

*The Second Sunday of Christmas*  
**January 1, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church and School**

*Reaching Out into the Community*  
*To do What's Best for the Community*

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**W**elcome to worship with the Redeemer family! We are pleased that you joined us for worship today. Our regular worship schedule each Sunday is **8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Adult and youth Bible classes are held at **9:45 a.m.** as listed in the information page. If infants/toddlers become restless during worship, you are welcome to use the parent's room, located at the right of the narthex as you leave the sanctuary. Children's quiet bags for use during church services are available in the narthex.

## *Order of Worship*

*The worshipers are invited to sing or speak the words in **bold print** throughout the worship service.*

### *Welcome and Announcements*

#### *Call to Worship*

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

hymn #50 st. 1 & 4

#### *Responsive Reading*

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

**Amen.**

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations (Ps. 90:1)

**So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.** (Ps. 90:12)

Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them; to them belongs the kingdom of God.  
(Lk 18:16)

**Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child shall not enter it.** (Lk 18:17)

Let no one despise you for your youth

**But set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.**  
(1 Tim 4:12)

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me

**Until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.**  
(Ps 71:18)

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations

**So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

#### *Hymn of Praise*

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

hymn #60 st 1 & 2

#### *Confession and Forgiveness*

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Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise***

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

hymn #60 st. 3

***The Old Testament Reading***

Deuteronomy 34:1-8 ESV

*Although old, Moses continued to be blessed by God.*

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” <sup>5</sup>So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, <sup>6</sup>and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. <sup>7</sup>Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. <sup>8</sup>And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

***The New Testament Reading***

Titus 2:1-3 ESV

*Older men and women can serve as role models.*

But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. <sup>2</sup>Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. <sup>3</sup>Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

***The Gospel Reading***

Luke 2:22-38 ESV

*No matter a persons' age, have enduring faith in Jesus.*

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and

blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” <sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

### *Children’s Message*

#### *Sermon Hymn*

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

hymn #71 st. 1 & 3

*(Prayer Request cards are gathered along the center aisle by the ushers as we sing.)*

#### *Message*

#### *The Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### *The Prayers of the People*

*(Please be seated at the conclusion of the prayers.)*

## ***Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings***

*(Please stand when the pastor stands and approaches the altar and sing:)*

“Christmas is for all ages testimonials”

### ***The Offering Prayer***

#### ***The Lord’s Prayer***

#### ***The Words of Institution***

#### ***The Sharing of the Peace***

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### ***Distribution Hymns of Praise***

*(Holy Communion is a special meal for the baptized followers of Jesus. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine. He says, “This is My body...This is My blood.” If you share this belief in His real presence, are repentant of your sins, and are baptized in the Triune God, you are welcome. Children who have not received instruction in the meaning of Holy Communion are invited forward for a blessing; please fold your arms in front of you. Wine is offered via the common cup and individual glass. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Hand your communion card to the usher as you go up for communion. Guests, please read and fill in the gold card.) (Please join in singing:)*

“Lamb of God”

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“Infant Holy Infant Lowly”

hymn #44

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

hymn #54 st. 1 & 4

### ***The Communion Blessing***

#### ***Prayer of Thanksgiving***

#### ***The Benediction***

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

Forgiven and fed, you are now entering the mission field.

**Here am I, Lord, send me!**

Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

### ***Closing Hymn of Praise***

“Joy to the World”

hymn #39