

**Redeemer Lutheran Church  
San Antonio, Texas**

**December 13, 2020  
Third Sunday in Advent  
Divine Service Setting 3: Pgs. 184-202**

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.

**The Hymns:**

**The Opening Hymn:**

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” - LSB #348

**Message Hymn:**

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” – LSB #347

**Pre-Communion Hymn:**

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” – LSB #849

**The Closing Hymn:**

“When All the World Was Cursed” - LSB #346

## **The Readings:**

### **The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah 61:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, <sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in Zion-- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

<sup>4</sup> They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

### **The Epistle Reading is from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

<sup>16</sup> Be joyful always; <sup>17</sup> pray continually; <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. <sup>19</sup> Do not put out the Spirit's fire; <sup>20</sup> do not treat prophecies with contempt. <sup>21</sup> Test everything. Hold on to the good. <sup>22</sup> Avoid every kind of evil. <sup>23</sup> May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful

and he will do it.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

**The Gospel Reading is from John 1:6-9**

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

**Congregation:** Glory to You, O Lord!

<sup>6</sup> There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**The Message:**

"An Advent Journey: Putting on Christ"

**Holy Communion:**

After the communion hymn you will line up in single file and socially distanced in the center aisle. When you come forward to the table set up on the floor level there are individual cups with a wafer beside it. Pastor will prompt you for each element. After consuming please return down the side aisle(s).

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