

First Sunday in Advent

December 3/4, 2023



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Prelude

Announcements

Entrance Hymn

The Advent of Our King

LSB 331

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 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b

P Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

P To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

**C O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**


P Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

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 Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie


LSB 152

 In peace let us pray to the Lord.


C Lord, have mer - cy.

 **A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



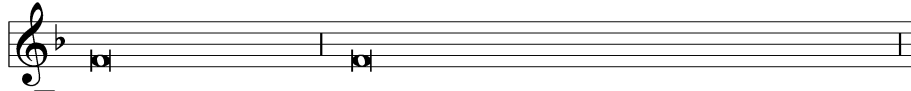

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



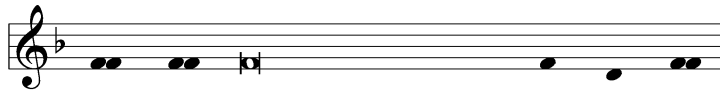
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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 Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1–9

- ¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

- P** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
- C** Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
- P** Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

Senior Choir Anthem: “Advent Echo Carol”

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It contains a series of eighth and quarter notes. Below the staff, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the" are written. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. Below it, the lyrics "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Holy Gospel

Mark 11:1–10

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into

the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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 *Savior of the Nations, Come*

LSB 332

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

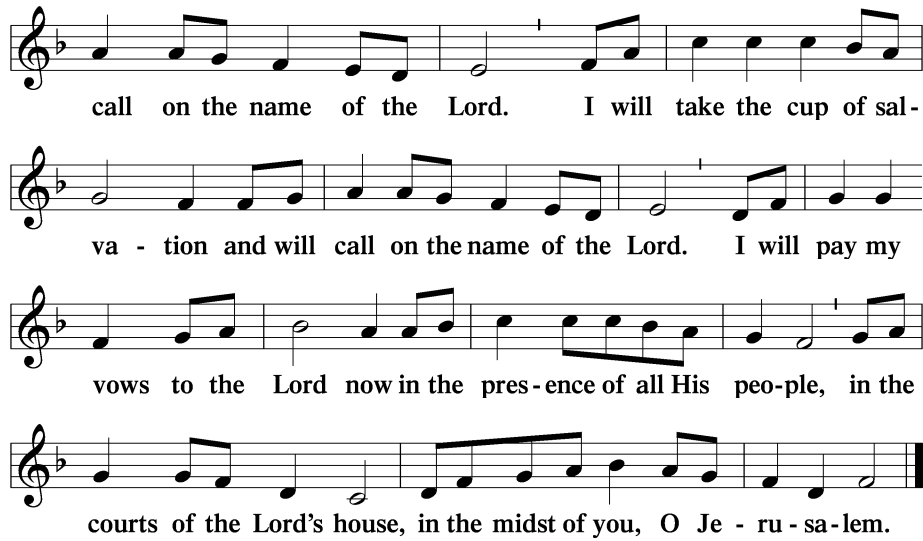
P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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

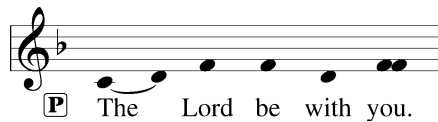


call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

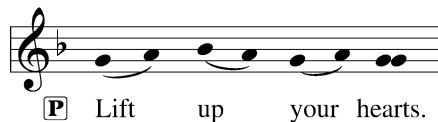
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P The Lord be with you.



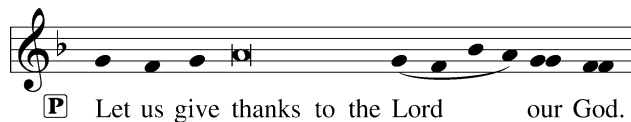
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



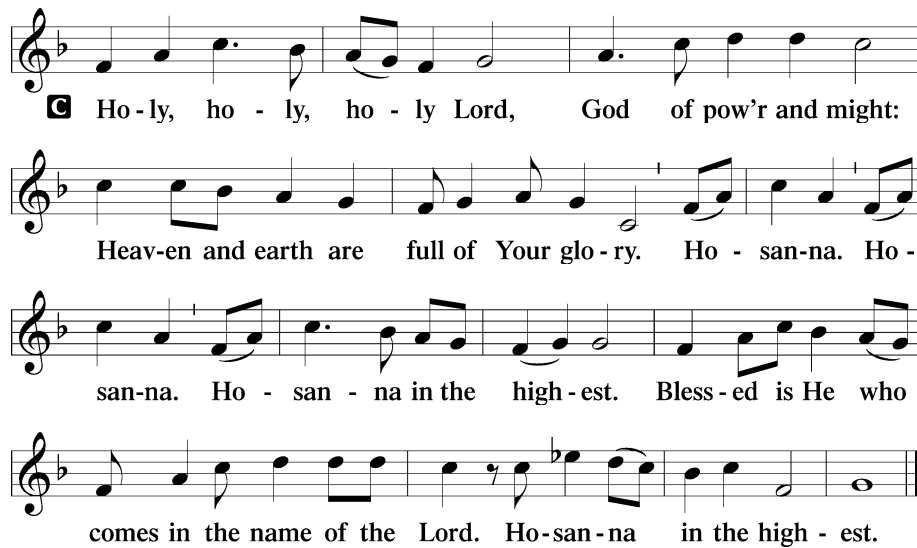
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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:

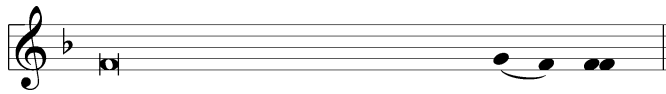
C Our Father who art in heaven...

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

LSB 163



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



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

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>O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide</i>	<i>LSB 355</i>
<i>No Temple Now, No Gift of Price</i>	<i>LSB 530</i>
<i>The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns</i>	<i>LSB 348</i>

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

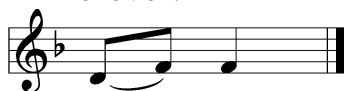


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

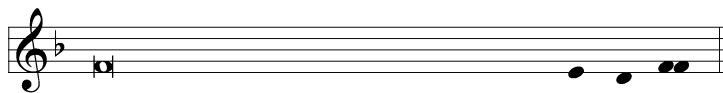
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

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 *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

LSB 350

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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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Serving our Lord in Worship:

Preacher/Liturgist

Rev. Joel Brassfield

Organist

Sunday: Ann Rhode

Monday& Wednesday: Crystal Otto

Ushers:

Sunday: Aaron Utecht & Dick Orth

Monday: John & Michele Brixius

Wednesday: Jim Hamann & Aaron Utecht

Communion Assistant

Sunday: Corey Van Sickle

Altar Guild

Betty Kuhn & Joanne Thompson

CD Recording

Deb Kaczkowski

Altar Flowers

Prayers



This Week at Redeemer

Sunday, December 3rd

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

Monday, December 4th

6:00 pm Worship

Tuesday, December 5th

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

8:15 am Finance

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 6th

6:00 pm Advent Service

Youth Game Night

Thursday, December 7th

Friday, December 8th

Saturday, December 9th

3:00 pm STS Outing

Sunday, December 10th

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Voter's Meeting

10:00 am Sunday School

Thanksgiving Attendance: 49 Thanksgiving Offering: \$645

Last Week Attendance: 88 Last Week Offering: \$2,816

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 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.

Copies of the 2024 budget 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!

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).

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

Youth Game nights will be December 6th and 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 _____.

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
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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.

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.

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 6th, 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
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