

# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

743 East Magnolia Road, Salina, KS 67401

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Worship Time: Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



*Second Sunday of Advent*

December 4, 2022

Welcome!

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

## Worship at Redeemer

- *We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church in the hope that you truly experience God's gracious presence through the joy and celebration of our worship and fellowship together. We are glad that you have decided to worship with us and invite you to join us for refreshments following our service.*
- *Redeemer is a family friendly congregation, encouraging children and youth of all ages to join us in worship. We are delighted to offer a fully equipped Cry Room located on the north wall of the sanctuary to the far left of the altar.*
- *Restrooms are located at the west end of our Gathering Space and are wheelchair accessible. If you need a wheelchair during worship, an usher may assist you. We also have hearing devices.*
- *If you would like to receive more information about Redeemer or if you desire to be contacted by our pastor, please indicate so as you write your name and provide your contact information on the attendance card inserted in the center of this bulletin. **Members and Visitors please fill out an attendance card.***
- *Please silence your mobile devices. Thank you.*

Liturgy is ELW 1

Altar Guild: Cheryl Itschner & Viv Cook

Today's organ music is listed at [tiny.cc/redeemermusic](http://tiny.cc/redeemermusic)

Last week's attendance: 18 in person attendance

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## † GATHERING †

### PRELUDE

#### Second Week of Advent

Blessed are you, God of hope, for you promise to bring forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse who will bring justice to the poor, who will deliver the needy and crush the oppressor, who will stand as a signal of hope for all people.

As we light these candles, turn our wills to bear the fruit of repentance, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on the root of Jesse, Jesus Christ, the hope of all nations.

O people of hope, come,

**let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord. Amen.**

#### 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.

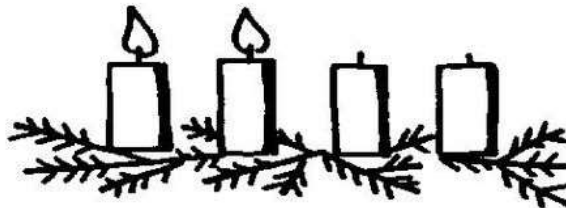
As we light the candles on this wreath,  
kindle within us the fire of your Spirit,  
that we may be light shining in the darkness.

Enlighten us with your grace,  
that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us.

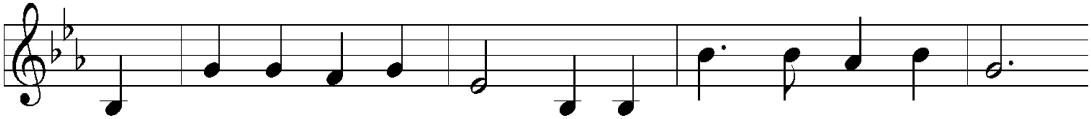
Grant this through Christ our Lord,  
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

**Amen.**

*Light two candles.*



# We Light the Advent Candles



1 We light the Ad-vent can - dles a - gainst the win - ter night  
2 The first one will re - mind us that Christ will soon re - turn.  
3 We light the sec - ond can - dle, and hear God's ho - ly word.  
4 Three can - dles now are gleam - ing and show us the true way.  
5 Four can - dles burn - ing bright - ly an - nounce that Christ has come.



to wel - come our Lord Je - sus, who is the world's true light;  
We light it in the dark - ness and watch it gleam and burn.  
It tells us, cling to Je - sus, pre - pare to meet your Lord.  
Re - jice, the Bap - tist cries out: your Lord has come to - day!  
Pre - pare, my heart, be - lieve it, and give the Christ child room!



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Text: Gracia Grindal

Music: WIR HATTEN GEBAUET. German folk tune, 1823

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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 up -  
 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.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## 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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

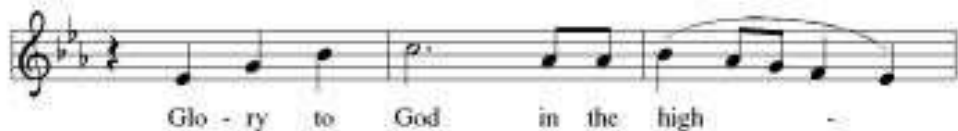


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we





Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

† WORD †

PRAYER OF THE DAY

“CELEBRATE” INSERT

READINGS

“CELEBRATE” INSERT

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

“CELEBRATE” INSERT

SERMON

Pastor David Strommen

## Now the Heavens Start to Whisper



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.  
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.  
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:  
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.  
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!  
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.  
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.  
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.  
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

Text: Mary Loujse Bringle, b. 1953

Music: SUO GAN, Welsh melody

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## NICENE 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSIONS

## “CELEBRATE” INSERT

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

† MEAL †

### OFFERING

### SPECIAL MUSIC

### OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

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. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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.

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## † SENDING †

## BLESSING

The peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding,  
keep your hearts and your minds  
in ☩ Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we  
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age  
 3 See the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, come with par - don  
 4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is  
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,  
 let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,  
 down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,  
 wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy  
 and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!"  
 shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
 one and all, to be for - giv'n;  
 and with words of love draw near.  
 while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878  
 Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

**POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Mark Your Calendars!*** The first Election & Budget Review  
 Congregational Meeting is Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM,  
 between services. The Council is sponsoring fellowship. Please plan  
 to attend this very important meeting.



READ ALL ABOUT IT! The children's Christmas program, *The Gift of Christmas*, is set for Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM. A pizza dinner will be served before the program at 5:30. RSVP to the office by Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Please come and celebrate the season with the Godly Play children!

**Christmas poinsettias for the sanctuary are being offered for \$15 each. Please see the order form inserted here. We must have your orders by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Complete and place in the offering plate with your payment. Thank you!**

It's the time of year again when we like to show our thanks and gratitude to the Redeemer staff. We are collecting monetary donations to go towards the employee Christmas bonus fund. If you would like to contribute this year, drop off your donation to the church office or place in a marked offering envelope. We are blessed to have such a talented & caring staff.

*Kris Neff*

**The December gathering of the Redeemer Book Club is Tuesday, December 20 at 4 PM at the Jordan home at 2313 Edgehill. They will be discussing the 2023 future of the book club, including meeting time of day and frequency, et cetera. All spouses or friends of club members are invited; PLUS we would like to have anyone who may be interested in reading and discussing a variety of book please come! Ask questions, help select next year's materials and enjoy the gathering. (Bring friends & family) Call Lana Jordan for more information 785-643-5253.**

<b>This Week at Redeemer</b>		
Sunday	8:00 10:30 11:30	Worship In Person & Online Worship In Person & Online Fellowship
Wednesday	10:00 5:15	Bible Study Education Committee Meeting
Thursday	8:30	Breakfast Club at IHOP
Saturday	11:00	Rejoicing Spirits
Sunday	8:00 9:30 10:30 11:30	Worship In Person & Online Second Sunday Sunday School Worship In Person & Online Fellowship

### **Partners in Ministry**

#### **Altar Guild: Cheryl Itschner & Vivian Cook**

<p><b>This Sunday, December 4th</b></p> <p><b>8:00</b> Greeters: Jan Jackson &amp; Cheryl Itschner Communion: Charlotte Herrman Lector: Jan Jackson Sound: Perry Jurgensen</p> <p><b>10:30</b> Greeters: Marty Holmquist &amp; CeCelia Anderson Ushers: Joe &amp; Kathy Heinrich Communion: Rod Anderson Lector: Joe Heinrich Sound: Ray Beckman Fellowship: Henderson</p>	<p><b>Next Sunday, December 11th</b></p> <p><b>8:00</b> Greeters: Gary &amp; Sue Mettlen Communion: Gary Mettlen Lector: Kathy Lowman Sound: Perry Jurgensen</p> <p><b>10:30</b> Greeters: Debbie &amp; Ray Beckman Ushers: Grant &amp; Kris Johanson Communion: Ray Beckman Lector: Kris Johanson Sound: Mary Mertz Fellowship: Sedo</p>
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~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

*For those suffering from illness or in need of healing*

**MEMBERS:** Esther Jording, CeCelia Anderson, Earl Hansen, Diane Conover, Susan Ramage, and Rylee Koers

**REDEEMER FRIENDS:**

Zach Swanson (Grandson of Sandi and Tom Drown)  
Hayden Ballou (Great-great Nephew of Kathy Lowman)  
Georgia Kincaid (Grandmother of Ann Metcalfe)  
Tatsumi Delmar (Grandchild of John and Denise Jensen)  
Carissa Carlson (Niece of Tim and Anna Prockish)  
Brenda Busch (Aunt of Jon Stohs)  
Rich Novotne (Brother of Anita Hartley)  
Dannie Tillberg, Christal Lantz (Friends of Mary Shaffer)  
Keith Smith (Husband of Debbie Smith)  
Bryan & Therese Sisler (Brother & Sister-in-law of Kathy Lowman & Diane Conover)  
Echternkamp Family (Friends of Viv & Jim Cook)  
Judy Bloyd (Former member & friend of Denise Dusin)  
Randall Cunningham (Cousin of Anna Prockish)  
Crystal Kubar (Diane Conover's stepdaughter)  
Joann Singer (Mother of Carol Kuhlman)  
Carrie Ryan Wilson (Friend of Mary Shaffer)  
Phil Rankin (Father of David Rankin)  
Tisha Berns (Friend of Mary Shaffer)  
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Calvin Martin (Grandfather of Alli Martin)  
Dean Yantes (Brother to Jean Sedo)  
Wilma Beckman (Mother to Susan Ramage)  
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Shirley DeWald (Mother to Cheryl Itschner)  
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Kathryn "Kay" Gile (Family friend to Nancy McDonald)  
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Raeann Chavez (Friend to Cheryl Itschner)

Quentin Breese (Friend to Cheryl & Dan Metcalfe)

Barb Martin (Friend to Scott Itschner)

Zac Sporleder (Son of Callahan's coworker)

Mikayla Knipp (Girlfriend to David Cranston)

Pastor Tim Carey (Friend to Kenny & Mary Bridges)

Steve Fjetland (Step Brother to Pastor David)

#### MILITARY & AMERICORPS

Katy Anderson, US Army, Washington DC (Granddaughter of Rod and CeCelia Anderson)

Spencer Keil, US Navy, Maryland (Grandson of Arlene Keil)

Gavynn West, US Air Force, Kuwait (Nephew of Shellee Callahan)

Tanner Gibson (Great-nephew to CeCelia Anderson)



John the Baptist calls for people to mend their ways