

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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DECEMBER 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Welcome!

May our hearts be open to our creator
and to one another as we share in
worship together.

Pastor Del Strecker, Transition Pastor
Tom Mertz and Mary Bridges, PMA's

Ruth Mirtz, Organist

Anne Metcalfe, Director of Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS

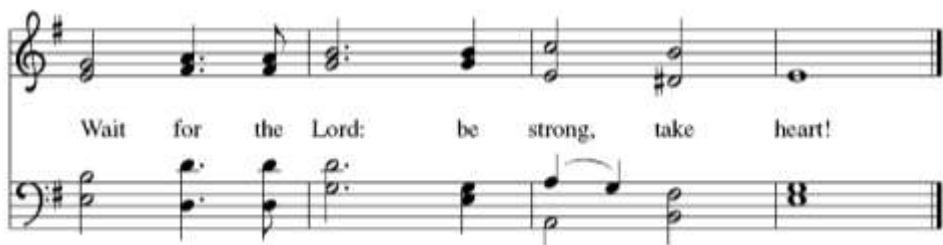
Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 2

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the candles on this wreath,
kindle within us the fire of your Spirit,
that we may be light shining in the darkness.
Enlighten us with your grace,
that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.
Amen.

Light two candles.

INSERTED MUSIC *Wait for the Lord* (ELW 262)

Wait for the Lord



BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Long-expected God,

**we confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you can provide.**

**We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.**

**We become impatient while waiting
and weary of keeping awake.**

Free us from self-reliance,

and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.

Increase our trust in God's timing,

and awaken us to your advent among us,

that we may abound in the hope you have promised.

Amen.

God judges us not as we deserve,

but according to God's own righteousness.

✝ You are freed and forgiven,

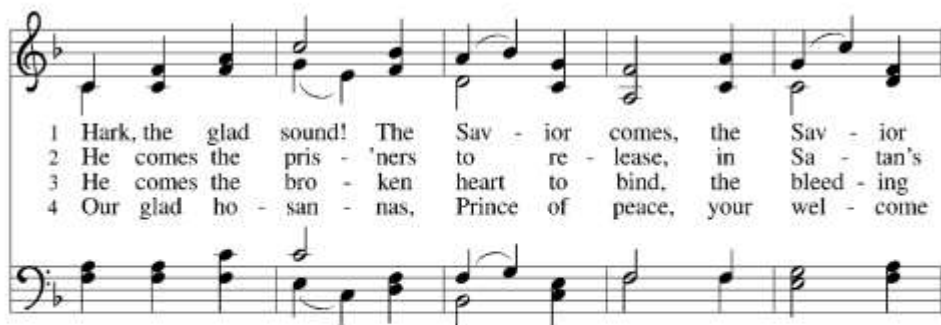
saved by grace,

and ready to welcome the Savior.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN *Hark, the Glad Sound!* (ELW 239)

Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



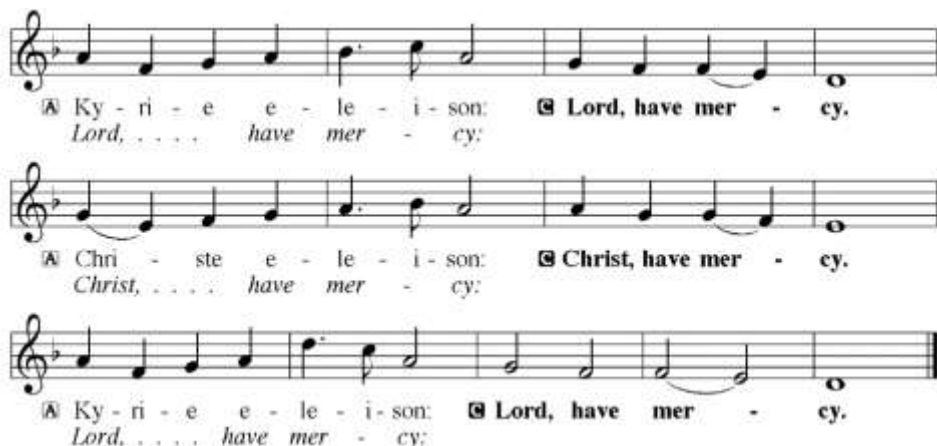
pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



The Kyrie musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are as follows: Staff 1: G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. Staff 2: G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. Staff 3: G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with a repeat sign at the end of each line.

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓜ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Ⓜ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓜ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

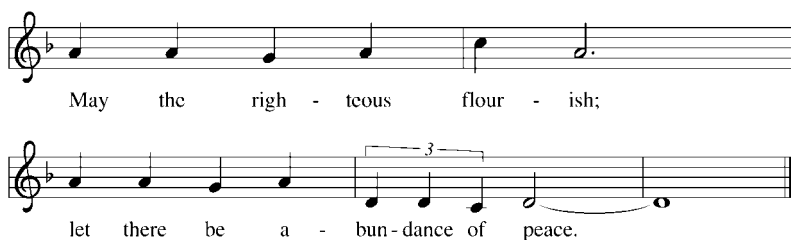
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Refrain

Psalm 72 (Refrain 2)

Mark Mummert



- ¹ Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
² **that he may rule your | people righteously**
and the | poor with justice;
³ that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the
people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.
⁴ **Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people;**
rescue the poor and crush | the oppressor. R
⁵ May He live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon | the mown**
field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.
⁷ In his time shall the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon
shall | be no more.
¹⁸ **Blessed are you, Lord GOD, the | God of Israel,**
you alone do | wondrous deeds!

¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious ^l name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- ^l men.
Amen. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

A reading from Romans.

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus

Christ. ⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name”; ¹⁰ and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹ and again, “Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; ¹² and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope.”

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the

coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* (ELW 249)

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in; and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face we
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

With wisdom and understanding, inspire the faithful around the world. Unite hearts and minds in work to address poverty, access to housing, and equity among peoples. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

With counsel and might, move us to care for creation. As we dream of the day when all creatures will flourish alongside one another, guide us in ways humanity and all creation will mutually thrive. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

With righteousness and faithfulness, encourage nations to live in harmony with one another. We pray for international student and teacher exchanges, for our partner churches, and for the shared mission of Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

With steadfastness and encouragement, strengthen those who have lost hope in the face of grief, depression, or disease especially **Marge Hansen, Alicia Miller, Cecelia Anderson, Paige Alstatt, Sandi Drown, Wayne and Dorothy Hanke, Jerome Herrman, Zach Swanson, Beverly Alstatt, Sandra Anderson, Larry Shulda, Sue Jacobson, Susan Burkland, Will Biggs, Cody Larson, Darla Personney, Dan Ott, Chuck Hadlauer, Allie Paine, Maxi Cardelle, T.J. Karst, Frank and Mary Gwing, Rev. Melinda Melhus, Kyler Russell** and the families of **Earl Esping and Mark DeWald**. We lift up **Eric Blomberg, Tanner Gibson, and Brayden Harper** who are serving in the military. Renew the spirits of

those recovering from surgery and medical procedures.
God of grace,

hear our prayer.

With welcome and hospitality, embolden us in our shared ministry to overcome all that divides. In acts of repentance, reconciliation, and reparation, may we serve in the way of Christ. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

With joy and peace, we remember our ancestors in the faith especially Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, whom we commemorate today. Fill us with the hope of the Holy Spirit now and into the ages of ages. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Peace be with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC- CHIOR

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come."

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives.

Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

DIALOGUE



PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This is my blood poured out for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people. And we ask you: Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ. Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

COMMUNION HYMN



☞ 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, grant us peace.

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Carrying the Cross: Pastor Del is looking for volunteers to carry the cross on Sunday mornings (They are called a crucifer). There is a sign-up sheet out in the narthex. This is for children, youth or adults.

Blessing Box: We are needing volunteers to fill the blessing box on Monday, and Wednesday. Please try and make meals when filling the blessing box if there is spaghetti sauce put some noodles with it.

Rejoicing Spirits: We need volunteers to help run Rejoicing Spirits, if interested please contact Shellee Callahan 785-822-6878 or Debbie Beckman 785-452-5662.

Advent Worship: We will be holding Advent worship services on the following dates with the following themes: December 3: Staying Awake (Mathew 24: 36-44); December 10: Mending Our Ways (Matthew 3:1-12); December 17: Healing and Restoration (Matthew 11:

2-11). There will be soup served from 5:30-6:30 with worship at 6:30 p.m.

Soup Supper: Redeemer will be having a soup supper open to the general public on December 10 from 5:30m to 7:00 p.m. We need food donations for the soup supper. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome center for the needed items plus kitchen help. (Men can help in the kitchen as well.) Pastor Del will be making the soup but this needs to be more than Pastor Del's soup supper. We need people to bring items, to work the kitchen and to come eat. Let's make this a true Redeemer event.

Outreach: Outreach is an important part of a healthy congregation. We are needing three additional volunteers to serve on the Outreach committee. At this point, there are only 2 members on the committee. If you are unsure what the outreach committee does, please visit with Mary Shaffer, who is the Church council representative on the committee.

Visitation: At its September Council meeting, the church council decided as a part of our outreach to do home visits to church members. There is a list of church members who we feel could use a visit from a church member on the welcome center in the narthex. Some of these are on Pastor Del's, PMAs Tom and Mary's communion list, but they want to see and hear what is going on at Redeemer from the membership. Please consider signing up to do some visiting.

Safe Families: This year we are trying to help children who have been placed in a program called Safe Families. Safe Families is a volunteer-driven program that supports families in crisis to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing a temporary "circle of support" for children and their parents. The program, which is rooted in biblical hospitality and compassion, aims to keep families stay intact by offering solutions like temporary hosting for children in the homes of trained volunteers, mentoring, and other support services to prevent social isolation. This service helps children from birth to eighteen years of age. These children are in need of the following items listed on the sheets near the welcome center.

Staff Christmas Fund: If you would like to give a monetary Christmas gift to the Redeemer Staff (Pastor, Ruth, Ann, Becky, & Samantha) please mark your checks or envelopes with "Staff Christmas." If you make a donation online in Realm, please choose the "Staff Christmas" fund.

Schedule for the week

Sunday, December 7, 2025: 8:30a.m. Sunday School, 8:30a.m. Transition Team, 9:30a.m. Worship, Bishop's Associate Chad Langdon, preaching; RIC Meeting with Congregation in fellowship hall, 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, December 10, 2025: 5:30 p.m. Godly Play; Soup Supper, 5:30-6:45 p.m., Advent Worship 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 11, 2025: 8:30a.m Breakfast Club
@IHop, 10a.m. Sewing Club, 4:30p.m. Independent
connections group

Saturday, December 13, 2025: 11:00am Rejoicing
Spirits

Partners in Ministry

Sunday, December 07, 2025

Greeters: Phil and Jean Sedo

Ushers: Jan Jackson and Sam Neff

Lector: Tom Mertz

Communion: Vivian Cook

Cantor: Kris Johanson

Sound : Perry Jurgenson

Fellowship: Kris Johanson

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Greeters: Tom and Mary Mertz

Ushers: Lana Jordan and Mike Ramage

Lector: Denise Dusin

Communion: Ray Beckman

Sound: Kris Neff

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Greeters: Kahlan Metcalf and Kayden Tonninges

Ushers: Wayne and Carol Keeler

Lector: Jan Jackson

Communion: Debbie Beckman

Cantor: Sam Neff

Sound: Perry Jurgensen

Fellowship: Council

Prayer Request

MEMBERS: Marge Hansen, Alicia Miller, Cecelia Anderson, Paige Alstatt, Sandi Drown

REDEEMER FRIENDS

Wayne and Dorothy Hanke (Parents of Debbie Beckman)

Jerome Herrman (Nephew of Charlotte and Dave Herrman)

Zach Swanson (Grandson of Sandi and Tom Drown)

Beverly Alstatt (Mother of Craig Alstatt)

Sandra Anderson, (Cecelia Anderson's daughter-in-law)

Larry Shulda (Husband of Becky Shulda)

Sue Jacobson (Sister of Wayne Keeler)

Will Biggs (Charlotte and Dave Herrman's son-in-law)

Cody Larson (Brother-in-law of Jordan and Zach Burkholder)

Darla Personney (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)

Susan Burkland (Sister of Kathy Heinrich)

Dan Ott (cousin of Craig Alstatt)

Chuck Hadlauer (Friend of Shelia Alstatt)

Allie Paine (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)

Family of Gary Batt (Uncle of Cheryl Itschner)

Maxi Cardelle (Friend's grandson of Kathy Lowman)

T.J Karst (Cousin of Charlotte Herrman)

Frank and Mary Gwing (Friends of Nancy McDonald)

Rev. Melinda Melhus (Friend of Nancy McDonald)

Kyler Russell (Grandson of Nancy McDonald)

Family of Earl Esping (Brother of Cecelia Anderson)

Family of Mark DeWald (Cousin of Cheryl Itschner and Charlotte Herrman)

MILITARY

Eric Blomberg, US Navy, Norfolk, Virginia (Nephew of Mary Shaffer)

Tanner Gibson Hill AFB, Ogden UT (Great-Nephew to Cecelia Anderson) Brayden Harper , USS Washington (Great-Great Nephew of Mary Bridges)

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