

Redeemer Lutheran Church San Antonio, Texas

**November 29, 2020
First Sunday in Advent
Special Hymn Service**

NOTE: Offerings will not be received by passing the plate. For now, please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located at each exit.

Face masks are used to protect those around you.

Please respect social distancing of six (6) feet and no handshaking. Family groups are welcome to sit together. Please sit in designated pews only for bible class and worship.

Please feel free to use the restrooms, one person at a time, and before you leave please use the sanitizing product to wipe down areas used.

Please hum, sing silently, or sing quietly with face lowered as the organist plays the hymns. This protects those in front of you.

Prelude

The Opening Hymn:

“Lord, to You I Make Confession” - LSB #608

Confession/Absolution

The Readings:

The Old Testament Lesson is from Isaiah 64:1-9

¹ Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! ² As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! ³ For when you did awesome

things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. ⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. ⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? ⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. ⁷ No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins. ⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹ Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look upon us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: *Thanks be to God.*

The Epistle Lesson is from 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way — in all your speaking and in all your knowledge — ⁶ because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel is from Mark 13:32-37

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.

Congregation: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

³² "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. ³⁵ "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back — whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: `Watch!'"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: *Praise to You, O Christ.*

The Prayer Hymn:

"Our Father, Who from Heaven Above" - LSB #766

The Litany Pg. 288-289

The Message Hymn:

"Savior of the Nations, Come" - LSB #332

The Message:

"An Advent Journey: Preparing for New Beginnings"

The Creedal Hymn:

"We All Believe in One True God" - LSB #953

The Benediction Hymn:

"Sing Praise to the God of Israel" - LSB #936

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