

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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***Please fill out a Communion/Visitor card and place it in the Offering Box.
Visitors: Please see the statement on Holy Communion on pg. 16.***

Preservice Piano & Violin by Utecht Family

Teen Choir Anthem: *Carol of the Bells*

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn: 370 What Child Is This

Stand

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

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

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.

Confession of Sins

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 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord | always; *
again I will say, | Rejoice.
Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob, *
whose hope is in the | LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them, *
who keeps faith for- | ever;
who executes justice for | the oppressed, *
who gives food to the | hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind. *
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the | righteous.
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
Rejoice in the Lord | always; *
again I will say, | Rejoice.

Kyrie

LSB 152

A 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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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, gracious 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.

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 A - men.

Sit

Sermon

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

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;

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.

Refrain



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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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Communion Assistant

Corey Van Sickle

Altar Guild

Joanne Thompson & JoAnn Noffke

CD Recording

Keith & Laurie Magyar

Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God by Myrna Krajnik in honor of Sam's birthday.

Prayers

For Chuck Newberg who has been placed on Hospice care.

New Member: Betty DeGodt



This Week at Redeemer

Sunday, December 15th

9:00 am Worship

Fellowship

10:15 am Education Classes

Monday, December 16th

6:00 pm Worship

Tuesday, December 17th

8:15 am Finance

9:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday, December 18th

5:00 pm Confirmation

6:00 pm Advent Service

Game Night

Thursday, December 19th

Friday, December 20th

Saturday, December 21st

Sunday, December 22nd

9:00 am Worship

Fellowship

10:15 am Educ. Classes

Advent/Christmas Schedule

- *Midweek Advent Service will be on Wednesday December 18th at 6:00 PM.*
- *Christmas Eve Worship: Tuesday, December 24th at 3:00 and 5:00 P.M.*
- *Christmas Day Worship: 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, December 25th.*
- *New Year's Eve Worship: Tuesday, December 31st at 5:00 P.M.*
- *Regular worship times will resume on Sunday, January 5th*

Last Week Attendance: 137

Last Week Offering: \$4,644

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 3 SERMON: EVERLASTING FATHER

Our third midweek Advent sermon is “Everlasting Father”—a title given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. We will learn why Jesus is called “Father” even though He is the eternal Son of the Father. We will also learn why Jesus is called “Everlasting.” Finally, we will learn why Jesus’ title “Everlasting Father” is such a great comfort to us—especially when we face trials or suffering in this world.

Hearing Problems?

New hearing devices are available to use for both worship and bible study. Please ask an usher for help.

Cards to Shut-Ins

If you would like to send cards of encouragement for Advent and Christmas to any of our shut-ins, a list of names and addresses is available at the Welcome Center desk.

Executive Board Vacancy - Director of Spiritual Growth

We currently have a vacancy on the Executive Board for the Director of Spiritual Growth. This position provides assistance to the Pastor and helps coordinate an ongoing ministry of spiritual growth for the congregation at Redeemer - with the support of the entire board. The board meets once a month for about an hour, so the time commitment for this position is not significant - yet it, along with all the positions on the board, provide a great service to Redeemer. We ask that you prayerfully consider if this might be a role that you can fill, and if you have any questions, please contact Pastor, Michael Gregurich or any member of the board.

Dorothy Zimmerman 100th Birthday

Dorothy Zimmerman will be turning 100 on January 3rd. If you would like to mail her a card, her address is:

Dorothy Zimmerman
800 East Grant Street
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

2025 Offering Envelopes

2025 offering envelopes are now available. Please pick your packet up as soon as possible. Do not use them until January 2025. Any offerings that you want posted for 2024 need to be in the church office by December 30th.

Kwik Trip

Kwik Trip cards are restocked and available for purchase. Plan ahead, Kwik Trip gift cards make great gifts and stocking stuffers. Thank you for continuing to support this preschool fundraiser!

Poinsettia Delivery

The poinsettias will be delivered on Monday, Dec. 16th at 3:30pm. If anyone is available to help with the poinsettia placement, please show up at that time. Thank you!

Thrivent Choice

If you are a member of Thrivent and have Choice Dollars to designate for 2024 you have until March 31st to contract Thrivent and direct your dollars to Redeemer, our preschool or any charity of your choice that Thrivent supports.

Family Ministry Donations

Family Ministry is looking for donations of candy canes, snacks, candy and little trinkets that will be used for different events. Items will be 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.

Greeting Cards

Boxes of Christmas cards are now available at the Redeemer card rack, located in the fellowship hall.

Youth Game Nights

Youth game night will be December 18th following the Advent service. Complete the following haiku based on Daniel 12 for a prize:

Everyone whose name
Is found written in the book
—will be -----.



Happy New Year!

Join Family Ministry (all ages welcome) as we count down the New Year! Please invite your friends and neighbors. If you are interested in bringing items for supper sign up at the Welcome Center. We are also looking for donations of noisemakers and decorations which can be put at the welcome center.

5:00 pm: Church

6:00 pm: Supper (Salad, Lasagna, Breads, Fruit, Dessert, Drinks)

6:59 pm: NYE countdown!