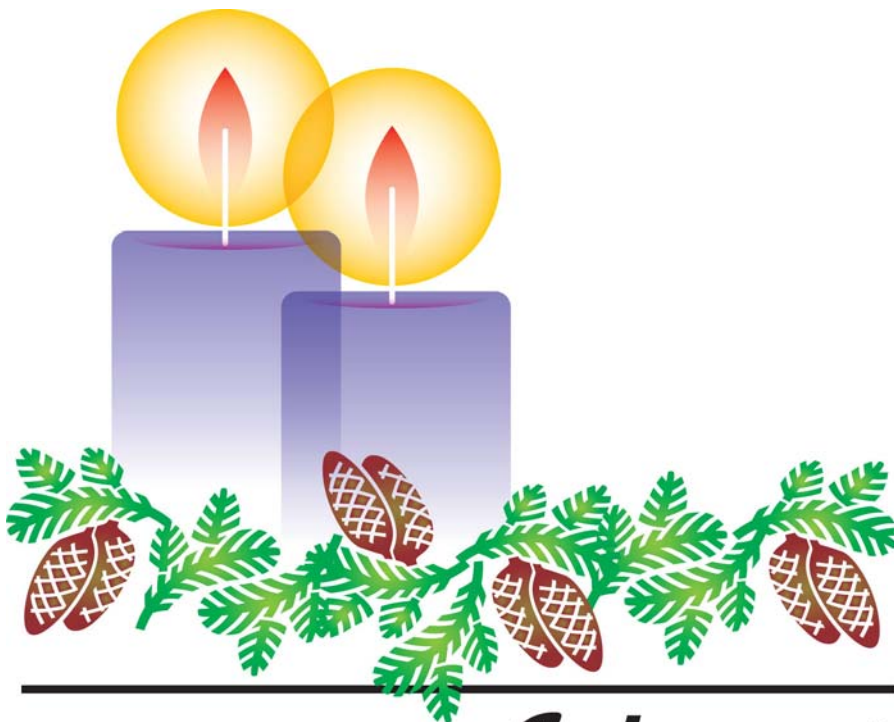


SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

DECEMBER 10, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WORSHIP SERVICES

5:30pm, Saturday

9:00 and 11:00am, Sunday (11:00am livestreamed)

An area is available in the narthex for parents and young children.

The service is broadcast to the narthex. The volume may be adjusted by turning the knob on the wall near the left sanctuary doors.

Online services are available through
facebook.com/ORLutheran, YouTube and the church's website.

GROWING IN GOD (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

September 24 - May 5, 10:00 AM, Age 3-Adults

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MISSION STATEMENT

"As Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is a community of people believing in Jesus Christ, our overall purpose is to worship, teach, serve, evangelize and witness to that belief."

Welcome to worship! Please pass the fellowship pads down your row at this time. If you are a visitor and would like more information about our church, please include your address and phone number.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who opens the heavens
and draws near to us with salvation.

C **Amen.**

P God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance.
Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Everlasting God,
C **you love justice and you hate wrongdoing.
We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness
that make us reluctant to work against oppression.
We are complicit in systems of exploitation.
We choose comfort over courage.
We are careless with creation's bounty.
Look upon us with mercy.
Turn our hearts again to you.
Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways
for the sake of our waiting world.
Amen.**

P Hear these words of assurance:
God clothes you with garments of salvation
and covers you with robes of righteousness.
In the tender compassion of + Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
God's covenant is eternal,
and God's blessing rests upon us all.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG, *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*, #244



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'rings 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!

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his
coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11 (Pew Bible page 581)

L A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

⁶A voice says, “Cry out!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

¹⁰See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SONG: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, #257, v. 1

I O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
un - til the Son of God ap - pear. *Refrain* Re-joice! Re-joice!
Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

LITANY

- P At every beginning there is a yearning
for the one who is coming.
O Emmanuel,
C **Prepare us for your coming.**
- P We gather together to get ready for what?
Only heaven knows.
O Emmanuel,
C **Prepare us for your coming.**
- P We wait for the day
when God will create a prevailing peace on the earth,
and natural-born enemies turn into newborn friends.
O Emmanuel,
C **Prepare us for your coming.**

P We get ready for God to come close
by laying our lives open to Jesus,
asking him to sort through all our mixed motives.
O Emmanuel,

C **Prepare us for your coming.**

P Jesus, we welcome your presence now
with the lighting of these candles,
whose flames bring warmth to winter
and fill this place with the glow of hope.

C **Amen.**

Two candles are lit.

SONG: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, #257, v. 6

6 O come, O Day - spring, come and cheer; O Sun of jus - tice,

now draw near. Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

and death's dark sha - dow put to flight. *Refrain* Re - joice! Re - joice!

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

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a (Pew Bible page 988)

A A reading from the second letter of Peter.

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a}and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8 (Pew Bible page 812)

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY, *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*



1 On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

A brief silence.

A Send forth your faithful people with words of promise and forgiveness. Teach your church to be bold in revealing your good news in word and in deed.
Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Reveal your majesty in mountain peaks, flowing rivers, and blossoming wilderness roads. Heal the earth where it longs for renewal. Bring wholeness to the earth and all its creatures. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A Turn the hearts of the nations toward righteousness and peace. Increase cooperation for justice between countries, commonwealths, political parties, and diplomatic leaders. In times of prosperity, direct leaders to be generous for the sake of all. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- A Comfort your people with tender words of love and healing. Surround all who are grieving, all who know depression or anxiety, or all who feel lonely or forgotten. Be a steadfast presence when all else feels uncertain. We pray especially for Sally, Brian, Clint, Carol, Lori, Chris, Jen, Gary, Randy, Mandy, and those we name out loud and in our hearts. Deliver all in any need. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- A Grant holy patience to all who are waiting this season. Give hope to those seeking employment. Bring reassurance to people awaiting new diagnoses or treatments. Protect expectant parents. Watch with those who keep bedside vigil. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- A With you a thousand years is like a day. Bless the memory of the saints from ages past and the anticipation of saints yet to be born. Inspire us to live with faith as we await your new heaven and new earth. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- P Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.
- C **Amen.**

Sit

MEAL

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

Our monetary offerings are part of our worship of God. Because so many of our people give their offerings through Simply Giving, the offering plate is not passed, but located in the back of the sanctuary for your use as you enter or leave the sanctuary. One plate is brought forward at the time of the Offertory, and one remains in the back.

SPECIAL MUSIC/ANTHEM (11:00) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Stand

OFFERING SONG, *We Are an Offering*, #692

The musical score is written on seven staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the syllables. The score concludes with a double bar line.

We lift our voice - es, we lift our hands, we lift our
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our
hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we
give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voice - es, we lift our hands, we lift our
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
God our provider,
by your merciful hand
abundance springs up from the earth.
Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty.
Let them be a sign of your steadfast love
and faithfulness for all people,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score for 'Great Thanksgiving' is written for four parts: Leader, Congregation, and All. It consists of four staves of music in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Leader and Congregation, with the Leader singing 'The Lord be with you.' and the Congregation singing 'And also with you.' The second staff is for the Leader and Congregation, with the Leader singing 'Lift up your hearts.' and the Congregation singing 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff is for the Leader and Congregation, with the Leader singing 'Let us give thanks to the Lord,' and the Congregation singing 'to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff is for All, singing 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

Leader Congregation

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Leader Congregation

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

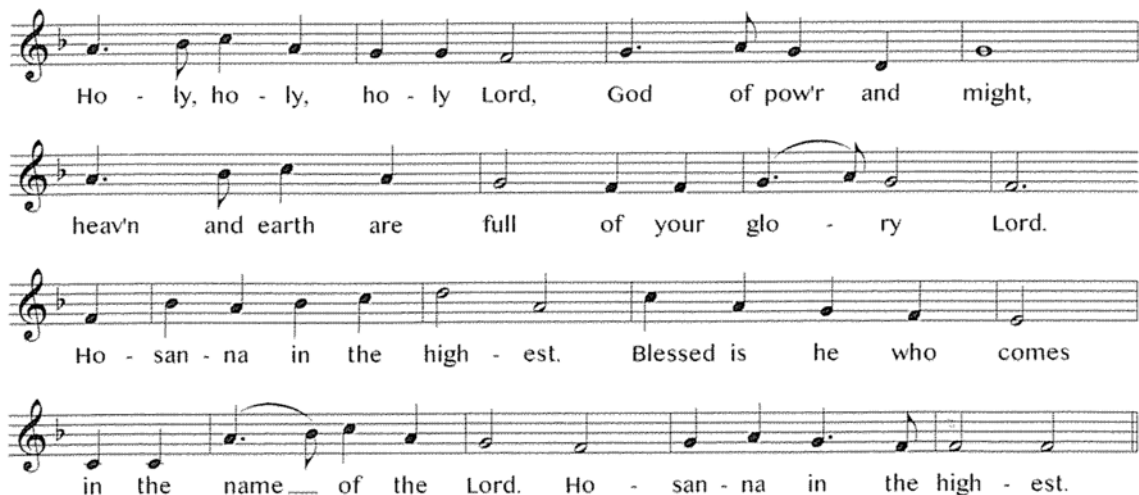
Leader Congregation

Let us give thanks to the Lord, to the Lord our God.

All

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup

we remember your Word dwelling among us,

full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together.
Come, take your place at the table.

Sit

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

As Lutherans, we believe that Christ is really present in the bread and wine we share. All are welcome to commune here. Infants and others who do not commune are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.

Please take a communion glass from the ushers on your way forward. As the pastors and lay assistants give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant: The body of Christ, given for you; the blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen. Wine is offered by Communion Assistants holding the silver chalices. Grape juice is offered by the third Communion Assistant on either side holding the pottery chalice. (The grape juice is purple.)

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastors. Let them know that you need one when you come forward to receive the bread.

COMMUNION SONG: *What Feast of Love*, #487



- 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!

Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Let us pray.
Generous God,
in bread and cup you have revealed your glory
for all people to see together.
Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim
your good news of liberation and release,
brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

- P The God of peace bless you,
the love of Christ sustain you in hope,
and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon you
now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN, *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, #631



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-n-ing;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-n-ing, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Keep awake.
C **Thanks be to God.**

THIS WEEK AT “OUR REDEEMER”

SUNDAY, December 10, 2023, Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Growing in God
- 10:00am Adult Class
- 11:00am Worship
- 3:00pm Washington Festival Chorale Concert (Our Redeemer)
- 5:00pm Advent Choir Concert (Center Presbyterian Church)

MONDAY, December 11, 2023

- 9:00am Noah’s Ark Preschool
- 7:00pm Personnel Committee

TUESDAY, December 12, 2023

- 9:00am Noah’s Ark Preschool
- 7:00pm Worship & Music Committee

WEDNESDAY, December 13, 2023

- 9:00am Noah’s Ark Preschool
- 6:30pm Call Committee
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, December 14, 2023

- 9:00am Noah’s Ark Preschool
- 7:00pm Church Council

FRIDAY, December 15, 2023

- 9:00am Noah’s Ark Preschool
- Faithful Filmgoers

SATURDAY, December 16, 2023

- 5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, December 17, 2023, Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Growing in God
- 10:00am Adult Class
- 11:00am Worship
- 12:00pm Church Decorating
- 4:00pm Quiet Christmas Service

Breakfast at the Manger

Saturday, Dec. 23
10am

Sunday, Dec. 24
10am



decoration/set-up on Thursday, December 21, and with food set up/clean up on the days of the events. Plan to sign up by Monday, December 18.

Gather with us for food and fellowship on **Saturday, December 23 at 10am or Sunday, December 24 at 10am** as we hear the story of "The Noisy Night"! This year, this event will take place twice, so that we have capacity to invite friends, Noah's Ark families, and community members. Church members may attend either day, and are encouraged to provide an item for breakfast on one or both days - breakfast breads (no peanuts; label for other nuts), fruit, cereal, and yogurt are good options! Help is needed for

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sally Lowery Ferko, Brian Casper, Clint Langley, Carol Brandyberry, Lori Gajdowski, Chris Decker, Jen Barbati, Gary McGaffic, Randy Stonemark, Mandy Jarosh, and those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers: Ron Rieger, Kerwin Broman, Mike Engman, Kayden Spencer, Marcy Raeford, Nancy Lyons, Nancy Adams, Robert Ruppel, Kevin Ruppel, Lydia Damoose, Lisa Kilgore, Laura Norton, Anthony Santaguida, Judy Concannon, Ray Keisling, Dan Stimmel, Tamara Brister, Wendy Brosky, Heidi Garner, Janice Poole, and Nester Miskow.

The most recently added names appear at the beginning of the lists and will remain for 3 months. You may remove a name sooner or ask for renewal if a person is still in need of prayer after the three months. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please submit your request in writing and place in the offering plate, drop off in the church office, or submit by email to orlc@comcast.net.

This weekend's altar flowers have been given by Randy and Denise Graham in memory of our parents.

2024 Altar Flowers - The 2024 Flower Chart can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex (Lobby). The cost for the flowers will remain \$58.00 per week. Flowers are a great way to honor or remember a loved one. You are welcome to sign up for a week that has special meaning for you and either pay now or on the actual date.

Forms for donations for Christmas decorations can be found on the bulletin board. Deadline is December 15.

New Worship Assistance Needed

We are very much in need of additional people to help with the worship services at Our Redeemer! As our congregation returns to multiple worship services, we need additional communion assistants, lectors, ushers, greeters, gift bearers and worship assistants. These roles take place during the worship service. Some of them require arriving ahead of the scheduled service while some take place only during the worship service itself. Our Redeemer has wonderful volunteers, but some of the long-time volunteers are no longer available due to life changes. (We are especially in need of communion assistants at the 4:30pm service on Christmas Eve. Perhaps you could give it a try!) Please prayerfully consider whether God might be calling you to try something new in order to support the worship life of our community. If you are willing to give it a try, please email Elaine at orlc@comcast.net or speak with one of the pastors. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

December 10 Choral Christmas Concerts - Our Redeemer's Choir will be participating in two concerts this afternoon. The first is at 3:00, here at Our Redeemer, when the choir will participate with the Washington Festival Chorale. Tickets are \$10 for adults; children under 16 are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door. At 5:00 the choir will join in an ecumenical Advent Choir Festival at Center Presbyterian Church (255 Center Church Road, McMurray). There is no charge for the Choir Festival. Please plan to support our wonderful choir by attending one or both of these events.

Faithful Filmgoers - Mark your calendars for **Friday evening, December 15** for our next film outing. Movie, theater, and time to be determined. Email Steve D'Addieco at stevendaddieco@gmail.com to be put on his email list.



This year, we are offering a special worship opportunity for all who would like to step away from busyness, the lights, the shopping, the movies, the baking, the eating, and all that our Christmas has come to include. Take some time to ponder...what is this love of God that came to us in Jesus? How does Jesus' birth in this world make a difference for each of us and for this entire broken world? Join us for prayer, song, and reflection that will bring calm and offer a refocus as the holiday draws near.

Pub Theology - All adults are welcome to join in great fellowship and lively conversation around topics of interest in our daily lives each month at the Voodoo Brewing Company in Houston, PA. Our next gathering will be on **Thursday**, **December 28**.

Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 24

4:30pm - Children's Christmas Eve

With songs and a retelling of the Christmas story, we celebrate the birth of Jesus in an interactive way.

7pm - Christmas Eve Worship

A full worship service with carols, candlelight, and communion.

11pm - Christmas Eve Worship

A full worship service with carols, candlelight, and communion.



Interested in Joining Our Redeemer?

Maybe you would just like to learn more about the congregation?

There will be a new members class held on **January 28 from 1 to 3 PM**. The class will also be available for people who would simply like to know more about the congregation. Please let us know if you would like to participate in this class. New members will be received on February 3 or 4. To let us know of your interest please contact the church office at orlc@comcast.net or talk with one of the pastors.

Donations for City Mission & Blessings in a Backpack

The Service and Outreach Committee continues to collect everyday items that are needed by families in our area.

The City Mission reports needing all kinds of food, but particularly spaghetti sauce, noodles, cereal, canned meats, peanut butter and jelly, Ramen noodles, and diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6). The City Mission also is happy to receive gloves, mittens, and hats throughout the winter.

Blessings in a Backpack serving Ringgold Elementary School North is in need of microwavable cups of Chef Boyardee mac and cheese style pastas, applesauce or fruit cups/squeeze pouches, and snack size boxes of raisins.

Monthly City Mission Delivery Drivers Needed

Our Redeemer delivers the food that our congregation donates once a month to the City Mission in Washington. Deliveries are made on a Tuesday or Thursday between 10am and 3pm (at your convenience and depending upon the amount of donations to be delivered). You can sign up for a particular month(s) on the sheet on the bulletin board or contact the church office. We have a few faithful people who volunteer in this way. They would be very happy to have a few new volunteers!

Food Helpers

Join us on Tuesday, January 16 (snow date January 18 if needed) from 10am-noon at the CNX building at Southpointe to pack some bags of nutritious snacks for elementary students in Washington County as part of the Little Moochi program. This program promotes healthy eating habits in kids through nutritious snacks and the Little Moochi app developed by CMU. Please sign up on the bulletin board or online by January 11 so that the list can be provided to CNX Security prior to the holiday weekend.

Event Sign-ups



Scan the QR code to visit the online "bulletin board" and sign up for upcoming events at Our Redeemer!

Sign up for all events on the bulletin board, through our website, www.OurRedeemerpeters.org, or scan the QR code to the left. For Online Giving, scan the QR code to the right.

Online Giving



Scan the QR code to support the mission and ministry of Our Redeemer by giving an offering online.

THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (DECEMBER 10, 2023)

9:00am

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*
LAY ASSISTANT - Laura Culp
LECTOR - Linda Nickles
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Missy
Bookhammer, Karen Glass, Keith and
Ruth Ann Lowery, Linda Nickles,
Phyllis Permar
GREETERS - Anne and Sophie Scher
USHERS - Drew and Karla Lance
GIFT BEARER - Sophie Scher
ALTAR GUILD - Laura Culp and Susan
Loeser
POWERPOINT - Dan and Sam Scher

11:00am

ACOLYTE - Jules and Reece Greco
LAY ASSISTANT - Maegan Bregenser
LECTOR - Becky Long
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Brenda
Binotto, Lori Greene, Sue Lambert,
Becky Long, Keith Mason, Heather
Morelli
GREETER - Paula Reese
USHERS - Eric Reese and Max Rush
GIFT BEARER - Wynne Greco
ALTAR GUILD - Sue Lambert and Sally
Ruppel
POWERPOINT - Jennifer Hewitt
CAMERA - Sam Mizia
TELLERS (Monday) - Judy Pilof and
Jennifer Hewitt

NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (DECEMBER 17, 2023)

9:00am

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*
LAY ASSISTANT - Mark Harris
LECTOR - Tim Prex
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Tina
Borra, Kim Chupinka, Debbie Healey
Langley, Garrett Langley, Susan
Loeser, Phyllis Permar
GREETER - Dianne Rigby
USHERS - Clint Langley and Ken Rigby
GIFT BEARERS - Eliza and Norah Prex
ALTAR GUILD - Tina Borra and
Volunteer
POWERPOINT - Gary Milavec

11:00am

ACOLYTE - Henry Binotto
LAY ASSISTANT - Lori Greene
LECTOR - Karen Smith
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Eliana
and Jackie Beck, Brenda Binotto,
Barb Hrabar, Susan O'Brien, Sally
Ruppel
GREETER - Susan O'Brien
USHERS - Jacob Casper and Doug
Meley
GIFT BEARER - Jack Binotto
ALTAR GUILD - Barb Hrabar and Sally
Ruppel
POWERPOINT - Rolf Otterness
CAMERA - Sam Mizia
TELLERS (Monday) - Carol Locher and
Larry Day

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