

Redeemer Lutheran Church San Antonio, Texas

**December 25, 2025
Christmas Day**

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, and 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 Hymns:

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” – LSB # 366

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” – LSB # 367 (stand for v. 5 and remain standing)

“Angels We Have Heard on High” – LSB # 368

Confession and Absolution:

Pastor: Lamentations 3:21-26

²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the

soul who seeks him. ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Congregation: Psalm 25:4-11

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. ⁶ Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! ⁸ Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. ¹⁰ All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. ¹¹ For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Pastor: Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ² Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush

of great waters, they shall not reach him. ⁷ You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Congregation: Psalm 51:1-4

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Pastor: 2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

The Christmas Story Readings and Hymns:

Matthew 1:21-23

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”

“Away in a Manger” – LSB 364, v. 1-2

Luke 2:1-20

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing

that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

“Away in a Manger” – LSB 365, v. 3

Prayer of the Day, followed by Lord’s Prayer:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Message Hymn:

“Joy to the World” – LSB # 387, v. 1-2

The Message: (The Christmas Gift Becomes the Easter Gift)

Pre-Communion Hymn:

“Joy to the World” – LSB # 387, v. 3

Holy Communion Words of Institution:

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread: and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you.” (The One, born in Bethlehem; the house of bread is our spiritual Bread of Life)

Congregation: Do this in remembrance of Me.

Pastor: In the same way also after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, gave it to them, saying, “Take and drink of it all of you. This is My blood of the New Testament which is shed for you for the remission of sins.” (The Once-for-all blood sacrifice from the Lamb of God for our sins fulfills the type of blood sacrifice in **Genesis 3:21** with God sacrificing an animal and giving a blood-skin coverings for Adam and Eve)

Congregation: This do as often as you drink of it in remembrance of Me.

We come to receive the Gifts of God in celebration of Christmas-Good Friday-Easter. 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).

Post-Communion Hymn:

“Joy to the World” – LSB # 387, v. 4 (acapella)

Sending Hymn:

“A Great and Mighty Wonder” – LSB # 383

Announcements:

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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