

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas**

**December 21, 2025
Fourth 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. There is no specified seating for bible class or worship. 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.

Prelude

Opening Hymn:

“Prepare the Royal Highway” – LSB # 343

Confession and Absolution: Pg. 203

The Readings:

The First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” ¹³ And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good,

the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷ The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah — the king of Assyria!”

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷ To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse: Pg. 205

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

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

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put

her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: He took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed: Pg. 206

Message Hymn:

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

The Message:

Living
Our
Victory
Everywhere

Prayer of the Church: Pg. 207

(**Pastor:** Lord, in your mercy,)

(**Congregation:** Hear our prayer.)

Service of the Sacrament: Pg. 208

Pre-Communion Hymn:

“Wide Open Stand the Gates” – LSB # 639

Holy Communion:

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).

The Benediction:

Closing Hymn:

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” – LSB # 357

Announcements:

Pledge Sunday: Sunday, December 21, 2025.

Christmas Eve Service: 7:00 pm, Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Christmas Day Service: 10:15 am, Thursday, December 25, 2025

Voter’s Meeting: Sunday, January 18, 2026.

Postlude

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

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