A festive Christmas scene. On the right, a thick red candle is lit, its flame bright yellow. To the left of the candle is a green pine branch with a single brown pinecone. In the foreground, a small, light-colored figurine of a baby lies in a dark, textured manger. The background is dark with several out-of-focus, warm yellow light circles.

*I bring you good
news of great joy
for all the people*

December 24, 2023

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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5:30pm, Saturday; 9:00 and 11:00am, Sunday (11:00am livestreamed)

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

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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."

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Stand

HYMN, *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, #283



- 1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
- 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
- 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the Word made flesh,
our life and our salvation.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of life,
C **you promise good news of great joy for all people,
and call us to be messengers of your peace.
We confess that too often we hoard our joy,
our resources, and our security.
We nurture conflict and build barriers.
We neglect the needs of our neighbors
and ignore the groaning of creation.
Have mercy on us.
Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.
Where we are reluctant, give us courage.
Where we are cynical, restore our trust.
Renew us with your grace
and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.
Amen.**

P Hear the good news:
We are children of God and heirs of God's promises
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
In + Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.
Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth
shall know the salvation of God.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true
Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and
in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

C **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7 (Pew Bible page 555)

L A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13

A We read Psalm 96 responsively.

A Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**C Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

A Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

**C Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**

A Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord,
for you come to judge the earth.

**C You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.**

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14 (Pew Bible page 969)

A A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus.

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

HYMN, *Angels We Have Heard on High*, #289



- 1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



GOSPEL: LUKE 2:1-20 (Pew Bible page 832)

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

CHILDREN’S SERMON (7:00pm)

SERMON

Stand

HYMN, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, #279



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A Trusting in God's good news of great joy for all people, we offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world God loves.

A brief silence.

- A Glory to you, God, for the song of the angels, proclaiming to the world Christ's holy birth. Give your church a joyful song to sing, that we bring the good news of peace and salvation to all people. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A Glory to you, God, for the stars that shine in the depth of the night. Provoke awe in our hearts at the expansive mystery of the cosmos. Open us to find beauty in the clear darkness of night and in the first glimmers of dawn. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A Glory to you, God, for the child born to us who establishes a kingdom of justice and righteousness. Break bonds of oppression, bring reconciliation to warring lands, and establish peace from this time onward and forevermore. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A Glory to you, God, for Mary's loving care. Lead us to tend to one another in time of need. Share the comfort of your presence with all people tonight who are alone or separated from loved ones due to estrangement, incarceration, or illness. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A Glory to you, God, for the faithfulness of the shepherds in their vocation. Grant rest to any who feel exhausted from their work during this season: retail and restaurant workers, church musicians, administrative staff, and clergy, organizers of charitable-giving events, and service workers doing essential tasks. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A Glory to you, God, for the multitude of the heavenly host. We rejoice in the zeal of all your saints who have witnessed the appearing of your grace, and who reveal to us your salvation for all. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- P Abide with us, O God of mercy, and receive our prayers according to your abundant grace.

C Amen.

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.

ANTHEM, *He Is Born*

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Stand

HYMN, *In the Bleak Midwinter*, #294



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

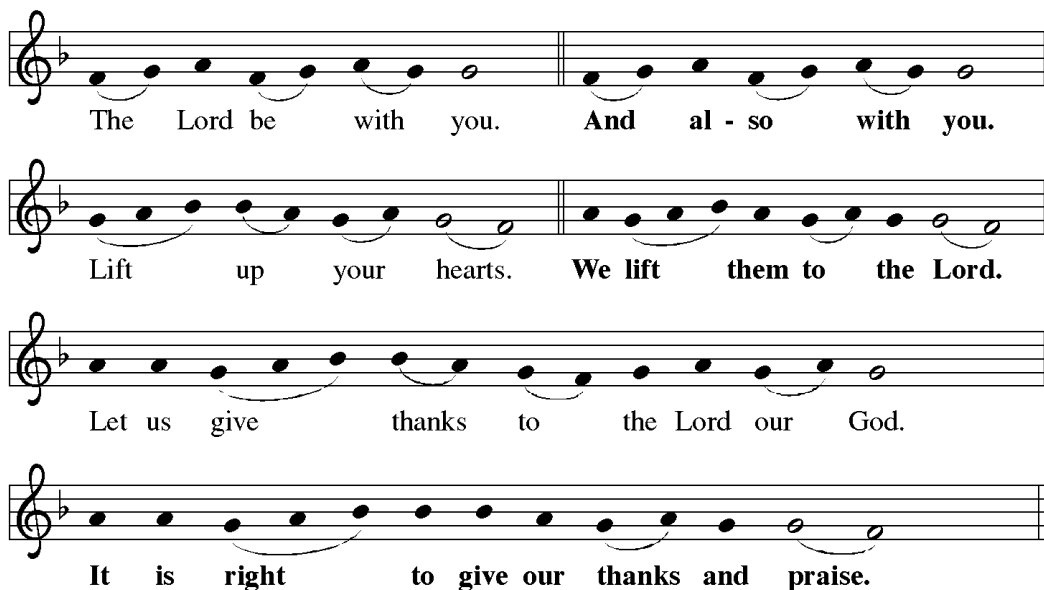


in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
God of abundance,
receive and bless these gifts we have offered.
Join our hearts with the song of the angels,
and gather us at your table of celebration.
Strengthen us to share with all the world
the abundance of your grace upon grace,
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
- C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are connected by slurs, indicating a continuous melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

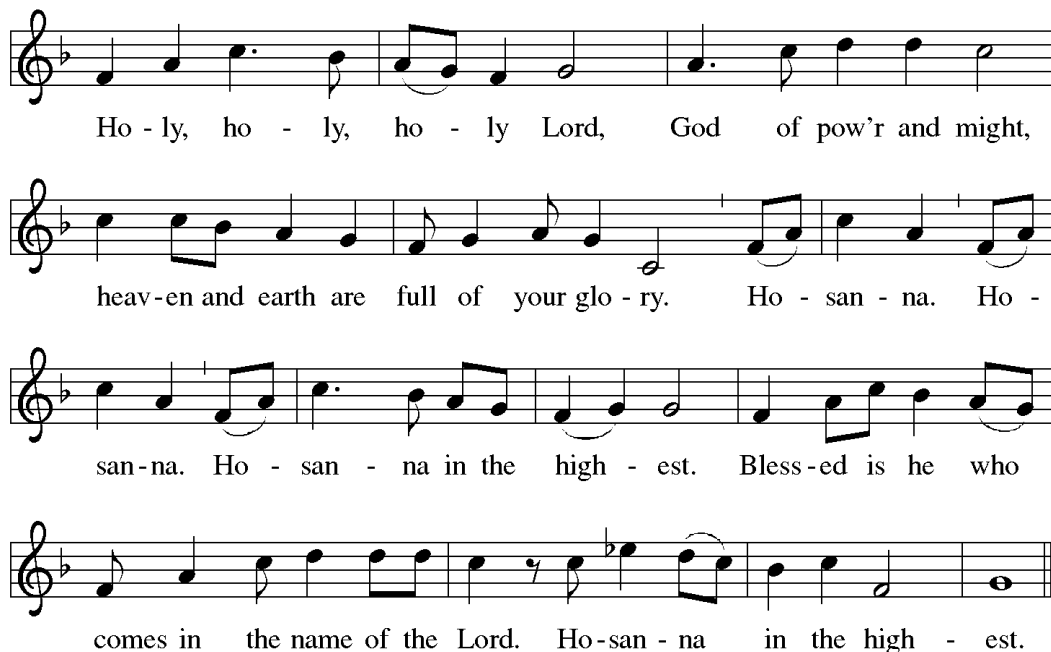
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,
that, beholding the God made visible,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.
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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P We give you thanks, Father,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you,
through whom you created all things,
and in whom you take delight.
He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.
He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.
He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
we take this bread and cup,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both 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 Glory to God in the highest!
Come to the table of peace.

Sit

INSTRUCTIONS FOR 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.

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

What Child Is This



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Stand

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

C Amen.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

The light will be passed as the pastors read Scripture from Genesis and John.

As you receive and pass the flame, please tilt your unlit candle into the flame and keep your candle upright when sharing it with someone else. When all have received the light, we sing Silent Night together.

You are invited to raise your candle during the singing of the third verse.

HYMN, *Silent Night, Holy Night!* #281



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

The candles are extinguished. Please hold the candles upright until the wax hardens.

SENDING

BLESSING

P God bless you and keep you,
 + Jesus grant you grace and truth,
 and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,
 now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING, *Joy to the World*

Watch the Director as the congregation joins in. Verse #2 will be sung by the choir.

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is and
3 He rules the world with truth and

come; let earth re - ceive her
grace and makes the na - tions

King. Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
prove the glo - ries of His

pare - Him room, and
righ - teous - ness, and

heav'n and na - ture sing, and
won - ders of His love, and

heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and
won - ders of His love, and won - ders,

heav'n and na - ture sing.
won - ders of His love.

DISMISSAL

- A Christ the Savior is born!
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

As you exit the church tonight, please place your used candle and your completed communion card in the bins provided. The pastors and staff of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church pray that you will have a blessed Christmas.



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Bob and Carol Shader in memory of Detta Shader
Bob and Carol Shader in memory of George and Antoinette Ranii
Larry and Susan Steffick in memory of Paul and Vica Steffick
Larry and Susan Steffick in memory of Jeanette Steffick
Larry and Susan Steffick in memory of Charles and Emma Mayer
John and Nancy Till in honor of our congregation
Jim and Kathy Tomamichel in celebration of our grandchildren, Dylan and Beckham
Trudy Wagner in memory of my son, Richard
Trudy Wagner in memory of my husband, Larry

Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT “OUR REDEEMER”

SUNDAY, December 24, 2023, Christmas Eve

- 10:00am Breakfast at the Manger
- 4:30pm Children’s Christmas Eve
- 7:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
- 11:00pm Christmas Eve Worship

MONDAY, December 25, 2023, Christmas Day

No Christmas Day worship

TUESDAY, December 26, 2023, Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, December 27, 2023

THURSDAY, December 28, 2023

- 7:00pm Pub Theology (Voodoo Brewing Company)

FRIDAY, December 29, 2023

SATURDAY, December 30, 2023

- 5:30pm Worship, Service of Lessons and Carols

SUNDAY, December 31, 2023, First Sunday of Christmas

- 10:00am Worship, Service of Lessons and Carols

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Lynn Broman, Joe Maize, Mandy Jarosh, Sally Lowery Ferko, Brian Casper, Lori Gajdowski, Chris Decker, Jen Barbati, Gary McGaffic, Randy Stonemark, and those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers: Lara Alderson, The Rev. Warren Lundblad, Mike Zgorliski, 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.

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.

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 at 7pm**.

Young Adult Gathering - Young adults (age 18-30ish) are invited to gather at the church on **Tuesday, January 2 at 6:30pm** for pizza and games. Sign up online or on the bulletin board.

Family Friday - K-6th graders and families: bring your dinner and join us for Family Friday on **Friday, January 12 at 5:30pm** in the Social Hall for a story, activities, and playtime! Sign up on the bulletin board or online.

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.

Registration for Noah's Ark Preschool - Current preschool families will register on **January 22**, Preschool alumni and members of Our Redeemer will register on **January 23**, and new families will register on **January 29**. Contact the preschool office at 724-942-6699 if you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour. The application packet can be found on the church's website: www.OurRedeemer-peters.org.

2024 Our Redeemer Annual Meeting - Please note that the announced date of the Annual Meeting has been changed to allow more time for year-end reports to be prepared. The Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 28 at 10:00am in the Sanctuary**. Reports are due no later than January 14. All members of Our Redeemer are urged to participate in the Annual Meeting. This will be an important year in our life together, so we need your support!

**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!

CHRISTMAS EVE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

7:00pm

ACOLYTE - Jaclyn Capezzuto
LAY ASSISTANT - Susan Loeser
LECTOR - Caroline Langley
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Missy Bookhammer, Debbie Healey Langley,
Rochelle Koerbel, Juliette Langley, Keith and Ruth Ann Lowery
GREETER - Karen Smith
USHERS - Mike, Austin and Zach Koerbel and Clint Langley
GIFT BEARER - Juliette Langley
ALTAR GUILD - Susan Loeser and Sally Ruppel
LIGHTS - Garrett Langley
POWERPOINT - Karen Glass
CAMERA - Sam Mizia

11:00pm

ACOLYTE - Clark Moody
LAY ASSISTANT - Mark Harris
LECTOR - Kim Maize
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Maegan Bregenser, Gerda Moul, Carl and Sally
Ruppel, Mohylyn and Olivia Yocca
GREETERS - Mohylyn and Olivia Yocca
USHERS - John and Sebastian Yocca
GIFT BEARER - Caroline Moody
ALTAR GUILD - Lori Greene and Becky Long
LIGHTS - Garrett Langley
POWERPOINT - Xander King

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.OurRedeemer-peters.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.

