

*The Second Sunday in Advent*  
**December 4, 2022**  
**8:30 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 & Processional*

“Impossible Things”

Tomlin/Brown

**You heal the broken hearted You set the captive free.  
You lift the heavy burden and even now You are lifting me.**

*(Chorus)* **There is no healer like the Lord our Maker  
There is no equal to the King of kings, oh  
Our God is with us; we will fear no evil,  
'cause You do impossible things.  
Yeah, You do impossible things.**

**Though I walk through the valley, darkness surrounding me,  
There You prepare a table, Mm in the presence of my enemies, yeah!  
You do the impossible, possible.**

*(Bridge twice)* **One word and the walls start falling. One word and the blind will see.  
One word and the sinner's forgiven, 'cause You do impossible things!**

**There is no healer like the Lord our Maker  
There is no equal to the King of kings, oh  
Our God is with us; we will fear no evil,  
'cause You do impossible things. *(Repeat)***

**You heal the broken hearted You set the captive free.  
You lift the heavy burden and even now You are lifting me.**

**Yes, even now You are lifting me. Oh, even now You are lifting me.**

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#### *Lighting of Advent Wreath 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**

*Song of Praise*

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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**O come, o come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,**

**That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Thou Branch of Jesse’s tree, Free them from Satan’s tyranny**

**That trust Thy mighty pow’r to save, And give them vict’ry o’er the grave.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

*Confession & Pronouncement of Forgiveness*

John the Baptist’s call to repentance and baptism is for people of all ages. He knows no one is immune to sin and its consequences. All need a Savior. John comes to prepare the way of this Savior. Now that Jesus has come and accomplishes His mission to pay for all sin through the cross and resurrection, and opens the way of eternal life through Baptism and faith in Him, the call is for people of all ages, “Repent and believe the Good News so that times of refreshing may come upon you.”

**Lord Jesus, I need times of Your refreshing. My sin drains me. Guilt and shame weigh heavy on my heart, mind, and body. You invite me to Your throne of grace where I will find release from these burdens. Please forgive me and restore to me the joy and peace of Your salvation.**

The Lord Jesus hears your sincere confession and tells me to say, “Your sin is paid for and forgiven. I have taken your weight of your guilt and shame. You are free.” Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

*Song of Praise*

“While I Wait”

Brewster

**Deep inside my heart, I know You’ve won I know You’ve overcome.**

**And even in the dark, when I’m undone, I still believe it.**

**I live by faith and not by sight; sometimes miracles take time.**

*(Chorus)* **While I wait, I will worship, Lord, I’ll worship Your name.**

**While I wait, I will trust You, Lord, I’ll trust You all the same.**

**When I fall apart, You are my strength, help me not forget.**

**Seeing ev’ry scar, You make me whole, You’re my healer**

**I live by faith and not by sight; sometimes miracles take time.**

**I live by faith and not by sight; sometimes miracles take time. *(Chorus)***

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## ***The Old Testament Reading***

1 Samuel 16:1-13 ESV

*Young David is anointed to be the next king of Israel after Saul.*

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”<sup>2</sup> And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’”<sup>3</sup> And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.”<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?”<sup>5</sup> And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.”<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”<sup>10</sup> And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.”<sup>11</sup> Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.”<sup>12</sup> And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.”<sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## ***The Old Testament Reading***

Jeremiah 1:4-10 ESV

*Young Jeremiah is called to be God's prophet.*

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”<sup>6</sup> Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.”<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.”<sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord.”<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.”<sup>10</sup> See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## ***The Gospel Reading***

Luke 1:26-38 ESV

*Young Mary is chosen to be the bearer of the Son of God/Messiah.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

## ***Children's Message***

### ***Sermon Song***

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

"Even So Come"

Tomlin

**All of creation, all of the earth make straight a highway, a path for the Lord;  
Jesus is coming soon.  
Call back the sinner, wake up the saint, let every nation shout of your fame;  
Jesus is coming soon.**

*Chorus: Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a church ready for You.  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:  
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come. Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.*

**There will be justice, all will be new. Your name forever, faithful and true;  
Jesus is coming soon. (Chorus)**

**So we wait, we wait for You. God, we wait; You're coming soon.**

**So we wait, we wait for You. God, we wait; You're coming soon. (Chorus)**

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## ***Message***

## ***The Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 Songs 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”

Marty Haugen

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:**

**Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You are the way of mercy and love:**

**Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You give us hope as we wait for You:**

**Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:**

**Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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“Emmanuel”

Morgan

**Holy, holy. I will bow before my Lord and King.  
Hallelujah, You have come to us. You make all things new.**

*Chorus:* **Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, You’ll never let me go.  
My Shepherd King, You’re watching over me, Emmanuel.**

**So amazing, You have named the stars of the deepest night.  
Still You love me You have called my name. I will follow You. (*chorus twice*)**

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“There Is a Redeemer”

Melody Green-Sievright

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

*Chorus:* **Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;  
And leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. (*chorus*)**

**When I stand in glory I will see His face,  
And there I’ll serve my King forever, in that holy place. (*chorus*)**

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## *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 Song of Praise*

“Forever”

Chris Tomlin

**Give thanks to the Lord our God and King. His love endures forever.  
For He is good, He is above all things. His love endures forever.  
Sing praise; sing praise. Sing praise; sing praise.**

*Chorus:* **Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us. Forever. Forever.**

**With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, His love endures forever.  
For the life that’s been reborn, His love endures forever.  
Sing praise; sing praise. Sing praise; sing praise. (*chorus*)**

**From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.  
And by the grace of God we will carry on. His love endures forever.  
Sing praise; sing praise. Sing praise; sing praise. (*chorus*)**

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