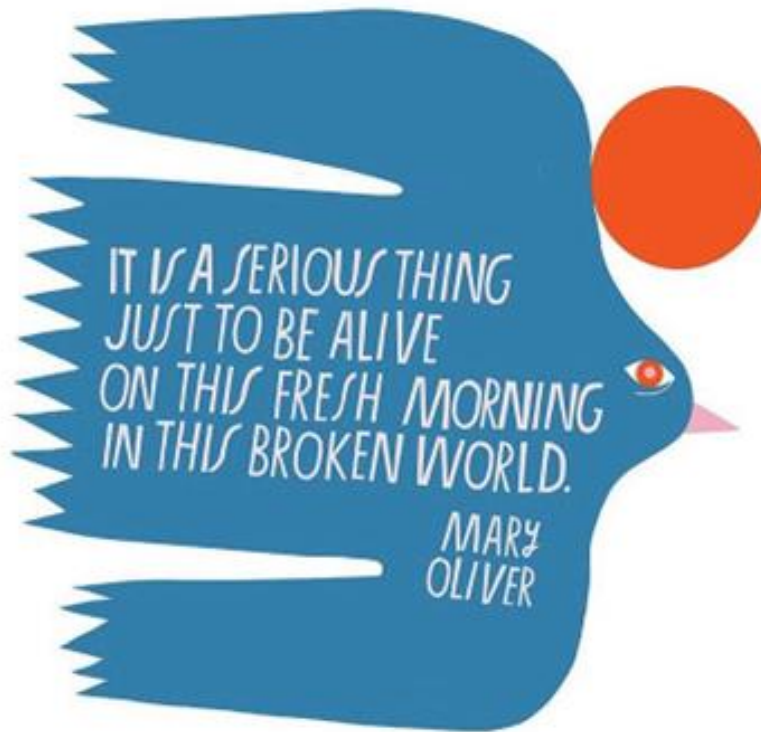


Third Sunday of Advent



December 11, 2022 + 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.

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

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

(a time for reflection and preparation for worship)

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came arr. Larry Shackley

Advent Candle Lighting

Christ, Be Our Light

3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,
bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.

Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath-ered to-day.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp). It consists of six staves. The first three staves contain the main verses of the hymn. The fourth staff is the beginning of the refrain, marked 'Refrain'. The fifth and sixth staves continue the refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece ends with a double bar line on the sixth staff.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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Welcome

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANÇON, French carol; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934

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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.

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

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

Refrain

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

James 5:7-10 (The Message)

A reading from the letter of James

My friends, be patient until the Lord returns. Think of farmers who wait patiently for the autumn and spring rains to make their valuable crops grow. Be patient like those farmers and don't give up. The Lord will soon be here! Don't grumble about each other or you will be judged, and the judge is right outside the door.

My friends, follow the example of the prophets who spoke for the Lord. They were patient, even when they had to suffer.

Word of God, Word of Life

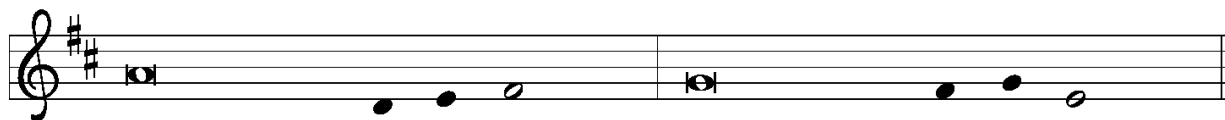
Thanks be to God.

Musical Reflection

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

arr. Anne Krentz Organ
Chime Choir

Psalm 146:5-10



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Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever;**

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who
hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those
who | are bowed down;
the Lord | loves the righteous.**

The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the
wicked.

**The LORD shall | reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



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

Gospel

Luke 1:46-55

All



1., 3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my
2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -

spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your
lift - ed the hum-ble of heart. You have filled the hun - gry with

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind-ness ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the
strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom-ised to

D.C.
weak and low-ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!
Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

The Gospel of the Lord

Please be seated

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

NO FEELING IS FINAL

Musical Reflection

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

arr. Anne Krentz Organ
Chime Choir

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, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy,
Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver,
Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons,
Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kelley Frank,
Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Kathleen Zwanziger, Donna Voelkel
The people of St. Paul Lutheran Church, St. Louisville; Redeemer community members
David Detweiler and Brian Fear

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Share signs of peace with each other.

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.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

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:

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.

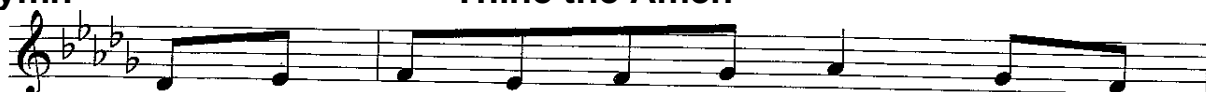
Sharing the Meal

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

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat.

Hymn

Thine the Amen



1. Thine the a - men thine the praise Al - le -
 2. Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3. Thine the tru - ly thine the yes Thine the
 4. Thine the king - dom thine the prize Thine the
 5. Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head Thine the
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion thine the tree All the
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from thee Thine the
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise Then the
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the ri - ver thine the tree Then the



break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry Thine the
 earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing Gone the
 glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the sing - ing Then the
 jus - tice of thy ways Thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry Then the
 Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Cel - e -



har - vest then the cup Thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed
 plead - ing gone the cry Gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was
 end of all the war Thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er -
 wel - come to the least Then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy
 bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly



up lift - ed up.
 loss lift - ed high.
 more ev - er - more.
 feast at thy feast.
 thee on - ly thee.

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Hymn

Now the Silence



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed

Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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Please stand in body or spirit

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

Hymn

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus arr. Mark Hayes

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Redeemer's mission: To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all
Redeemer's vision: To foster understanding and healing in community



Sunday Adult Ed ***November – December***

The class will welcome people who work for organizations who walk alongside those on the margins so we might know more about the realities these neighbors face, what their lives are like, what these organizations are doing, and how any of us who wish might explore these ministries.

December 11:

Joel Call, Distribution Center Manager
Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85766355631?pwd=enM2bDNUV3NrK0Z5UTBxTU1pVXRQdz09>

Meeting ID: 857 6635 5631 + Passcode: 312394

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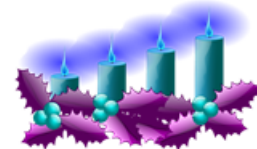


The Littlest Angels

Children's Christmas Program

December 18

during 10 am worship



Advent Wednesday evenings

December 14, 21

6:15 Advent Desserts

7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the library to share your story, to serve as cantor, or to provide dessert at 6:15



"The Book of Hebrews"

Bible Study

Tuesdays

1:00 pm

Join us in-person or on Zoom, from 1-2:30.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89816662484?pwd=UnpVZHV3M2ZTSW14K1R1VnRySXliQT09>

Meeting ID: 898 1666 2484= Passcode: 072258

Phone only: 646-876-9923



A Brewing Faith

Tuesday, December 13, 6:30 pm

Conversation and fellowship

Via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86450199940?pwd=YUxraZVRRWFqeFc1dlB3RTNDYUUXZz09>

Meeting ID: 864 5019 9940 – **Passcode:** 615090

Phone only: 312 626 6799



Monthly Sunday School for all ages!

Sunday, December 11 == 11:15 am



*Sunday, January 22
In conjunction with
11:15 Adult Ed class*

Lest Innocent Blood be Shed
Philip Hallie

*At 11:15, we'll watch the documentary
"Weapons of the Spirit," which tells the
story of the book. We'll watch the film,
enjoy a potluck, discuss it, and discuss the
book. Those who don't wish to stay for the
book discussion can leave at any time. We
plan to be finished by 2 pm.*

IN-PERSON and ZOOM

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Phone Only: **312-626-6799**



***Are you interested in joining Redeemer,
or learning about this community?***

Someone here has told Pastor Dave they'd like to join Redeemer. Are there others of you who either would like to join Redeemer or learn more about Redeemer and what membership looks like? If so, contact Pastor Dave. He will set up a dinner at his home with you and several folks from Redeemer who will talk about their experiences and how they came to find a meaningful faith community here.

Please let Dave know by the beginning of January.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Mary Benis
Cantor	Jennifer Young
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal / Kiara Santiago
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Ruth Murray
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Michele Disbro, Eileen Day, Becky Fisher
Producers	Sue Yehling, Scott Steiner
Hospitality	Katie Jacobs

*Flowers are dedicated by **Kathleen Zwanziger** celebrating **Eric Hutton's birthday**.
Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER DECEMBER 11 - 18

Today	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	ZOOM A Brewing Faith
Wednesday	6:15 pm	Advent Desserts
	7:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion and Children's Christmas Program
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education



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