



Third Sunday of Advent



A new morning dawns in the desert
between Jerusalem and Jericho, July 2014

December 12, 2021 + 10:00 am

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...

an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Love Your Neighbor

- In keeping with the current mask update for Columbus, masks are required at worship services and other group activities inside the Redeemer Lutheran Church building.
- The sanctuary is set up for social distancing.
- Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- During the passing of the peace, we suggest you place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up inside the sanctuary door.
- If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use. Only one person at a time in the restrooms.

Please turn off your cell phone or set to airplane mode. This will help maintain our livestream.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*, arranged by Mark Hayes

Advent Candle Lighting

The Candle of Hope

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'The can - dle of joy re - minds us to sing, for God is at work to do a new thing. The proud will be hum - bled; the low - ly will rise. God's King - dom is one of de - light and sur - prise.'

Biblical References: Hope: Matt. 24:36–44, Mark 13:24–37; Peace: Isa. 11:1–10, Luke 1:68–79, Isa. 2:4; Joy: Luke 1:46b–55;
Love: John 3:16–17, Luke 1:26–38, Matt. 1:18–25; Christ: Luke 2:1–20, John 1:1–14, Titus 3:4–7
Tune: LYONS 10.10.11.11 ("O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"); Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784.
Alternate Tune: HANOVER ("Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"); attr. William Croft, 1708.
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Welcome

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



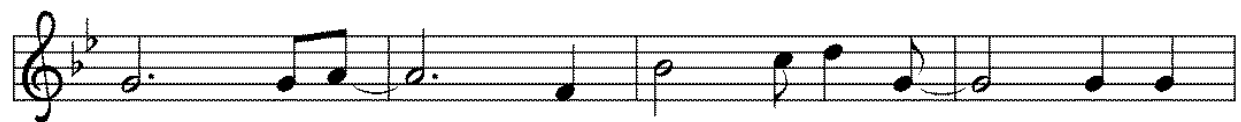
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

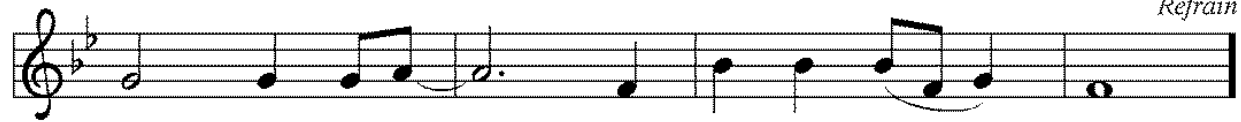


join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

Refrain



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

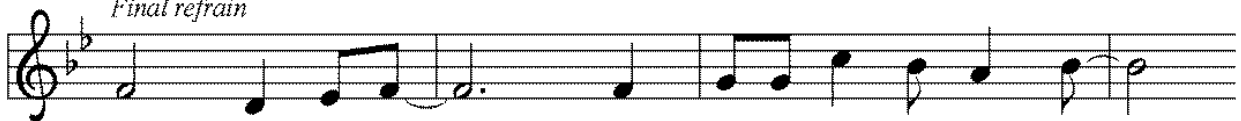


3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

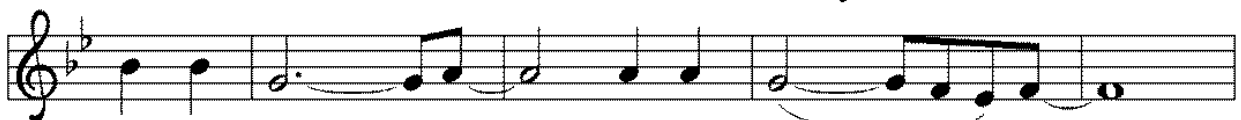


gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

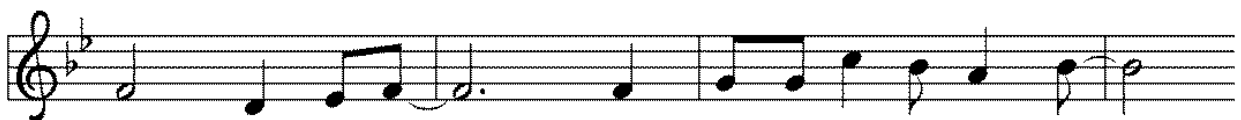
Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20 (Contemp. Eng. Version, inclusivized)

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Everyone in Jerusalem and Judah,
celebrate and shout
 with all your heart!

Zion, your punishment is over.
The Lord has forced your enemies
 to turn and retreat.

Your Lord is Ruler over Israel
 and stands at your side;
you don't have to worry
 about any more troubles.

Jerusalem, the time is coming,
 when it will be said to you:

"Don't be discouraged
 or grow weak from fear!

The Lord your God
wins victory after victory
 and is always with you.

The Lord celebrates and sings
 because of you,
and will refresh your life with love."

The Lord has promised:
Your sorrow has ended,
 and you can celebrate.

I will punish those
 who mistreat you.

I will bring together the lame
 and the outcasts,
then they will be praised,
instead of despised,
 in every country on earth.

I will lead you home,
 and with your own eyes
you will see me bless you
 with all you once owned.

Then you will be famous
 everywhere on this earth.

I, the Lord, have spoken!

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not ¹ be afraid,
for the LORD God is my strength and my might, and has become ¹ my
salvation.

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call ¹ on God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name ¹ is exalted.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O ¹ royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy ¹ One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Luke 3:7-18 (The Message, inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

When crowds of people came out for baptism because it was the popular thing to do, John exploded: “Brood of snakes! What do you think you’re doing slithering down here to the river? Do you think a little water on your snakeskins is going to deflect God’s judgment? It’s your life that must change, not your skin. And don’t think you can pull rank by claiming Abraham as ‘father.’ Being a child of Abraham is neither here nor there—children of Abraham are a dime a dozen. God can make children from stones if God wants. What counts is your life. Is it green and flourishing? Because if it’s deadwood, it goes on the fire.”

The crowd asked him, “Then what are we supposed to do?” “If you have two coats, give one away,” he said. “Do the same with your food.”

Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said, “Teacher, what should we do?”

He told them, “No more extortion—collect only what is required by law.”

Soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He told them, “No harassment, no blackmail—and be content with your rations.”

The interest of the people by now was building. They were all beginning to wonder, “Could this John be the Messiah?”

But John intervened: “I’m baptizing you here in the river.

The main character in this drama, to whom I’m a mere stagehand, will ignite the kingdom life, a fire, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out. The Spirit is going to clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives. The Spirit will place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false will be put out with the trash to be burned.”

There was a lot more of this—words that gave strength to the people, words that put heart in them. The Message!

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Ministry of Music

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arranged by Anna Laura Page
Redeemer Chimes

Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their niece and sister-in-law, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Barbara and David Hairston, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Karen Kent, Beatrice Watts Young, Arnell Comstock, Dottie Odrosky, Damon Stewart, Kathie Ehrich's sister Betty Weaver, Chad Eberle's mother, Nancy Steiner, Bill Boys, Bruce Collins, Nancy Stinson and family on the death of her brother Tom Starkey, Emily Kent, Nancy Steiner, Ruth Murray's step-granddaughter Trina Shields, Pastor Al Debelak, Ashley Bird
The people of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Hilliard; Redeemer community member Georgene Slagle

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

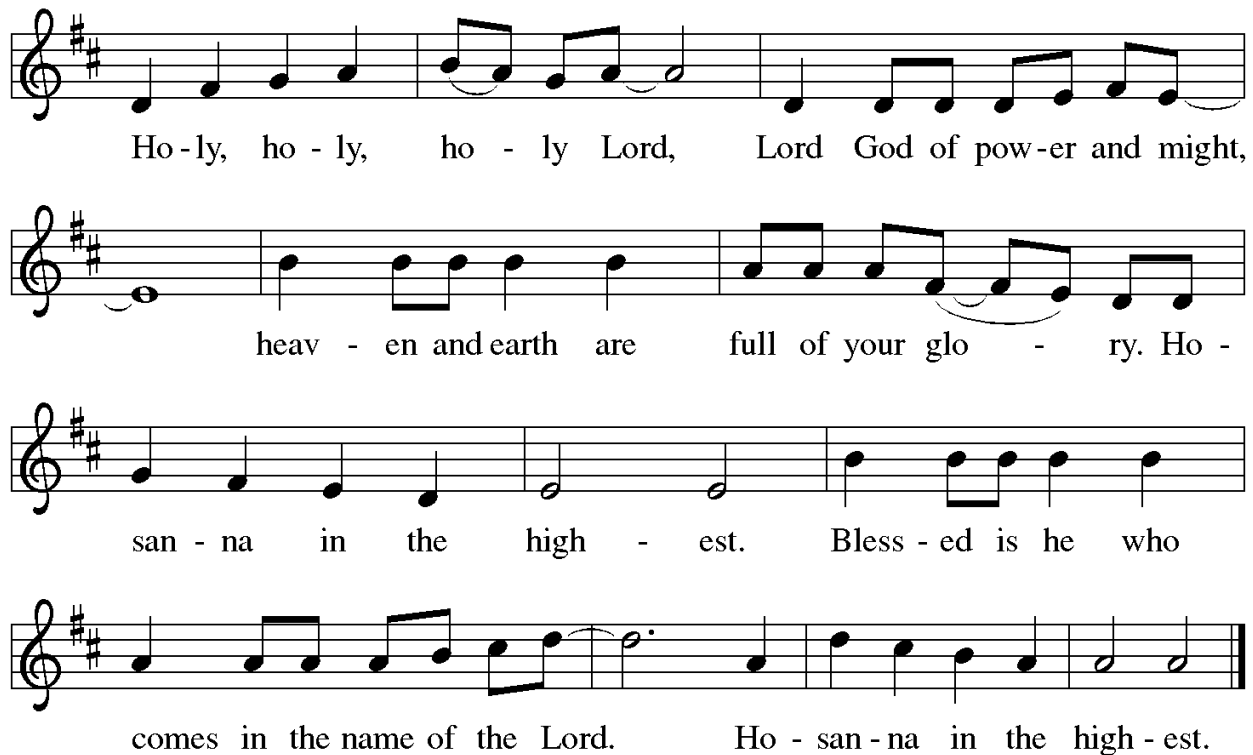
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This is the table of Emmanuel -- God-with-us. This is the place where bread and wine remind us how to live and love as those who inhabit God's time, and work to build God's Beloved Community. This is the place where we recognize that the one for whom we wait is also the one who is already, and always, here with us.

So come! Whether you are watching for the dawn, or dreading first light, whether you are waiting with hope, or hiding your face, come with quiet confidence. Here Emmanuel watches for our coming, and waits with love and joy to welcome us in.

The story of Emmanuel is the story of God – waiting to inhabit time, who took on flesh and form, and lived among us, so that we might re-imagine life. It is the story of Jesus – waiting to be betrayed, who shared supper with his friends, where he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.” And after supper he took the cup and gave it to them, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.”

And so, taking this bread and wine, we remember and celebrate the waiting which began to change the world; and we join our voices with all who still wait and work for that change to come to completion:



God of grace, as we follow the example of Jesus, send your Holy Spirit upon us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. May we find the imagination, the courage, and the strength to use our waiting times to build your Beloved Community of joy, justice, and peace, for which we now pray as Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal. So do we.

The body of Christ, given for you. (*We eat the bread together.*)
 The blood of Christ, given for you. (*We drink the cup together.*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy Mystery, the earth still waits for its healing. May we who are part of that waiting take and use the waiting times to re-imagine how we can be healers of creation. Open our hands and hearts to embrace and use the uncertain times to learn how to live and love. So may our watching and waiting join with that of Emmanuel to realize your beloved community here on earth.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;

un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joice! Re-joice!
teach us your will and guide our way.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

7 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*, arranged by Mark Hayes

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Communion liturgy adapted from one written by the Rev. Bill Loader of the Uniting Church in Australia.

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Adult Sunday School
November 28 — December 19
11:15 am — 12:15 pm
*The First Christmas: What the
Gospels say about Jesus' Birth*

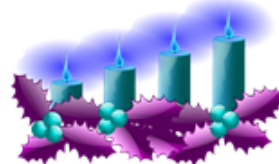
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Passcode: 804399

Phone only: 312-626-6799



Advent Wednesday evenings
December 1, 8, 15, 22
7:00 Holden Evening Prayer
In-Person or Livestream:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sGE88YtJrLWuGWO0sS-yw>



Birthdays this week:
15 – Melinda Eakin



The Friendly Beasts AND the Friendly Kids

December 19
during **10 am** worship



A Brewing Faith

Tuesday, December 14 6:30 pm

Conversation and fellowship
Via Zoom

Topic: Brewing Faith Zoom Meeting

Time: 06:30 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88406607138?pwd=TU>

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Bible
STUDY
Join us!

The Parables of Jesus

Tuesdays – 1:00 pm

In Person – Zoom

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Coffee and Conversation

Third Wednesdays

11:00 AM-12:30 PM – Room 2

Honest exploration of questions about faith and life

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Emily Ott
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Crucifer	Skye Andree
Reader	Danica Denniss
Cantor	Wendy Stoica
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Ruth Murray
Verger	Michelle Clemence
Producers	Scott Steiner, Michele Disbro

*Flowers are dedicated by **Kathleen Zwanziger** celebrating **Eric Hutton**'s birthday on the 10th.*

Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER DECEMBER 12 - 19

Today	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	ZOOM A Brewing Faith
	7:30 pm	Congregation Council
Wednesday	11:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Holden Evening Prayer
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School Christmas Program
	11:15 am	In-Person and Zoom Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal

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