

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas**

**December 5, 2021
Second Sunday in Advent
Responsive Prayer 1: Pgs. 282-284**

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.

Masks are not required, but you can wear one at your own discretion. If you have not been fully vaccinated, or if you have a condition that would make you more susceptible to infection, we recommend that you continue to follow CDC guidelines and wear a mask. Please sit in pews where the cushions have been set down for bible class and worship.

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Reading: Psalm 66:1-12

The Opening Hymn:

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” – LSB # 359

Invocation: Pg. 282

The Lord's Prayer: Pg. 282

The Apostle's Creed: Pg. 282

Pastor: The readings for the second Sunday in Advent.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord

Malachi 3:6-7, 13-18; Luke 1:1-4; John 1:16; Romans 1:16-17; Philippians 1:2-11 (read as one story)

"I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty. "But you ask, 'How are we to return?' "You have spoken arrogantly against me," says the Lord. "Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?' "You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the Lord Almighty? But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly evildoers prosper, and even when they put God to the test, they get away with it.'" Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name." On the day when I act," says the Lord Almighty, "they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not."

"Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught. Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given."

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed — a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."

Pastor: Here ends the readings.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Message Hymn:

"Prepare the Royal Highway" – LSB # 343

Prayer: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be

enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Message:



Responsive Morning Prayers: Pg. 283

Congregational Prayers

Collect of the Day

Luther's Morning Prayer: Pg. 283

Benedicamus and Blessing: Pg. 284

The Closing Hymn:

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" – LSB # 341

Announcements

Postlude

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