

Redeemer Lutheran Church San Antonio, Texas

December 24, 2020 Christmas Eve Candlelight 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 Readings:

The Hymn:

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" - LSB #379

The Old Testament Lesson is from Isaiah 7:10-14

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights." ¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test." ¹³ Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also?"

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Hymn:

“Once in Royal David's City” – LSB #376

The Hymn:

“Angels We Have Heard on High” - LSB #368

The Epistle Lesson is from 1 John 4:7-16

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³ We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Hymn:

"Joy to the World" - LSB #387

The Hymn:

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" - LSB #361

The Holy Gospel is from Matthew 1:18-25

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

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" -- which means, "God with us." ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he had no union with her until she

gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Hymn:

"Away in a Manger" - LSB #364

The Message:

"A Christmas Journey: On a Magical Mystery Tour with Mary"

Prayers

Candle Lighting

During the candle lighting, the sanctuary will be darkened.
Candles will remain lit through the benediction.

The Closing Hymn:

"Silent Night, Holy Night" – LSB #363

Benediction

Solo

"O Holy Night" - Ron Ottinger

After the lights come on, please extinguish your candles and place them on the table in the narthex as you exit.

*** Please take the bulletin home or discard in trash before you leave. ***