

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

743 East Magnolia Road, Salina, KS 67401

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Worship Times: Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Welcome!

May our hearts be open to our Creator and to one another as we share in worship together.

Worship at Redeemer

- *We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church in the hope that you truly experience God's gracious presence through the joy and celebration of our worship and fellowship together. We are glad that you have decided to worship with us and invite you to join us for refreshments following our service.*
- *Redeemer is a family friendly congregation, encouraging children and youth of all ages to join us in worship. We are delighted to offer a fully equipped Cry Room located on the north wall of the sanctuary to the far left of the altar.*
- *Restrooms are located at the west end of our Gathering Space and are wheelchair accessible. If you need a wheelchair during worship, an usher may assist you. We also have hearing devices.*
- *If you would like to receive more information about Redeemer or if you desire to be contacted by our pastor, please indicate so as you write your name and provide your contact information on the attendance card inserted in the center of this bulletin. **Members and Visitors please fill out an attendance card.***
- *Please silence your mobile devices. Thank you.*

Liturgy is ELW 1

Altar Guild: Cheryl Itschner & Jean Sedo

Today's organ music is listed at tiny.cc/redeemermusic

Last week's attendance: 37 in person attendance

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Bell Choir Director: Britney English

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† GATHERING †

PRELUDE

The Advent Wreath

One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting in the midst of growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Sometimes the wreath is embellished with natural dried flowers or fruit. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. In many homes, the family gathers for prayers around the wreath.

First Week of Advent

Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 1

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the first candle on this wreath,
rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord
when he comes with all the saints and angels.
Enlighten us with your grace,
and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen.

Light the first candle.

We Light the Advent Candles

We Light the Advent Candles



- 1 We light the Ad-vent can - dles a - gainst the win - ter night
- 2 The first one will re - mind us that Christ will soon re - turn.
- 3 We light the sec - ond can - dle, and hear God's ho - ly word.
- 4 Three can - dles now are gleam - ing and show us the true way.
- 5 Four can - dles burn - ing bright - ly an - nounce that Christ has come.



to wel - come our Lord Je - sus, who is the world's true light;
We light it in the dark - ness and watch it gleam and burn.
It tells us, cling to Je - sus, pre - pare to meet your Lord.
Re - joice, the Bap - tist cries out: your Lord has come to - day!
Pre - pare, my heart, be - lieve it, and give the Christ child room!



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Music: WIR HATTEN GEBAUET, German folk tune, 1823

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GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring-ing, She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream-ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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 Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

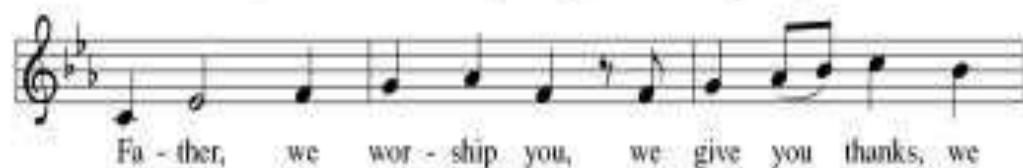
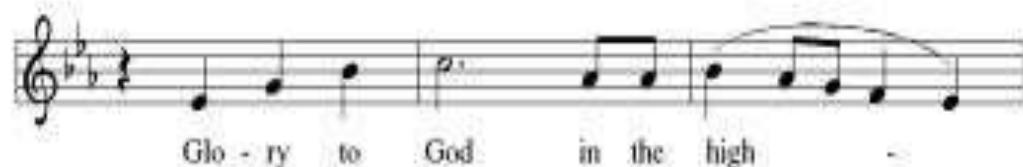


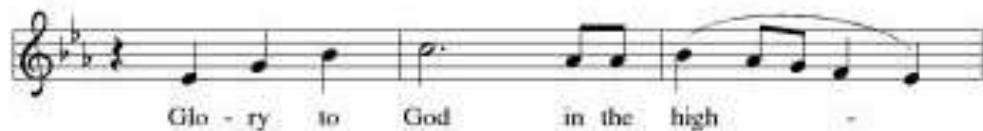
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE





† WORD †

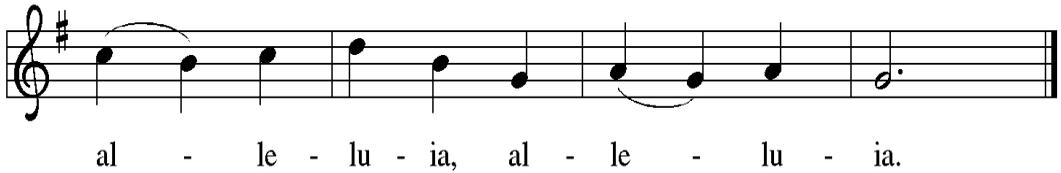
READINGS

“CELEBRATE” INSERT

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

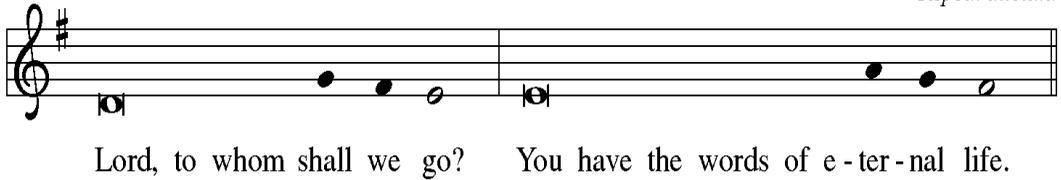


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

“CELEBRATE” INSERT

SERMON

Pastor David Strommen



Now the Heavens Start to Whisper



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
 2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
 3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
 Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
 come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
 Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
 In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
 Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
 Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: SUO GĀN, Welsh melody

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSIONS

“CELEBRATE” INSERT

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

† MEAL †

SPECIAL MUSIC

Arranged by Cindy Berry

Amazing Grace

Britney English

10:30 service only

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all place give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

† SENDING †

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Hark the Glad Sound!

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Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to • en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

POSTLUDE

Announcements

The Bethany College music department presents "Comfort & Joy", three holiday music offerings: December 5 at 4 pm is handbells, December 9 at 7:30 pm is the Bethany Band & Jazz Band, and December 12 at 4 pm is the Bethany Choir. All at Presser Hall.

Christmas poinsettias for the sanctuary are being offered for \$15 each. Please see the order form inserted here. Complete and place in the offering plate with your payment. Thank you!

This Week at Redeemer		
Sunday	8:00	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	10:30	Worship In Person & Online Worship In Person & Online
Wednesday	10:00	Bible Study
	5:30	Godly Play
	7:15	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	8:00	Worship In Person & Online
	10:30	Worship In Person & Online
	11:30	Fellowship

Partners in Ministry

Altar Guild: Cheryl Itschner & Jean Sedo

<u>Today, November 28th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, December 5th</u>
8:00 Greeters: Diane Conover Lector: Kathy Lowman Communion: Diane Conover Sound/Camera: Perry Jurgensen	8:00 Greeters: Mary Shaffer Lector: Denise Dusin Communion: Mary Shaffer Sound/Camera: Perry Jurgensen

<p>10:30 Greeters: Lana Jordan & Arlene Keil Ushers: Joe Plumer & Mike Ramage Lector: Lana Jordan Communion: Mike Ramage Sound: Ray Beckman Fellowship: Johanson</p>	<p>10:30 Greeters: Alan English & Dan Metcalfe Ushers: Chad & Christine Curl Lector: Alan English Communion: Mary Mertz Sound: Britney English Fellowship: TBD</p>
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~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

For those suffering from illness or in need of healing

MEMBERS: Esther Jording, Wally Koers's Family, CeCelia Anderson, Jody Biegert, Verle Simpson, Earl Hansen, Stu Gronewoller, Loren and Phyllis Harris

REDEEMER FRIENDS:

Zach Swanson (Grandson of Sandi and Tom Drown)
Hayden Ballou (Great-great Nephew of Kathy Lowman)
Georgia Kincaid (Grandmother of Ann Metcalfe)
Tatsumi Delmar (Grandchild of John and Denise Jensen)
Carissa Carlson (Niece of Tim and Anna Prockish)
Nelda Herzberg (Sister of Esther Jording)
Brenda Busch (Aunt of Jon Stohs)
Rich Novotne (Brother of Anita Hartley)
Dannie Tillberg, Christal Lantz (Friends of Mary Shaffer)
Steve & Pat Gilreath (Friends of Anna Prockish)
Keith Smith (Husband of Debbie Smith)
Bryan & Therese Sisler (Brother & Sister-in-law of Kathy Lowman & Diane Conover)
Eldren Echternkamp (Friend of Viv & Jim Cook)
Callie Rost (Veterinarian friend of Wally Koers)
Judy Bloyd (Former member & friend of Denise Dusin)
Earl "Skip" Caldwell (Brother of Sandi Drown)
Randall Cunningham (Cousin of Anna Prockish)

Rodney Denholm (Friend of Anna Prockish)
Angela Moshier (Friend of Joe & Janis Plumer)
Crystal Kubar (Diane Conover's stepdaughter)
Verna Ann Gilbertz and family (Wally Koers's aunt)
Lola Seymour (Mother of Tim Mertz)
John Watson (Friend of the Wally Koers's family)
Joann Singer (Mother of Carol Kuhlman)
Gary Vogel (Friend of Wally Koers)
Steve Denny (Friend of Wally Koers)
Ken Kuhn (Cousin of Wally Koers)
Terry Marks and Family (Friends of Wally Koers)
Carrie Ryan Wilson (Friend of Mary Shaffer)
Phil Rankin (Father of David Rankin)
Tisha Berns (Friend of Mary Shaffer)
John Dreiling (Brother to Jan Jackson)
Leon Shoemaker (Friend to Jan Jackson)
Pastor Bill Peterson
Connie Wendel (Cousin to Pastor David)
Cale Northcutt (Son to Kristi & Adam Northcutt & grandson to Steve & Pat Gilreath)
Todd Pittinger and Mike Stottmann (Friends of Scott and Cheryl Itschner)
Calvin Martin (Grandfather of Alli Martin)
Tiffani Mai (Friend to Cheryl Itschner)
Dean Yantes (Brother to Jean Sedo)
Wilma Beckman (Mother to Susan Ramage)
Family of Mary Ellen Rudick
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Spencer Keil, US Navy, Maryland (Grandson of Arlene Keil)
Gavynn West, US Air Force, Omaha, NE (Nephew of Shellee Callahan)



Lighting the Advent Wreath