

## Fourth Sunday of Advent



### *The Littlest Angels* *Children's Christmas Program*

**December 18, 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

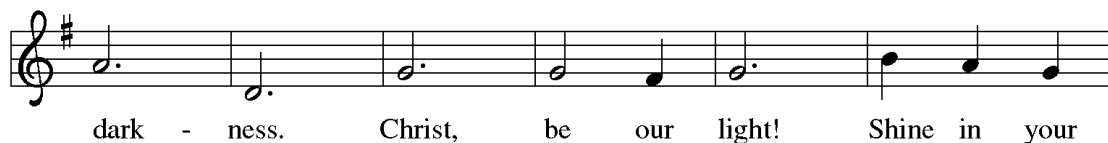
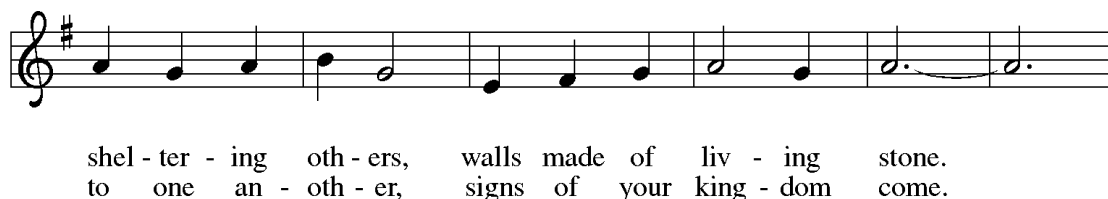
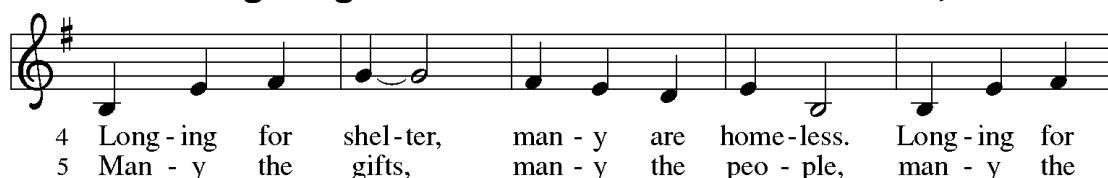
### Prelude

*(a time for reflection and preparation for worship)*

**Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming** arr. Brian Chung

### Advent Candle Lighting

### **Christ, Be Our Light**



Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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## Welcome

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  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.



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*

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite  
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.  
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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-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. 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

*Refrain*



hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-



le-lu-ia. 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.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Please be seated

## **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

### **Reading**

**Micah 5:2-5a** (New Living Translation)

A reading from the prophet Micah

You, O Bethlehem,  
are only a small village among all the people of Judah.  
Yet a ruler of Israel,  
whose origins are in the distant past,  
will come from you on my behalf.  
The people of Israel will be abandoned to their enemies  
until the woman in labor gives birth.  
Then at last his fellow countrymen  
will return from exile to their own land.  
And he will stand to lead his flock with the LORD's strength,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
Then his people will live there undisturbed,  
for he will be highly honored around the world.  
And he will be the source of peace.

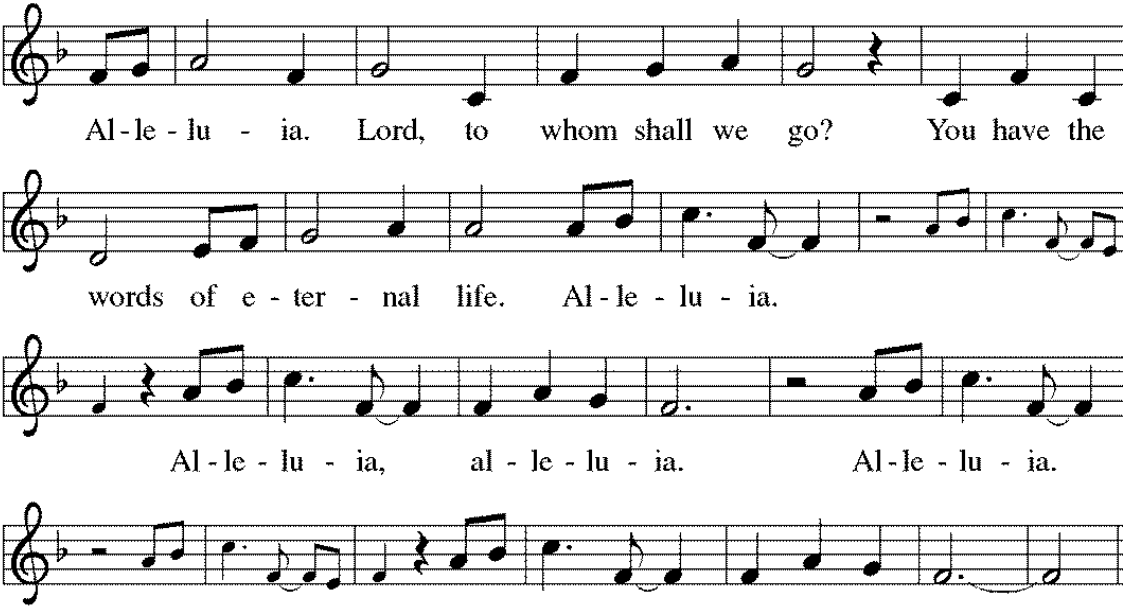
Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

**Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.**

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

## Gospel

**Luke 1:26-38** (Inclusive New Testament)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six months into the pregnancy of Elizabeth, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a young woman named Mary; she was engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. Upon arriving, the angel said to Mary, "Rejoice, highly favored one! God is with you! Blessed are you among women!"

Mary was deeply troubled by these words and wondered what the angel's greeting meant. The angel went on to say to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God. You'll conceive and bear a son, and give him the name Jesus – 'Deliverance.' His dignity will be great, and he will be called the Only Begotten of God. God will give Jesus the judgment seat of David, his ancestor, to rule over the house of Jacob forever, and his reign will never end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have never been with a man?"

The angel answered her "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you – hence the offspring to be born will be called the Holy One of God. Know too that Elizabeth, your kinswoman, has conceived a child in her old age; she who was thought to be infertile is now in her sixth month. Nothing is impossible with God."

Mary said, "I am the servant of God. Let it be done to me as you say."

With that, the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Message

### ***THE LITTLEST ANGELS***

based on the book "***The Littlest Angel***" by Charles Tazewell

directed by Emily Kent

with Kathryn Ott, Caroline Ott, Ruby Jacobs, Miles Smith, Elinn Neal,  
Auden Neal, Ryland Neal, Cora Marquez, Isaac Marquez

***When I Kneel at the Manger Tonight*** Mary Kay Beall

What can I give to Him, a heavenly King?  
What can I give to Him? I have nothing to bring,  
But I'll offer my heart, when I kneel at the manger tonight.

What can I give to Him, to honor His birth?  
What can I give to Him? I have nothing of worth,  
But I'll offer my heart, when I kneel at the manger tonight.

If I were a shepherd boy, I would give Him a lamb.  
If I were a mighty king, I would give Him a golden right (bright golden  
ring).

But what can I give to Him? I have nothing at all.  
What can I give to Him? Would my gift be too small?  
If I offer my heart when I kneel at the manger tonight.  
Tonight.

## Musical Reflection

### ***Ave, Ave, the Angel Sang***

Robert Lau  
Senior Choir

O lowly maiden, O blessed woman, you have been chosen to bring us the  
king.

Peace be with you, O fairest holy one, Mary, Mother, child of God

REFRAIN: Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave the angel sang. (repeat)

Fair one so gentle, filled with the Spirit, you will bear Jesus, the savior of  
all.

Don't be afraid now, God's love surrounds you, Mary, Mother, child of God.

REFRAIN

What will you call Him, O lovely maiden? Rulers and nations will bow at his  
name.

Let all creation give thanks for the holy one: Jesus, Savior, child of God.

REFRAIN

## **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,  
Jeanne Eakin  
The people of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newark; Redeemer community members  
Michele and Jon Disbro

## **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**



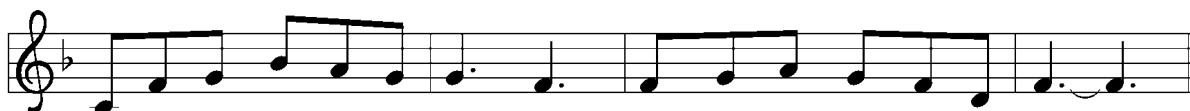
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



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, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, 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

## All Earth Is Hopeful



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor  
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!  
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:  
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;  
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co\_a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el  
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the  
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -  
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most  
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -  
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -  
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All  
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.  
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.  
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!  
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé

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## Hymn

## Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains four verses of lyrics. The second system contains four lines of lyrics. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with harmonization in the other parts. The piece concludes with a final chord in the Soprano part.

1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.  
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.  
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—  
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.

Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.  
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.  
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.  
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever; arr. Rusty Edwards

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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

### The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.  
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,  
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924  
Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

### Blessing

**Amen.**

### Announcements

### Postlude

### *People, Look East*

arr. Lloyd Larson

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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 18:

Joining us via ZOOM

*Lillian Howard, Director of Clinical &  
Supportive Services  
Lutheran Social Services CHOICES for Victims  
of Domestic Violence*

Zoom link:

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

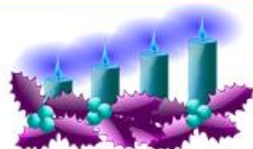
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Phone 312-626-6799.



## *The Littlest Angels*

*Many thanks to Emily Kent  
for directing this year's program.*

*Many, many thanks to  
the young people and their families  
for their leadership and support.*



Advent Wednesday evenings

December 21

6:15 Advent Desserts

7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer



### *Journaling Workshop*

*7:00 pm*

*December 20*

*In-Person - Narthex*



### *Coffee and Conversation*

*Wednesday December 21*

*11:00 AM-12:30 PM – Narthex*

*Honest exploration of questions about faith and life*



## *Christmas Eve Worship*

*7:00 pm*

*In-Person and Livestream*

## *Christmas Day Worship*

*10:00 am*

*In-Person and Livestream*

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UC7sGE88YtJrLWuGWO0sS-yw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sGE88YtJrLWuGWO0sS-yw)



**Birthdays this week:**

**19 – Darren Baldogo**

**19 – Joe Darst**

**19 – Novella Hinkle**

**21 – Kolya Larson**

**24 – Julianne Johnson**

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Preachers	Emily Kent and the children of RLC
Assisting Minister	Mary Benis
Cantor	Heidi Sherer
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal / Kiara Santiago
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Zak Hinkle-Moore
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Michele Disbro, Eileen Day, Becky Fisher
Producers	Scott Steiner, Tom Mimlitch
Hospitality	Dani Denniss

*Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER DECEMBER 18 - 25

<b>Today</b>	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion and <b>Children's Program</b>
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
<b>Monday</b>	7:30 pm	Congregation Council
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 pm	Journaling Workshop
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
	6:15 pm	Advent Desserts
	7:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer
<b>Saturday</b>	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM <b>Christmas Eve Worship</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM <b>Christmas morning Worship</b>

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