Church and 3K/4K Preschool
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Prelude

Announcements

Entrance Hymn *Arise, O Christian People* *LSB 354*

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 85:8–9, 12–13; antiphon: v. 7

- P** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.
- P** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn
back to folly.
- C** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
- P** Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
- C** Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.
- 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** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

Kyrie

LSB 152

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of
God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let
us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

The Christmas Gospel Presented by the Children

Luke 2:1-18, Matthew 2:1-23

*O Come Little Children
(Children Playing Recorders)*

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*LSB 361, st. 1
Children*

NARRATION: Luke 2:1-7

Away In a Manger

*LSB 364
Children*

NARRATION: Luke 2:8-11

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*LSB 380, st. 1
Children*

NARRATION: Luke 2:13-17

Joy to the World

*LSB 387, st. 1
Children*

We Three Kings

Children

We three kings of orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse so far.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star. (*Refrain*)

Congregation

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again.
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign. (*Refrain*)

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to that perfect Light.

NARRATION: Matthew 2: 1-2, 9-11, 22-23

Little Drummer Boy (*Children Playing Instruments*)


RECESSIONAL HYMN

Children sing the first refrain. Congregation sings stanzas 1-3

Go Tell It on the Mountain

LSB 388

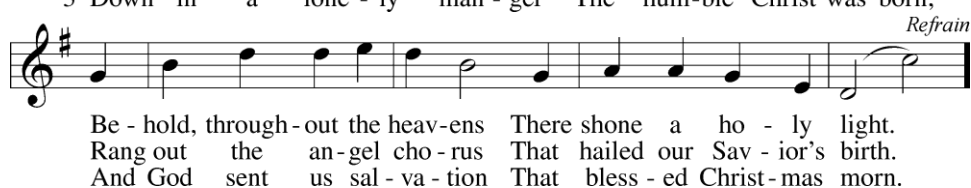
Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;
Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.
Rang out the an-gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.



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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.

Staff:

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Serving our Lord in Worship:

Preacher/Liturgist

Rev. Joel Brassfield

Organist

Sunday: Ann Rhode

Monday: Crystal Otto

Wednesday: Ann Rhode

Ushers:

Sunday: Kyle Weidmayer & Mike Canty

Monday: John & Michele Brixius

Wednesday: Pat Korte & Tom Baryenbruch

Communion Assistant

Sunday: Lee Matthias

Altar Guild

Joanne Thompson

CD Recording

Deb Kaczkowski

Altar Flowers

Prayers



This Week at Redeemer

Sunday, December 17th

9:00 am Worship
(Children's Program)

Monday, December 18th

6:00 pm Worship

Tuesday, December 19th

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
8:15 am Finance
9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 20th

6:00 pm Advent Service

Thursday, December 21st

Friday, December 22nd

Office Hours 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, December 23rd

Sunday, December 24th

9:00 am Worship
3:00 & 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Last Week Advent Attendance: 52 Last Week Advent Offering: \$396

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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.

Advent/Christmas Schedule

- Midweek Advent Service will be on Wednesday December 20th at 6:00 PM.
- December 24th: There will be 9am service to celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent
- 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.

Update from the Call Committee

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.

Below is a list of the Pastor's that we will be considering as well as some links to information about them that you can find on-line. We invite you to click on these links and get to know the Pastor's better, and the committee certainly welcomes any feedback you might wish to share. Please note though that all these candidates might not make the final list to be presented at the next Voter's Meeting. As per the constitution, the committee will present 3-5 candidates at that meeting. Should you have any questions, please contact any member of the call committee.

Please see the links below for information/sermons from our current candidates. Note that two of our candidates are associate pastors and do not preach every week.

1. Andrew Dierks, Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

<https://trinityarenaville.org/sermons>

2. Brian Doel, Our Savior Lutheran Church

***PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Doel is the Associate Pastor. I have listed some of the Sundays he gave sermons at the archive link below. Please make sure you are watching the correct pastor.

<https://www.oslcminot.com/watch>

**Live Stream

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/oslc>

**Archive - Pastor Doel gave the sermon on 12/3, 11/19, 11/5, 10/22

3. Greg Hovland, St. John's Lutheran Church
<https://www.stjohnsportage.com/live>

4. Michael Nielsen, Salem Ev. Lutheran Church
[Salem Ev Lutheran Church Facebook](#)

5. Craig Neimeier, Zion Lutheran Church
<https://zionworms.org/sermons-2/>

**This link leads you to audio of the sermon only

<https://zionworms.org/visual-messages/>

**This link leads you to a video of the entire service

6. James Robinson, Martin Luther Chapel
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvSzID-EpLQ&t=437s>

***PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Robinson is the Associate Pastor. In the video linked, he gives the sermon. If you watch any of Martin Luther Chapel's videos, please make sure you are watching the correct pastor.

7. Pastor Alan Kornacki Jr, Bethel Lutheran Church
<https://www.facebook.com/bethelduquoin/>

The sermons are posted on the facebook page, click on the one you want to watch/listen to and it will take you to a separate page with links to the audio & video.

Locking Church Doors following Worship

There have been concerns that the building is properly secured following worship services. Therefore, the ushers are being asked to lock, or ensure the doors are locked, as they leave after finishing up their duties following church services. Please make a note of this, because people may still be in the building for other reasons, and if they wish to exit to the parking lot and return into the church or office, they will need to have someone let them back in.

Voters Meeting Handouts

The voters meeting was last Sunday. If you were unable to attend, there are packets of information, and copies of the 2024 budget 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 _____.**

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!

Snow Removal Update

A family has agreed to do the snow sidewalk removal for the church. However, they are out of town/unavailable the following dates :

Dec 22-24

Jan 12-14

Jan 17-22

Feb 16-18

March 28-31

If it would snow and you are willing to help with the snow removal any of the above dates, please contact Kyle Weidmayer at (517)-282-0309 or by email at kweidmayer76@icloud.com. Thanks for your help!



Join us for a night of BINGO!

Play bingo and enjoy juice, popcorn and friends.

When: 6:00-7:00 p.m. – Saturday, January 27th

Where: Redeemer Lutheran Church

If you have prize donations of snacks or gently used items drop them off at the welcome center. Thank you! Contact Beth Utecht with any questions, (952) 240-4817, bdegler34@gmail.com.

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.



Holiday Office Hours

Friday, December 22nd

9:00am-12:00pm

Monday, December 25th – Tuesday, January 2nd

Office Closed

Wednesday, January 3rd

Regular office hours resume

8:00am-1:00pm

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
Two Rivers, WI 54241

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
920-793-1716