

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas**

**December 12, 2021
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.

Masks are not required, but you may 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 85

The Opening Hymn:

“Once He Came in Blessing” – LSB # 333

The Readings:

The First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:11-20

¹¹ On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame for all the wrongs you have done to me, because I will remove from you your arrogant boasters. Never again will you be haughty on my holy hill. ¹² But I will leave within you the meek and humble. The remnant of Israel will trust in the name of the LORD. ¹³ They will do no wrong; they will tell no lies. A

deceitful tongue will not be found in their mouths. They will eat and lie down and no one will make them afraid.” ¹⁴ Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. ¹⁶ On that day they will say to Jerusalem, “Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. ¹⁷ The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.” ¹⁸ “I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you. ¹⁹ At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame. ²⁰ At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,” says the LORD.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Alleluia, Pg. 190

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

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

Congregation: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." ³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail." ³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed, Pg. 191

Message Hymn:

“Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring” – LSB # 353

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation.

The Message:

Offeratory, Pg 192

Service of the Sacrament, Pg 194

Pre-Communion Hymn:

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” – LSB # 338

Holy Communion:

Please come up single file, socially distanced, in the center aisle. Pastor will distribute both the bread and wine, prompting you for each element. After you are dismissed, please return down the side aisle(s).

The Closing Hymn:

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

Announcements

Postlude

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