



First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022 | 9 AM

Welcome!

Welcome! It is a joy to worship together!

As a community in the model of Christ, we warmly welcome all who have come seeking God in worship at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We welcome people of every race, gender, ethnic background, social status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Together in our diversity and as a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we seek to embrace the love of God offered to us in Jesus Christ. We gather to experience the presence of God in Word and Sacrament and to give praise to God who loves us unconditionally.

All are Welcome to Communion! Christ hosts this meal, and ALL are invited to share this feast of life and forgiveness. We offer pre-packaged gluten-free/juice communion elements for those who prefer them. Our shared communion bread is gluten free, and we provide individual cups and grape juice for the health of everyone gathered. Children commune at the discretion of their parents. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. To receive communion at your seat, please alert an usher.

OUR VISION:

In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks and grows.

We are on land created by God and stewarded for generations by the indigenous ancestors of the Duwamish people, who are still here. We honor the Creator's continuing presence in this land, confess our complicity in its brokenness, and awaken to our connectedness with all of creation.

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GATHER

WELCOME AND SILENT PREPARATION

*CONFESSION

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever.

Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,
we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.
We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.
Amen.

People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on ✝ Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

**Please stand, as you are able.*

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Grigsby Family

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.
You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.
You show up in our lives at unexpected times.
Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.
We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour,
you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

Amen.

***WREATH LIGHTING SONG**

In These Darkest Days (Mertes/Fund)

In these darkest days
Bring your light to our lives
Like the moon on the snow
In your hope we will glow

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins,
and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people:

Our ears and hearts are open.

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Send Us a Sign - Mertes/Fund

Send us a sign, your people look up, your people look east.

Send us your Word, your people need peace.

Alleluia, Alleuia -a-a.

Send us a sign.

(sing twice)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

The holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 36.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

KIDS' MESSAGE | SERMON

Pastor David Hahn

SONG OF THE DAY

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

Refrain



Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

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*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of loving kindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

*PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace by crossing hands over your heart, or another gesture, saying "Peace be with you."

MEAL

GENEROSITY STORY

Sue Fegler

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.

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.

Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.
At this end of the ages
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant relationship in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again
in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us
and on this bread and wine we share:
strengthen our faith,
increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

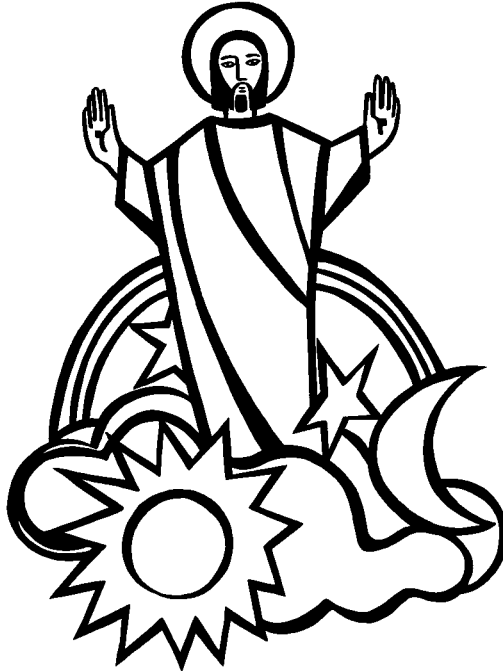
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us in whatever version is most prayerful for you:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**



OFFERING

Filled with Hope and Gratitude



1 Filled with hope and grat - i - tude and filled with ver - y
 2 God's e - ter - nal mer - cy, meant for all of hu - man -
 3 Hun - gry peo - ple eat good things and find an hon - ored
 4 Filled with hope and grat - i - tude and filled with ver - y



God, I sing with soul and spir - it ex - ul -
 kind, is giv - en as de - liv - 'rance from op -
 place; the rich are sent a - way though they are
 God, I sing with soul and spir - it ex - ul -



ta - tion, for God has smiled up -
 pres - sion. The pow - er - ful and
 hun - gry. The prom - ise to our
 ta - tion, for God has smiled up -



on the hum - ble ser - vant who will give her
 haugh - ty find that they are now cast down, the
 fore - bears God re - news for us to - day: the
 on the hum - ble ser - vant who will give her



own sweet milk to Christ, the world's sal - va - tion.
 low - ly raised be - yond this world's de - ri - sion.
 world is filled with God's a - bun - dant mer - cy.
 own sweet milk to Christ, the world's sal - va - tion.

***INVITATION TO THE MEAL**

Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God, who has come to save you.

All Are Welcome

to commune, including children (as parents permit).



LAMB OF GOD

(sing three times)

We wait for the Son to come again
We wait for hope to rise
We wait, prepared to serve again
We wait for the dawn on high.

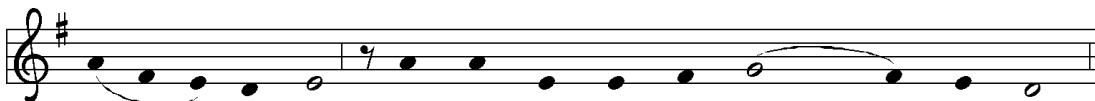
Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.

COMMUNION SONG

O Come O Come Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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*TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

Amen.

SENDING

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

Just One Light (Mertes/Fund)

(sing through twice)

Just one light fills the world with love
Just one light dispels the shadows
Just one light can bring hope through the night
Oh lord let us be just one light

Love will be our song
Peace on earth will be realized
Joy will come along out of the wilderness
Hope keeps us coming back. (stoke our fires)
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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.



We Pray for...

Harold Alley, John Ellingboe, Erika, Sue Fegler, Wendy Haber, Jean Kippen, Lise Martin, Ann McIntyre, Bob McIntyre, Barbara Olsen, Frank Peters, Brenda & Jim Prelog, Don Simpson, Deborah Sjoquist, Carolyn Swanson, Charlotte Wallstrom, Eileen Weller; immigrant families remaining separated, Road to Housing guests.

Rejoicing in the Birth of

Sam and Emilie Purvine's new baby, Finnegan David Purvine, born November 1, 2022

To include someone in the prayers, email the church -or- fill out the online prayer request form: [LINK](#). (Requests received after each Wednesday will be put in the following week's bulletin.

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Preaching/Presiding: Pastor David Hahn
Communion Table Setting: Sonja Braasch
Usher: Lynne McNeill
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, check the website or current newsletter.



worship

9 AM Informal Worship | In-person

11 AM Traditional Worship | In-person & Online

Advent

This Advent, we are focusing on the theme “Filled with Hope & Gratitude.” **Inspired by a new hymn from the new hymnal All Creation Sings, we look at Advent as a time of God bringing justice and joy to the earth, the liberating work of God in the world.** Each week we will light the candles on the Advent Wreath, and speak together words of confession and forgiveness as we wait and watch for the arrival of Christ.

Making Ready for Holy Disruption

Starting December 8th, 6:30pm

You are invited to a 30-minute contemplative prayer service, “Making Ready for Holy Disruption,” with the themes of “Breathing, Releasing, and Receiving” in an effort to give us a chance to slow down and breathe, this service will have song, silence, word, and prayer together.



community

Luciafest! December 11, 5 PM

Luciafest returns to Our Redeemer’s Sunday, December 11th! Our traditional Swedish celebration of Saint Lucia’s Day will have all the traditional trappings: **Sankta Lucia, her attendants, star boys, Scandinavian goodies and dancing around the Christmas Tree.**

Invite your friends and bring the family to this beloved tradition!

For information contact Marie Nordquist, lutequist@yahoo.com.



The Giving Christmas Tree

Take an ornament from Our Redeemer's giving tree and return the gift by the due date listed and help local families this Christmas!

Gifts will be distributed through Mary's Place, Broadview-Thompson K-8, and our Road to Housing guests.



"Please accept my gift that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have everything I want."

Your Talent and Time is Needed!

In this busy season there are many opportunities to bring your time and talents to Our Redeemer's! Use this [LINK](#) or scan the QR Code at right to learn where you might fit in. When there, use the tabs at the top of the page to navigate. Contact volunteer@ourredeemer.net with any questions.



Current needs include:

- Luciafest
- Blue Christmas
- Christmas Eve Services



faith formation

Youth Faith Formation Classes

9 AM - Sprouts | In-Person, Downstairs

10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs

10 AM - Confirmation | Downstairs

Christmas Pageant!

Sunday, December 18, 11 AM

On December 18th, we will hold our annual Christmas pageant during the 11:00 am worship service. Children of all ages are invited to participate.

We have one rehearsal on Saturday, December 17th at 10:00am.

Roles and costumes will be assigned that day. The pageant is simple, and traditional, and is a lot of fun for everyone involved. Be encouraged and get involved! If your child is hoping for a particular role, please let Pastor Gretchen know in advance.

Next Saturday: LiVE Retreat at Our Redeemer's

LiVE Retreat: "The Spirituality of Waiting"

Saturday December 3, 9am-3pm at Our Redeemer's

How will we wait? The Art of Gathering by Priya Parker invites unique ways we explore the contours of waiting and community interaction.

The season of Advent gives us an opportunity to pause, and to consider how our ways of gathering open up space to be God's people. Come and experience practical tips for how you and your communities of faith can deepen their callings by cultivating communities of belonging and inclusion. Lunch will be provided; child care provided upon request.

Register Here: <https://rb.gy/22escl>

Learn about all the programs available: <https://rb.gy/yyfzcc>.



Adult Forum: What Does It Mean To Be Church?

Today, 10 AM | Fellowship Hall

In November we explore the simple, and not so simple question about what it means to be church in today's complex, pluralistic society. Let's gather together, and find the conversation that we need to be having as a church in order to be the faithful witnesses the Spirit is calling us to be!

Advent Midweek Evening Worship

Thursdays 6:30 pm
December 8, 15, 22

Come and wait the return of Christ this Advent in song, prayer, and silence. You are invited to this brief service of reflection the first three Thursdays in December. In a time when the busyness seems to be accelerating, allow yourself a brief moment to breathe. Remember that Advent is a time of waiting, and anticipation. Don't rush the experience – savor the moment.

This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, Sunday, November 27

ADVENT

Giving Tree Begins

9 AM - Informal Worship

Sprouts: 9 AM | In-Person

10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes & Confirmation |
Downstairs

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

11 AM - Traditional Worship

Tuesday, November 29

12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

6:30 PM - LiVE Project: Synod-Wide Weekly

Drop-in Bible Study | Online

Wednesday, November 30

6:30 PM - Kid's Choir

7 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 1

7 PM - Ensemble Rehearsal

Saturday, December 3

9am-3pm - LiVE Retreat "The Spirituality of
Waiting" | Our Redeemer's

Sunday, December 4

ADVENT

9 AM - Informal Worship

Sprouts: 9 AM | In-Person

10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes &
Confirmation | Downstairs

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

11 AM - Traditional Worship

*Pastor Gretchen is unavailable from November 19 - December 3. Please contact
Pastor Elise Scott from Ballard First Lutheran with any emergency pastoral care needs
during this time: (803) 944-7006.*

Email administrator@ourredeemers.net if you need online or in-person meeting help. Find
meeting information in the announcements herein or on the church's [website calendar](#).

Filled with Hope & Gratitude

Advent at Our Redeemer's

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Sunday, November 27

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Luciafest

Sunday, December 11, 5 PM

Sankta Lucia, her attendants, star boys, Scandinavian goodies and dancing around the Christmas Tree!

Beer & Carols

Tuesday, December 13, 7 PM

The greater community gathers for Christmas cheer and musical merriment.

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 18, 11 AM

The pageant is simple, traditional, and is a lot of fun for everyone involved.

Blue Christmas

Tuesday, December 20, 7 PM

When the holidays are difficult, we gather just as we are to pray, ask God for consolation, and lay our burdens down.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Saturday, December 24

4 PM Family Service | 10 PM Traditional Service



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