

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas**

**December 8, 2024
Second Sunday In Advent
The Litany with Communion: Pg. 288**

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

We offer large print copies of the liturgy. For Holy Communion we offer gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic white grape juice.

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

Prelude

The Lighting of the Advent Candle: (with Psalm 66:1-12)

¹ Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; ² Sing the glory of His name; Make His praise glorious. ³ Say to God, “How awesome are Thy works! Because of the greatness of Thy power Thine enemies will give feigned obedience to Thee. ⁴ “All the earth will worship Thee, And will sing praises to Thee; They will sing praises to Thy name.” ⁵ Come and see the works of God, *Who is* awesome in *His* deeds toward the sons of men. ⁶ He turned the sea into dry land; They passed through the river on foot; There let us rejoice in Him! ⁷ He rules by His might forever; His eyes keep watch on the nations; Let not the rebellious exalt themselves. ⁸ Bless our God, O peoples, And sound His praise abroad, ⁹ Who keeps us in life, And does not allow our feet to slip. ¹⁰ For Thou hast tried us, O God; Thou hast refined us as silver is refined.

¹¹ Thou didst bring us into the net; Thou didst lay an oppressive burden upon our loins. ¹² Thou didst make men ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water; Yet Thou didst bring us out into *a place of abundance*.

Opening Hymn: “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” – LSB # 334, v. 1-3

The Call to Worship: (congregation responds in bold words)

P: We worship the God of the prophets, of Isaiah, of Daniel, or Joel:

C: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God.

P: We worship the God of the least and lowly:

C: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

P: We worship the God of the heavens and join with the heavenly host:

C: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace, goodwill among people!

P: We worship Emmanuel, God-with-us:

C: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Confession and Absolution:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Lord God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and deliver us from all evil. Open our eyes to see how we are sin-broken and do not live in healthy relationship with you or with our neighbors. Guide our confession through the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may return to you through the redemption we have in Jesus; Immanuel, God-with-us.

C: Amen.

P: Returning to our gracious Lord, let us confess our sins.

Silence for reflection and confession.

P: Merciful God,

C: We confess that we do not and cannot live as you want us to live. We confess that we regularly participate in wrongdoing and do not live according to your justice. We sin by unholy thoughts, words, and deeds. We are often proud and self-righteous, we oppress the lowly and marginalized, we do not fill the hungry or bind up the brokenhearted, we do not proclaim liberty to the captives, and we do not bring good news to the oppressed. We talk like self-righteous Pharisees. We sound like the world in our boastings. Bring us out of the lion's den of our sin and clothe us with the garments of salvation, won for us through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: I have Good News for you; “The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He will not always strive *with us*; Nor will He keep *His anger* forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Just as a father has compassion on *his* children, so the LORD has

compassion on those who fear Him. For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are *but* dust. But the lovingkindness of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep His covenant, and who remember His precepts to do them. The LORD has established His throne in the heavens; and His sovereignty rules over all.”
(Psalm 103:8-14, 17-19)

P: “Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, reprove the ruthless; defend the orphan, plead for the widow. “Come now, and let us reason together,” says the LORD, “though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool.” (Isaiah 1:16-18)

P: As repentant children, you are pronounced forgiven, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The First Reading: Malachi 3:1-7

¹ “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former

years. ⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. ⁶“For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’”

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: Philippians 1:2-11

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-9

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, ² in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness. ³ And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins; ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT. ⁵ ‘EVERY RAVINE WILL BE FILLED, AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL WILL BE BROUGHT LOW; THE CROOKED WILL BECOME STRAIGHT, AND THE ROUGH ROADS SMOOTH; ⁶ AND ALL FLESH WILL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD.’” ⁷ So he *began* saying to the crowds who were going out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ “Therefore bear fruits in keeping with repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father,’ for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ “Indeed the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; so every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Hymn: “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” – LSB # 334, v. 4-6

The Message:

Prayer of the Church: Pg. 215

Divine Service Setting Five: LSB Pg. 216-218
Service of the Sacrament

Preface:

Lord’s Prayer:

Words of Institution:

Sanctus: “Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old” – LSB # 960

Pax Domini:

Agnus Dei: Pg. 198

Distribution of the Holy Supper: Pg. 218

Post-Communion Hymn: “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” – LSB # 955

Post Communion Collect:

The Benedicamus and Benediction:

Closing Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Immanuel” – LSB # 357, v. 1, 2, 6-7

Announcements:

Postlude

Holy Communion at Redeemer Lutheran Church:

Jesus is the sacrifice; the High Priest; and the Host of this new Passover meal. He meets you in the bread and wine in which He says they are His body and blood. In this mystery He brings healing for the repentant who broken in sin will find a new life in hope, grace, forgiveness, and sacrificial love. All who believe this, and are baptized, who hunger and thirst for His righteousness, receive such gifts.

Please come up single-file 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).

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