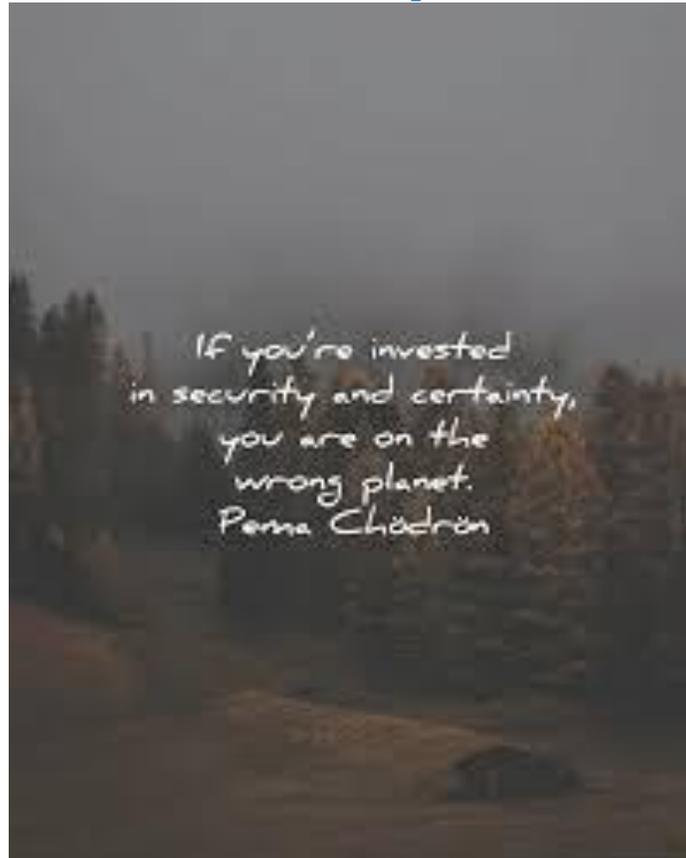


Second Sunday of Advent



December 7, 2025 + 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.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Services of worship and other events at Redeemer are routinely livestreamed or photographed. If you do not want your image to be captured on livestreaming or in photographs, please speak to an usher or the leader of the event so that you can be offered alternative seating in the gathering area or can be excluded from the photograph.
- Please silence your cell phone.
- 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.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude **Comfort, Comfort Ye My People** arr. Paul Manz

Advent Candle Lighting **Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah**



2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune
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Welcome

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn Comfort, Comfort, Now My People

1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.

Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.

To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,

Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

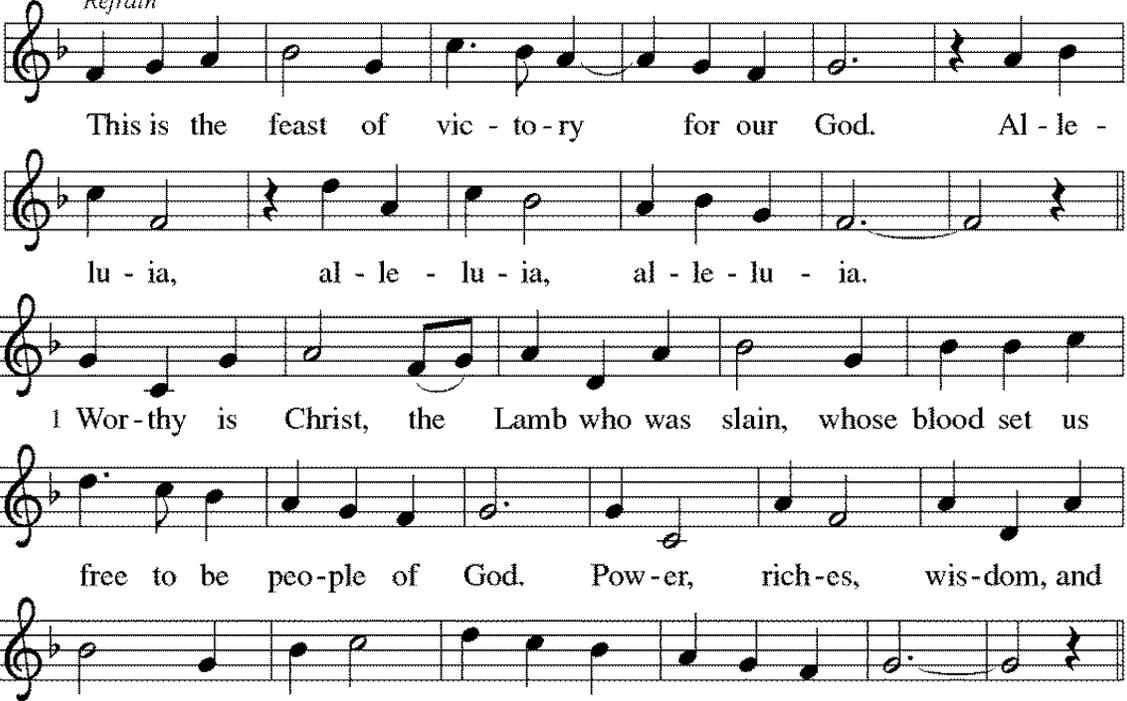
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Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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

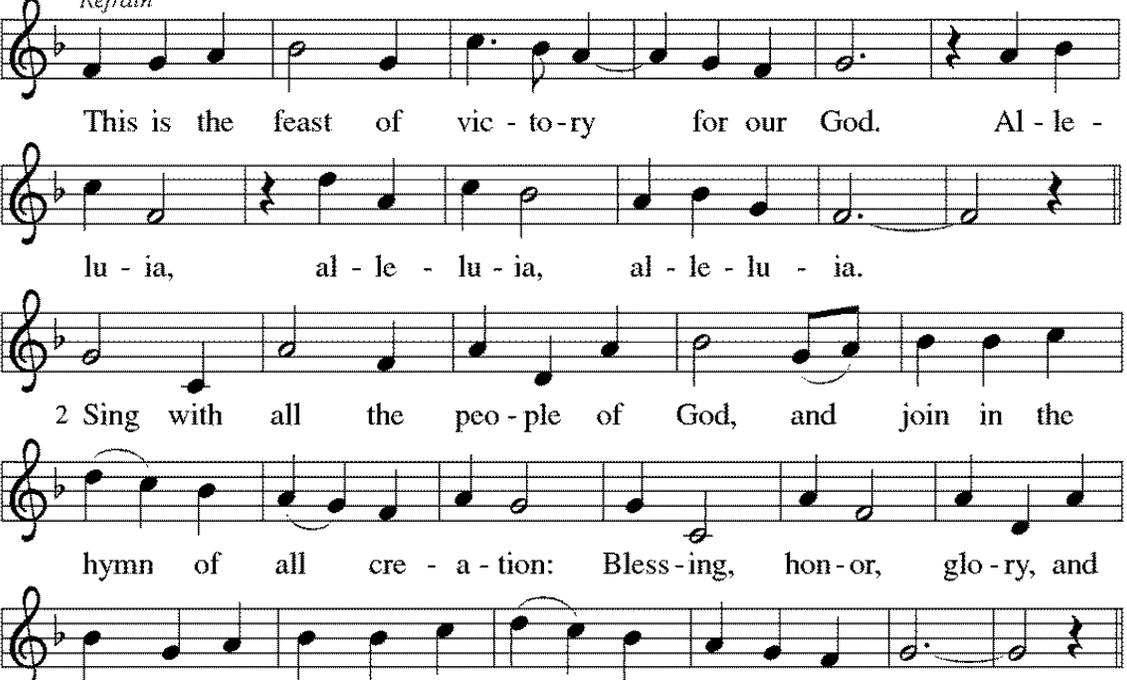
Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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 - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

God of Life, your prophet, John, calls us to come alive this season, and dare to imagine who we might become by inviting the spirit of Jesus to catch fire in us. May we risk true repentance by going beyond the limits we place on what is possible, and surprise ourselves by what we do with our lives. In the name of the Coming One we pray. **Amen.**

Please be seated



WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Isaiah 11:1-11 (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A green Shoot will sprout from Jesse's stump,
from his roots a budding Branch.
The life-giving Spirit of God will hover over this One,
the Spirit that brings wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit that gives direction and builds strength,
the Spirit that instills knowledge and Fear-of-God.
Fear-of-God will be all the joy and delight of this leader,
who won't judge by appearances,
or decide on the basis of hearsay.
Instead, this leader will judge the needy by what is right,
render decisions on earth's poor with justice,
and speak words that will bring everyone to awed attention.
A mere breath from One's lips will topple the wicked.
Each morning this Shoot of Jesse
will pull on sturdy work clothes and boots,
and build righteousness and faithfulness in the land.
The wolf will romp with the lamb,
the leopard sleep with the kid.
Calf and lion will eat from the same trough,
and a little child will tend them.
Cow and bear will graze the same pasture,
their calves and cubs grow up together,
and the lion eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child will crawl over rattlesnake dens,
the toddler stick his hand down the hole of a serpent.
Neither animal nor human will hurt or kill
on my holy mountain.
The whole earth will be brimming with knowing God-Alive,
a living knowledge of God ocean-deep, ocean-wide.
May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12 (Contemporary English Version, inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Years [after Joseph, Mary, and Jesus returned from Egypt,] John the Baptist started preaching in the desert of Judea. He said, "Repent! The beloved community will soon be here."

John was the one the prophet Isaiah was talking about, when he said,

"In the desert someone is shouting,

'Get the road ready for the Lord!

Make the Lord a straight path.'"

John wore clothes made of camel's hair. He had a leather strap around his waist and ate grasshoppers and wild honey.

From Jerusalem and all Judea and from the Jordan River Valley crowds of people went to John. They told how sorry they were for their sins, and he baptized them in the river.

Many Pharisees and Sadducees also came to be baptized. But John said to them:

"You bunch of snakes! Who warned you to run from the coming judgment? Do something to show you have really given up your sins. And don't start telling yourselves that you belong to Abraham and Sarah's family. I tell you that God can turn these stones into children for Abraham and Sarah. An ax is ready to cut the trees down at their roots. Any tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into a fire.

I baptize you with water so you will give up your sins. But someone more powerful is going to come, and I am not good enough even to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His threshing fork is in his hand, and he is ready to separate the wheat from the husks. He will store the wheat in a barn and burn the husks in a fire that never goes out."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

GOING BEYOND THE MIND THAT YOU HAVE

Musical Reflection

A Voice Cries Out, "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

Lloyd Larson
Choir

REFRAIN

A voice cries out, "Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
And every mountain made low."

REFRAIN

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
All people shall see it together.
The mouth of the Lord has spoken it.
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

REFRAIN

Comfort, comfort my people; proclaim the promise of the Lord.
His name shall be called Emmanuel!
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

REFRAIN

Apostles' Creed

We honor and celebrate our oneness with Christians in this time and throughout time 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

After each petition: “Your mercy is great, O God.”

Receive our prayer.

Amen.

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

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey’s sister Kleta Childs, Bebe McCoy’s brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling’s sister Val, John Kennedy’s niece Michele Wolfe, Maddie Sutphin, Becky and Larry Trover’s son-in-law Brandon James, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Kelley Frank’s mother Charlotte Frank, Karen Rider’s niece Tammy and her friend Betsy Wagner, Sue, Tim, and Lisa Watson, Heidi Carman, Debbie Turner’s friends Sherrie and Jim Tompkins, Emily Crosley, Bill Boys, Grace and Ken Jones and their son Dan Jones, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott’s son-in-law Russ Ward, Bruce Collins, for family of Bonnie Hegreness, in thanksgiving for Micheline and WilFrantz’s new baby Mathewoodson Raymond
For the people of Hope Lutheran Church in Columbus
For Redeemer community members Karen and Al Rider

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We greet those who are livestreaming with us by waving to the camera in the back of the sanctuary above the choir loft. Then you are encouraged to greet each other in a way that expresses the peace and love of Christ.

If you do not wish close contact, offer a sign of blessing to others to let them know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.



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

You Are Holy

1*

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* *May be sung in canon.*

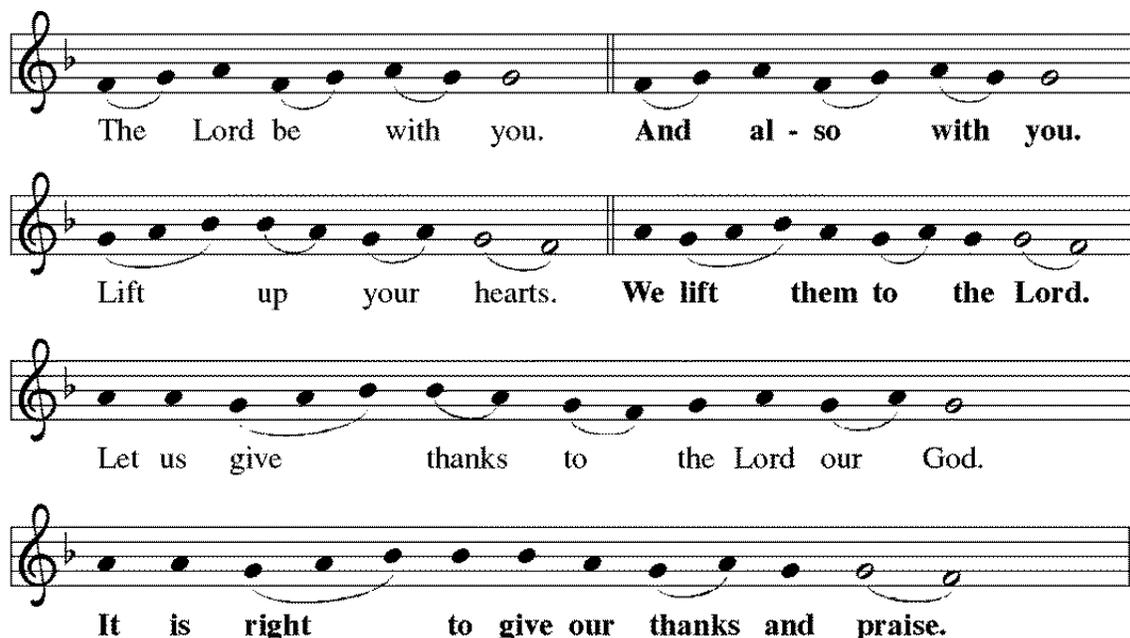
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Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

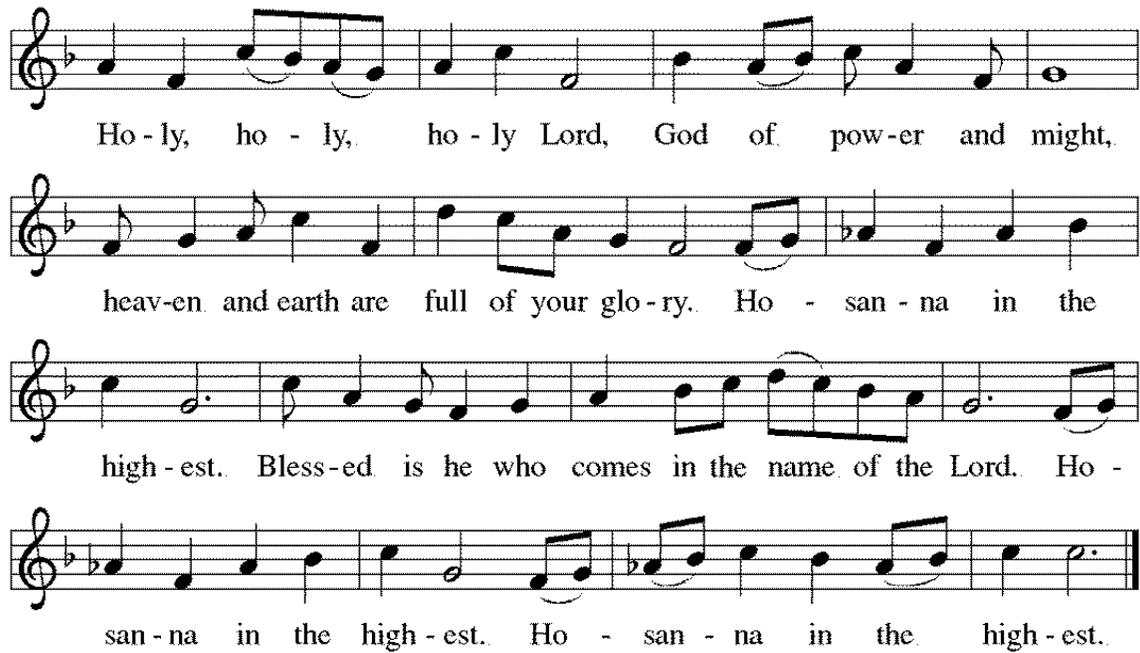
The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with stems, and are connected by slurs.

It is right and good for us to gather at this 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 - 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.

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

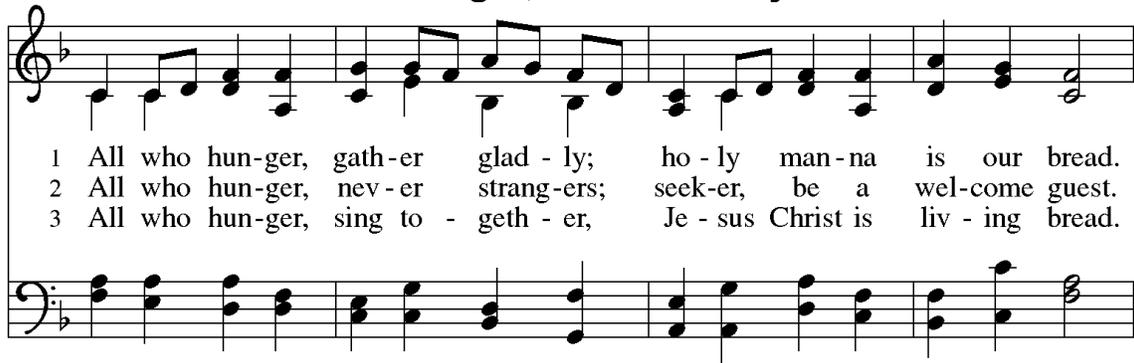
Whoever you are, from wherever you come, whatever you believe, you are welcome and invited to receive. Come! For all things are now ready.

Please be seated

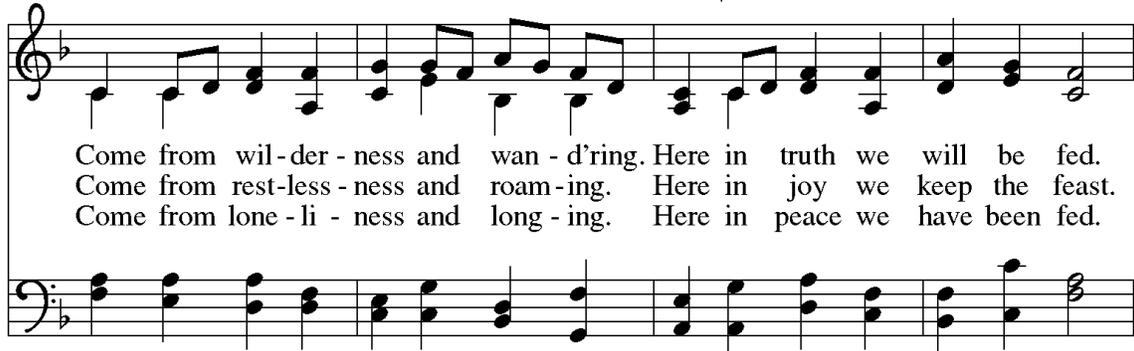
You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.

Hymn

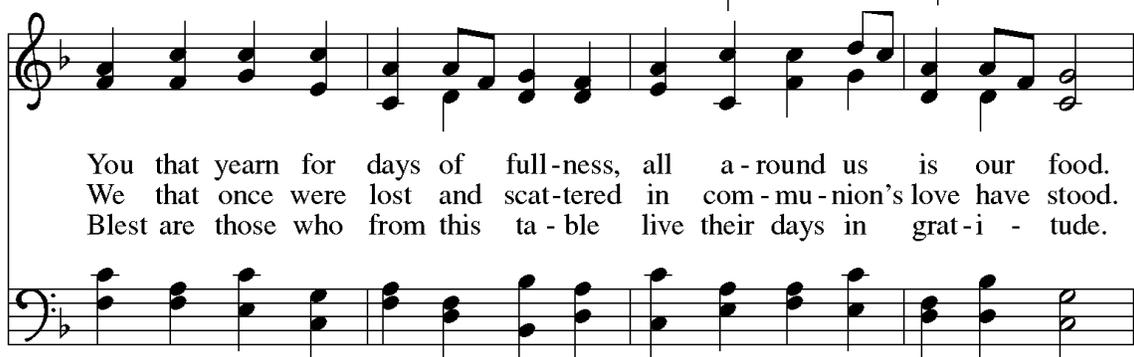
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



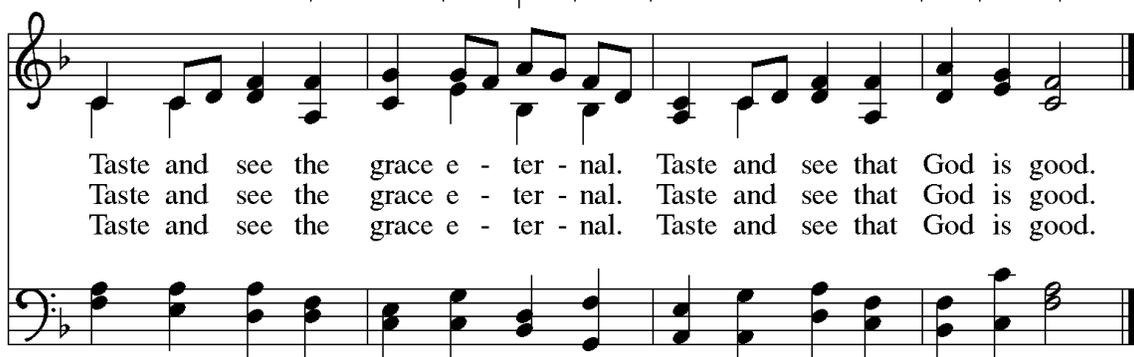
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less - ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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Hymn

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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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

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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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

J.G. Walther

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Sunday, December 7

emeritus *Bishop Nicholas of Myra* will lead the adult forum in a discussion of Christian relationships with empire.

Sharing my very different experiences under the reigns of Diocletian (284-305 AD) and Constantine (306-337 AD), I will invite the group to consider how we relate to our government.

Happy holidays! May every day be a holy day for you.



Please join us on
Sunday, December 14
11:45 am
to celebrate the ministry of
Pastor Dave Shull
as he enters retirement.

Luncheon will be provided.

Please RSVP to info@RedeemerLuth.com
or 614.237.1263

In lieu of gifts, please consider a donation to RLC ministries such as Good Samaritan fund, Immigration fund, Mary Kohler fund, Memorial fund, etc.

Back to the First Christmas

Sunday School Christmas Program



December 21 during Worship



**Contact Pastor Dave if You'd Like
to Talk Before He Retires**

Pastor Dave is setting aside time in his schedule for conversations with any of you who would like to have some time together before his last day at Redeemer on December 28.

If you'd like to set up a time to talk, email (dshull@redeemerluth.com), text, or call him (206-725-3785). You can also put your name on the appointment sheet in the hallway outside the library.

Dave would value any conversations you would wish to have with him.



Tuesday Bible Study
An exploration of things we might wish weren't in the Gospels.

Tuesdays + 1:00pm

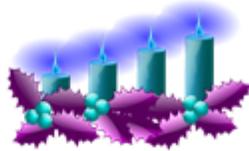
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A Brewing Faith

Conversation and fellowship

Tuesday, December 9, 6:30 pm
 Milo's Deli
 410 W Town Street



Advent Wednesday evenings

December 3, 10, 17

6:30 Advent Desserts and Coffee

7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

With the season of Advent, Redeemer offers you a space to rest in the calmness, beauty, and joy of a darkened sanctuary filled with the sounds of Holden Evening Prayer. Wednesday evenings will be oases in the midst of everything else that is going on in your lives. Let yourself let go of all you might be carrying right now, and receive the gift of this time to be reminded of what life, love, and peace feel like.

Sign up on the bulletin board to provide dessert



December Birthdays:

- 2 - Eowyn Dana
- 2 - Ruby Jacobs
- 4 - Hitoshi Phillips
- 6 - Izzy Skoog
- 6 - Sophie Skoog
- 8 - Bob Rapp
- 10 - Eric Hutton
- 15 - Mindy Eakin
- 19 - Joe Darst
- 19 - Novella Hinkle
- 20 - Debbie Turner
- 24 - Julianne Johnson
- 24 - WilFrantz Raymond
- 25 - Doug Eakin
- 26 - Emily Kent
- 31 - John Kennedy



Advent Devotional Booklet

The Advent Devotional is now available in regular or large print. You may pick up a copy in the narthex. Take as many as you like to share with friends and family. If you like, we would be happy to mail a copy to you. The devotions are available on our website, or you may have each day's devotion delivered to your email. Just let the office know what you prefer.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

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| Presiding Minister | David Shull, Pastor |
| Assisting Minister | Michele Disbro |
| Cantor | Wendy Stoica |
| Organist & Senior Choir Director | Kathy Rapp |
| Pianist & Chime Choir Director | Karen Kent |
| Usher | Helen Brunston |
| Verger | Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica |
| Communion Prep | Becky Trover, Michele Disbro, Kay Ernsthausen |
| Producers | Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips |
| Hospitality | Becky Trover |

*Flowers are given by **Kathleen Zwanziger** in celebration of **Eric's birthday**.
The Noisy Offering will go to Huckleberry House.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER DECEMBER 7 – 14

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| Today | 8:45 am | Senior Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:00 am | IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 11:15 am | Christmas Program Rehearsal |
| | 11:15 am | IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education |
| Tuesday | 1:00 pm | IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study |
| | 6:30 pm | A Brewing Faith Milo's Deli, 410 W Town Street |
| Wednesday | 6:30 pm | Advent Desserts |
| | 7:00 pm | IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Holden Evening Prayer |
| Saturday | 10:00 am | Chime Choir Rehearsal |
| Next Sunday | 8:45 am | Senior Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:00 am | IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 11:45 am | Pastor Dave Celebration |

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