

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

You have a place at God's table. You have a place here.

**The wolf will live with the
lamb, the leopard will
lie down with the goat,... and
a little child will lead them.**



Isaiah 11:6

**Sunday, December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent
Rev. Sara Gorman**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Announcements

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Hymn: *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* (Verse 2)



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.



Refrain
Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

Week 2: Lighting the Second Candle

Blessed are you, God of hope, because you promise to bring about a new thing. You promise someone who will bring fairness to all, provide for those who need it, and destroy the bullies, while bringing hope to all people.

As we light this candle, turn our lives to forgiveness, change our hearts to live honestly and nicely with one another, and focus our eyes on the one who is coming.

O people of hope, come.

C Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord. Amen.

Please stand.

GATHERING SONG: *Hark the Glad Sound (239)*



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song,
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE (*tune Silent Night*)

Ky - ri - e (e)le - i - son. Chri - ste
(e)lei - i - son. Lord have mer - cy on us.
Christ have mer - cy on us Lord have mer - cy on
us Christ have mer - cy on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

C **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

R A reading from Isaiah.

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's
den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the
peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall
be glorious.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly may be seated.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *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 Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: SŪO GĀN, Welsh melody

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RECOGNITION OF BAPTISM: Robert Frederick Schmidt

PRESENTATION

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font.
The assembly is seated.*

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words:

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death, and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

A sponsor presents the candidate.

P Who presents this child for baptism?

S I present Robert Frederick Schmidt for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

P As you bring Robert to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that Robert may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Robert grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Robert in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P Not only do we have the privilege of baptizing Robert today, but we also have the privilege of formally welcoming his family into our church family.

Marianne, Todd, Truitt, Louisa and Gladys have come to make Redeemer their church home from Texas.

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Response: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

People of God, do you promise to support Robert and pray for him in his new life in Christ? And for his family as they continue their life in Christ.

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors. The assembly may join in the responses.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C **I renounce them.**

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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 into hell.**

**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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. Lay minister to do the pouring of water? At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes the candidate. Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

P Robert Frederick Schmidt, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

Water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:
and of the Son,

Water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

C **You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia.**

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.

The presiding minister continues:

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

P Sustain Robert with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

P Robert Frederick Schmidt, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C **Amen.**

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to a sponsor as a representative of the congregation says:

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

P Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:**

**join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

P And let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

C **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God and
proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.

Hymn: *Jesus Loves Me* (595)



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A God, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

During this time of care and caution, we are not passing the offering plate, but we continue to give out of thankful and generous hearts. We offer a prayer for these gifts that we return to the one who is the giver of all good things.

A Let us pray,
C **Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sung Words of Institution

Eucharistic Liturgy set to *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

L The God of grace be here with you.

C The God of grace be also with you.

L Lift up your hearts in thanks and praise.
Our hearts and hopes to God we raise.

**C Rejoice! Rejoice! For holy is the Lord,
On earth and in the heav'nly heights adored.**

L When Jesus sat at table with his friends,
He took the bread, and blessing it, he said:
“This is my body, offered for you;
Take, eat, this meal of grace and truth.”

**C Rejoice! Rejoice! We share this living bread,
And seek a day when all shall be fed.**

L When supper ended, Jesus took the cup.
He blessed it and he raised it up.
“This cup is life poured out for you.
My promise to make all things new.”

**C Rejoice! Rejoice! We share the cup of peace
With those who thirst for justice and release.**

L O Spirit, fire of hope sent from above
Unite us in salvation and love.
Bless these, your gifts of bread and wine
And fill us with your joy divine.

**C Rejoice! Rejoice! We share this meal
And bless our God, who feeds and heals.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's table. You do not need to be a member of this congregation nor a Lutheran. Communion is a gift from God for the people of God, no matter where they are on their faith journey.

Gluten-free bread is available, as is grape juice. If you have questions about Baptism, Holy Communion, or faith, please take a moment and speak with the pastor.

COMMUNION SONGS

Lo How a Rose e'er Blooming (272)



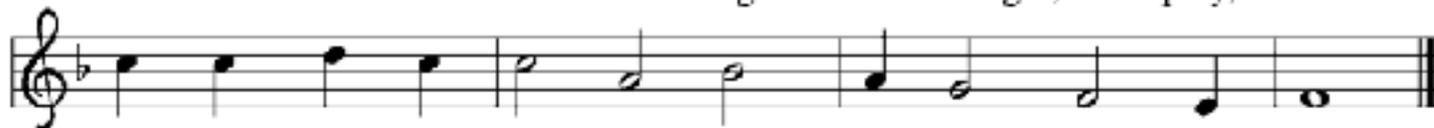
1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
mind; with Mar - y we he - hold it, the
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
hore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Kromb, 1845-1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4
Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599



Rejoice, Rejoice Believers (244)



1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, 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'ring 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 he - 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. Fiedlater, 1823–1907

Music: HAFTRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune



Prepare The Royal Highway (264)



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - `ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - `ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be
fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding* (246)



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 - pect - 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

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is near.

C **Thanks be to God.**



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Important Announcements

Check the weekly email (contact office.redeemerplymouth@gmail.com to subscribe) or our website (redeemerplymouth.org) for a complete list of announcements and community events

POP - UP CHOIR for the 4th Sunday Of Advent, December 18th @ 9am

Rehearsals: Sundays December 4th & 11th @ 8am, & before Service on Sunday December 18th @ 8am

1st Song: **“Come, Emanuel”** (Price/Besig) 2nd Song: **“This Peaceful Night”** (Price/Besig)

Both Songs have posted recordings you can listen to on YouTube. Sheet music is available on the kiosk in the Fireside Room. Open to our youth also. Hope you can make it!!



Join us for Midweek Advent Worship

Wednesday, December 7–6:30pm
Wednesday, December 14–6:30pm
Wednesday, December 21–6:30pm



Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, December 24

3:30pm 6:00pm 8:00pm

Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 25

10:00am

SAVE THE DATES!

2023 Budget Review Meeting - Sunday, January 8, 10:15am

2023 Budget Approval Meeting - Sunday, January 15, 10:15am

Annual Congregation Meeting - Sunday, January 29, 10:30am

Confirmation Education Meeting & Dinner, Wednesday, January 4, 6:30pm

RSVP by January 3

Students in grades 6-8 (and their grownups) are asked to attend this informational meeting. RSVP to the church office 920-892-7431 or office@redeemerplymouth.org

Calling All High School Youth! Join us Sunday, January 22 at 1:00pm

Join us for a time of fellowship, fun and faith! Friends are always welcome. Text Pastor Sara at 920-550-1160 if you have any questions.
