

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas**

**December 11, 2022
Third Sunday in Advent
Divine Service Setting 4: Pgs. 203-212**

NOTES: Offerings will not be collected by passing plates. Please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located by the narthex.

Masks are not required, but you can wear one at your own discretion. There is no specified seating for bible class or worship.

Prelude

“Magnificat” – LSB # 248

Opening Hymn:

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

Confession and Absolution: Pg. 203

Introit: Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, my soul. ² I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. ³ Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. ⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. ⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God. ⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them — he remains faithful forever. ⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free, ⁸ the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹ The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways

of the wicked. ¹⁰ The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Salutation: Pg. 205

The Readings:

The First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

¹ The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, ² it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. ³ Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; ⁴ say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." ⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. ⁸ And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. ⁹ No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, ¹⁰ and those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: James 5:7-11

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! ¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse: Pg. 205

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-6

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

² When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" ⁴ Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed: Pg. 206

Message Hymn:

“Prepare the Royal Highway” – LSB # 343

The Message:

Prayer of the Church: Pg. 207

(**Pastor:** Let us pray to the Lord.)

(**Congregation:** Lord, Have Mercy.)

Service of the Sacrament: Pg. 208

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. We have gluten-free wafers available, and we have non-alcoholic white grape juice in the center of the tray. After you are dismissed, please return down the side aisle(s).

Closing Hymn:

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” – LSB # 515

Announcements:

Postlude

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