



## First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024 | 11 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.*

### WORSHIP ONLINE OR BY PHONE

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**All are Welcome to Communion!** Christ hosts this meal, and ALL are invited to share this feast of life and forgiveness. Our shared communion bread is gluten free and we offer wine and grape juice. 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.



*Our Redeemer's is proud to be a  
Reconciling in Christ (RIC) church.*

*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.*

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* – setting by Sally Drennan Mossing  
from "Christ, Be Our Light: Music for the Church Pianist" by Sally Drennan Mossing,  
published by Augsburg Fortress

*Silence for contemplation.*

## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the one in our midst,  
whose power is peace and forgiveness,  
whose salvation is healing and hope  
whose mercy is love and joy,  
for all people.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's promises of new life and loving presence, let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for contemplation.*

Almighty God,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We cling to earthly power and prevent the light of your peace from shining.**  
**We turn to our own accomplishments**  
**and deny your will.**  
**We do not forgive as we have been forgiven.**  
**We seek out kings of this world**  
**and sit in darkness.**

God, our Savior,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We cling to complacency and prevent the light of your hope from shining.**  
**We turn from repentance and healing**  
**and deny your grace.**  
**We seek out convenient discipleship**  
**and sit in darkness.**

*continued*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We cling to fleeting comforts and prevent the light of your joy from shining.**

**We turn from our neighbors to serve our own interests  
and deny your presence.**

**We seek out false prophets  
and sit in darkness.**

Do not fear—do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
and will rejoice over you with gladness,  
and will renew you through love;  
and will exult over you with loud singing,  
And will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

(Zephaniah 3:16-19)

### **\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE LIGHT OF HOPE**

*The congregation sings as the Hope Candle is lit.*



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

*Wreath-lighters say:*

A light shines in the darkness

**And the darkness did not overcome it.**

## \*APOSTOLIC 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.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

*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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## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. Lead us through the darkness of this world by light and hope. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and by the power of your Spirit, redeem us for your life of justice and peace. Help us to see the signs of your presence, and give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the Prophecy of Jeremiah.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Our ears and hearts are open.**

<sup>14</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM

Psalm 25:1-10

A reading from the Psalms.

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup>Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

<sup>6</sup>Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

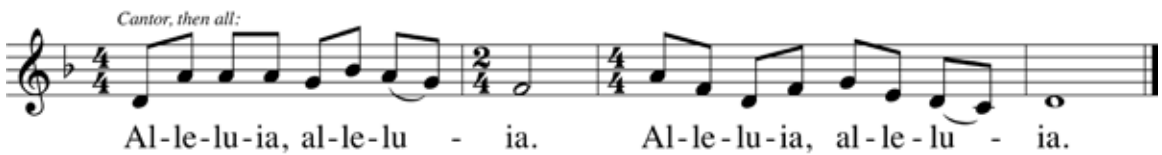
<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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The holy gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

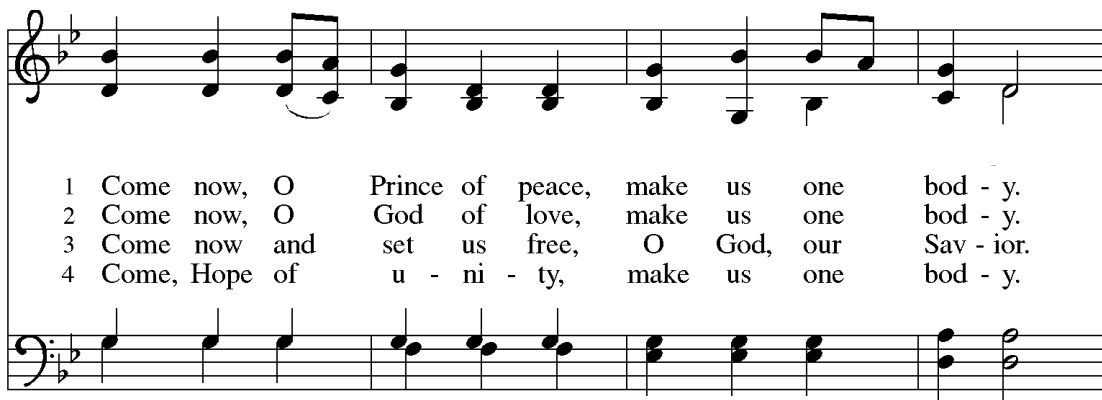
The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

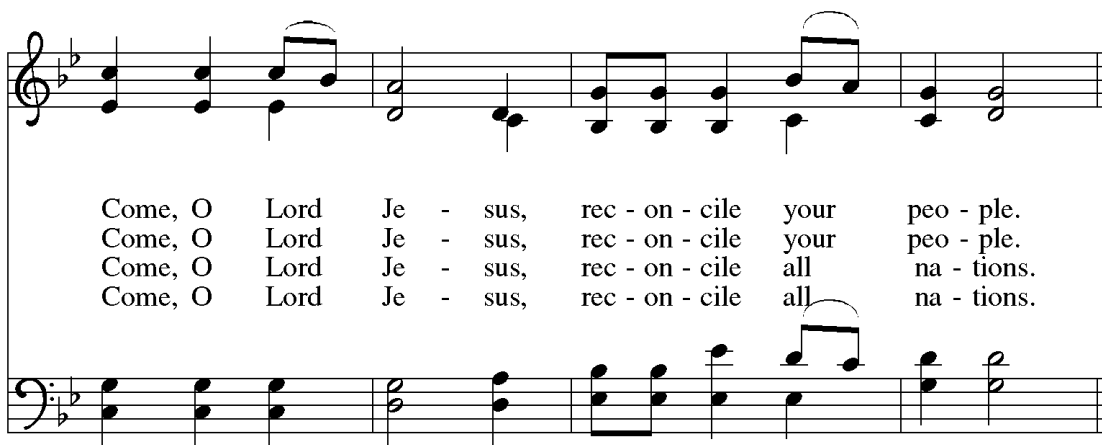


**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace*



1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.  
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.  
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.  
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.  
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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the promise that God is with us, let us pray for all people and places that await God's day of justice and peace.

*A brief silence.*

Lord, our righteousness, fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Lord of all creation, help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Lord of the nations, give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Lord, our strength and our hope, be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering. We especially pray for those named in our prayer list this week. In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Lord of love, sustain our care for one another. Inspire us to seek new ways to live together and to embrace the diversity of thought and identity in our communities. Enable us to discern your will for this community, your church. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

*For whom and what else do we offer to God in prayer?*

Lord of life, we give you thanks for faithful ones who have died. Tend to our grief and sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of abundant and eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Silence for reflection.*

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

# MEAL

## \*PEACE

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

**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."*

## OFFERING

### OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir- *Advent Cry* by Andrae Crouch  
from "The Winter Rose" by Joseph M. Martin  
Soloists: Eric Johnson and Stephanie Running

Text: "Veni, veni, Redemptor" ("Come, come, Redeemer") "Peace will come on the wings of a promise. Hope will come like the morning's first call. Joy will come on the winds of the Spirit. Love will come, Love will come, Come, Lord Jesus, come. Veni, veni, Redemptor. Peace will come on the wings of the angels. Hope will come like a song in the night. Joy will blossom like roses in springtime. Love will come, Love will come, Come, Lord Jesus, come. Veni, veni, Redemptor. Come, Lord Jesus, come."

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**\*OFFERING RESPONSE**

*There is a Longing in Our Hearts*

*Refrain — All*



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -  
veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our  
hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

*Leader or All*



1 For jus - tice, for free - dom, for mer - cy:  
hear our prayer. In sor - row, in grief:  
be near; hear our prayer, O God.

*Refrain*

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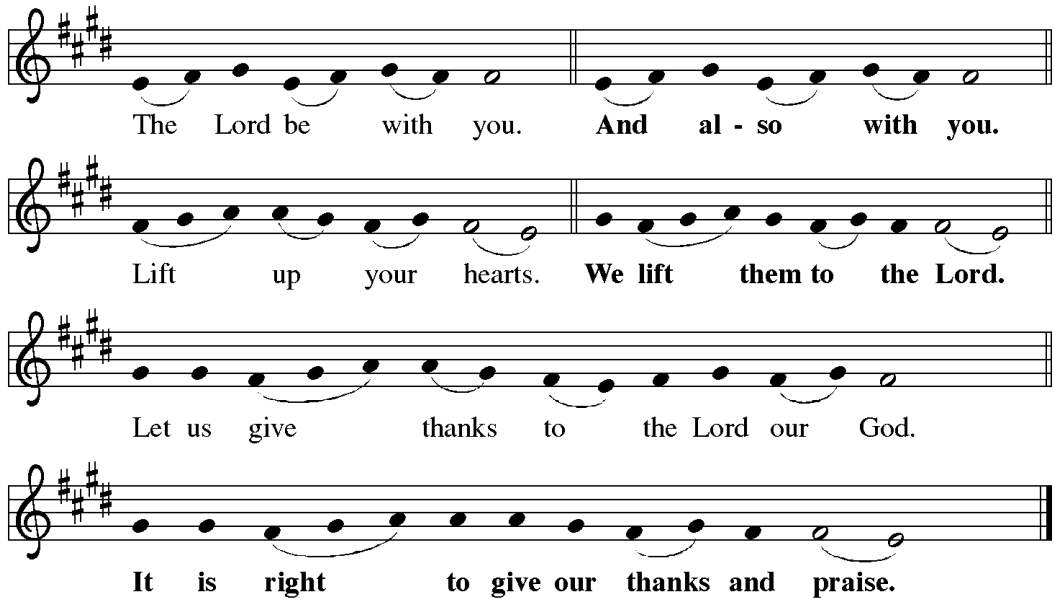
**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.

**Teach us patience and hope as we share the gifts of your church and care for all those in need until the glorious coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*AT THE TABLE**



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,  
through whom you will also make all things new  
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father, Mighty God,  
Prince of Peace: endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
your good news of hope and peace,  
your promises of joy and love,  
your word of salvation and the age to come,  
spoken through your prophets,  
proclaimed in your holy places,  
written on the hearts of all your people.  
And we give thanks at this end of all the ages,  
for your promise fulfilled in the coming of your Son,  
who proclaimed your reign by word and deed,  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

"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 in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

With this, the bread and cup of your blessed promise,  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
and share in the hope of our calling.  
May your Word take root in us  
that by these gifts of grace and faith  
your Spirit blossom and flower in us  
the life Jesus Christ, your Son.

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.  
All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **\*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.**

## \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Many of us have experienced rejection, exclusion, and marginalization at different times in our lives, but we may come forward here knowing that we will not be turned away.

So come. Come, whether this is your first time or your hundredth.

Come, because this feast is a reminder that God's table is big enough for all of us.

So come, all have a place at the table

### All Are Welcome

*to commune, including children (as parents permit).*



## AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

*Cantor:*

1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:  
2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree; you  
3. Key of Da - vid and Day-spring from on high:  
4. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:

*1., 2., 3.* *Amosibly:*

take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us, have

*4.* *Amosibly:*

mer - cy on us, grant us peace, grant us peace.



# COMMUNION HYMNS

*The King Shall Come*



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,  
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose  
 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race  
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

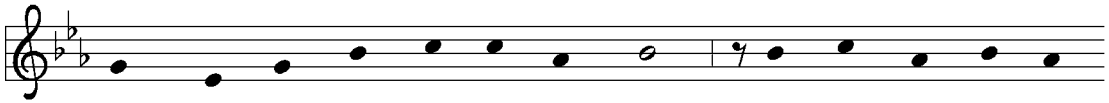


when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
 and left the lone-some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
 the day when Christ in splen-dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

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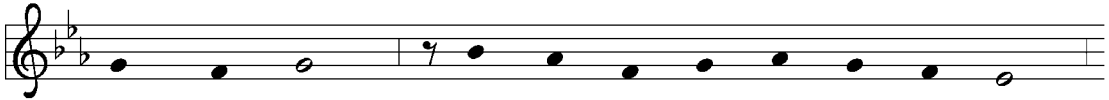
*Creator of the Stars of Night*



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -

3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all

5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,

hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,

Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.

like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

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**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**\*SENDING OF COMMUNION**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Lord of all, we give thanks that you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish the life of your people. Send us from here with these gifts as we feed the hungry in the name of your Son. **Help us to watch and wait with hope, grow the peace of your kingdom, rejoice in the life of your Spirit, and share the love of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*BENEDICTION

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation. (Isaiah 52:7)

May you hear God walking upon the earth,  
May you see the footprints of God, walking the way of the cross,  
And may you feel the presence of God,  
The Father  
the ✙ Son  
and the Holy Spirit  
with you now and forever.

**Amen.**



**\*SENDING HYMN**

*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 voice - 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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## \*DISMISSAL

Be the feet on the mountain; announce "your God reigns." Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*Wake, Awake for Night is Flying! ("Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme")*  
 by J.S. Bach, arr. by Reginald Gerig

from "The Essential Collection for the Church Pianist" - compiled & edited by Jane Holstein,  
 Hope Publishing Company

### **We Pray for...**

Mark and Judy Becker, Borel family, Sandy Box, Dar Carlson, Tom Carlson, Jennifer Carter, Barbara Dougherty, Cindy Funai, Laura Hoffenbacker, Chris & Rusty Huffstetter, Helen Jones, Carol Kennedy, Kelsey Lematta Apt, Kyla, Roger Mandery, Bob McIntyre, Judy Naegeli, Mandy Neill, Bill Nelson, Julie Osinski, Denny Palmason, Frank Peters, Mary Peters, Trina Prisk-Hall, Duaine Rembold, Iko Rodenberger, Connie Sandstrom & husband, Kjersti Sangrey, David Schrader, Carleen See, Charlie See, Melanie See, Sharon Stearns, Carolyn Swanson, Arlene Templin, Charlotte Wallstrom, Eliot Wright & family, Jon Wright, Kelly Wright; asylum seekers, refugees, and those seeking housing and a home; those living with mental illness and loneliness; children and parents; immigrant families remaining separated; Road to Housing guests.

*To include someone in the prayers, [email](#) or call the church -or- fill out the online prayer request form: [LINK](#).*

### **IN OUR SERVICES TODAY**

Preaching/Presiding: Pastor Thomas Voelp  
Communion Setup: Marie Nordquist  
Communion Servers: Linda Carbone  
Usher: Kris Rogness  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

For additional details, check the website, online calendar, or current newsletter.



## worship

### **9 AM Informal Worship | In-person**

In this hour-long service, there is a mix of traditional hymns and contemporary music. We hear a challenging and thoughtful message, pray together and take communion. Children are welcome and, for the little ones, our staffed nursery is open.

### **11 AM Traditional Worship | In-person & Online**

The 11:00 am service is liturgy deeply rooted in the Lutheran tradition of God's living word. Join together in prayer, familiar hymns and communion at God's all-welcoming table. We wish one another peace and blessings and leave the service more connected, challenged and hopeful than before.

### **Advent Sundays & Christmas Eve Help Needed**

Celebrating Christmas Eve takes many hands and helpers at Our Redeemer's! We hope that you and your family might consider being a part of the ministry we offer together to our community. This is a day when we have the most visitors, and we want to be wonderful hosts, offering everyone an opportunity to experience the joy of Christ. There are two services that day:

4 PM – Family Christmas Eve Worship. Help is needed with:

- Greeting: Standing in the narthex with a smile and a welcome!
- Ushering: Handing out bulletins and candles, helping with the offering and communion.
- Communion Assistants: Setting up, serving, and cleaning up holy communion.
- Technology: Lighting and sound for the service.

10 PM – Traditional Christmas Eve Worship: This service involves choir and orchestra, handbells and candles, and the beautiful telling of the Christmas story. Help is needed with:

- Greeting: Standing in the narthex with a smile and a welcome!
- Ushering: Handing out bulletins and candles, helping with the offering and communion.
- Communion Assistants: Setting up, serving, and cleaning up holy communion.
- Musicians: Bells, orchestra, choir—we welcome your gifts!
- Technology: Lighting and sound for the service.

**SIGN UP USING THIS LINK** or use the QR Code on the previous page. If you have any questions about helping out on one of our most important days of the year contact Pastor Thomas (pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net).

## Christmas Eve Hand Bells & Orchestra

Bring your instrument or learn to play hand bells to festive Christmas carols! **Practices are as follows:**

- Saturday, December 7 from 2:00–3:00 pm – hand bells only
- Saturday, December 14 and December 21  
2:00 pm hand bells; 3:00 pm orchestra instruments

**Instrumentalists will perform at Our Redeemer's at the Christmas Eve Candlelight**

**Service, December 24, 10:00 pm.** Questions? Contact Karen Lee, [karen@ourredeemers.net](mailto:karen@ourredeemers.net). Let Karen know you're participating, and she'll have a part ready for you!



## community

### Luciafest Celebrates 60 Years!

Next Sunday, December 8, 5 PM | Our Redeemer's

Join us for a light-filled celebration of light, hope, and tradition at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in North Ballard, as we honor the 60th anniversary of Luciafest next Sunday, December 8, 5:00 pm.

Experience the magic of this cherished Swedish tradition featuring and let Lucia's message of faith and hope brighten your holiday season. Everyone is welcome to be part of this unforgettable evening!

### Get Ready for Mardi Gras

Get ready for Mardi Gras festivities, southern food, and music at our February 8th auction to raise funds in support of Our Redeemer's ministries! Do you want to be part of team and help procure donation items. or have do you have items to donate? (Gift certificates, sports tickets, experiences, baskets, etc.). Then come to our next auction planning meeting December 5th at 6:30 pm. Email Diana Myers, [dm3myers@gmail.com](mailto:dm3myers@gmail.com), or [auction.ourredeemers@gmail.com](mailto:auction.ourredeemers@gmail.com) with questions.



### Poinsettias

Donate by December 15th

Donations are being collected for poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary this Christmas. Your donation may be given in memory of or to honor a loved one in your life and be acknowledged in our Christmas bulletins. Donate any amount you wish in a flower envelope available at church or give online: <https://bit.ly/3V6ILAw>.







# faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

## Be a Part of the Christmas Pageant!

Sunday, December 15th, 11 AM (2nd Service)

Get ready for a heartwarming tradition! Our annual Christmas pageant will take center stage during the 11:00 AM worship service on Sunday, December 15th—and we want your kids to join the fun!

Children of all ages are welcome to participate. We'll gather for a single rehearsal on Saturday, December 16th, at 10:00 am to assign roles, distribute costumes, and bring this simple yet magical pageant to life. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the season and create lasting memories.

Let us know if your family wants to participate! Contact Lisa Thompson at [egglayer@comcast.com](mailto:egglayer@comcast.com).

## The Giving Christmas Tree

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

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



Link to Mary's Place (<https://bit.ly/4i6slvi>) if you choose to shop and deliver unwrapped gifts directly to their Donation Center located at 4521 6th Ave S. Seattle, by December 9.

## Come Sing With Us!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 15th, at 12:30 pm! Join us in the narthex as we bring holiday cheer to members of Our Redeemer's community who can't make it to church.

We'll grab our caroling books and head out to nearby nursing homes and assisted living facilities to share the spirit of the season with heartfelt and festive Christmas carols.



Don't forget to wear your favorite Christmas sweaters, scarves, hats—and, most importantly, your smile! Let's make this season merry and bright together! RSVP to Karen Lee: [karen@ourredeemers.net](mailto:karen@ourredeemers.net). All are invited to participate in this special experience!

# Blue Christmas

While for some the holidays can be joyful, many of us struggle with grief and sadness. If this resonates with you, know you are invited to Blue Christmas. We gather just as we are to pray, ask God for consolation, and lay our burdens down at the foot of the cross.

You are welcome to participate as fully or as passively as you like. Peace to you.



When the holidays are difficult.

Tuesday, 7 PM  
December 17

Refreshments following the service provided by the Caring Committee Team.  
Childcare provided.

Don't hesitate to call the church office for more information.  
(206)783-7900

  
**our redeemer's**  
LUTHERAN-BALLARD  
2400 NW 85th Street, Seattle

## Beer & Carols

Thursday, December 19, 7 PM

Be a part of a joyous evening of singing and Christmas merriment in the Fellowship Hall with Karen Lee and Gian Foddai! Bring a friend! Everyone is invited.





# *Christmas at Our Redeemer's*

## **Our Redeemer's Giving Tree**

Spread holiday cheer! Pick a tag from the tree and make a difference by gifting joy to children and families in need within our community.

**Sunday, December 8, 5 PM**

## **Luciafest: 60th Anniversary Celebration**

Step into a world of Swedish tradition with our special Luciafest! Enjoy a delightful Cookie Smorgasbord, lively dancing around the tree, and an unforgettable tribute to 60 years of cherished memories.

**Sunday, December 15, 11 AM**

## **An Our Redeemer's Pageant for Christmas**

Our in-person pageant telling the joy of the Christmas story! Kids of all ages (big and little!) are invited to participate.

**Sunday, December 15, 12:30 PM**

## **Caroling to the Homebound**

Bring joy to others by joining Karen Lee and the choir to share carols with those unable to attend church. Meet at Our Redeemer's.

**Tuesday, December 17, 7 PM**

## **Blue Christmas**

**When the Holidays are Difficult...**

While for some the holidays can be joyful, many of us struggle with grief and sadness as the days grow shorter. If this resonates with you, know you are invited to Blue Christmas. We gather just as we are to pray, and ask God for consolation, and lay our burdens down at the foot of the cross.

**Thursday, December 19, 7 PM**

## **Beer & Carols**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun time of singing. Bring your favorite festive beverage, and sing along with Music Directors Karen Lee and Gian Foddai! We'll have a holly jolly good time celebrating the impending birth of Jesus.

**Tuesday, December 24**

## **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

Our Advent season culminates in rejoicing at the birth of Jesus the Christ, our Prince of Peace. We will celebrate both in person and online with great joy and love.

**4 PM Family Service**

**10 PM Traditional**



## This Week at Our Redeemer's

*Today, Sunday, December 1*

ADVENT 1

**9 AM - Informal Worship**

9 AM - Sprouts | Downstairs

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

10 AM - O-Rock & Youth | Downstairs

**11 AM - Traditional Worship**

3 PM - Norwegian Ladies Chorus Christmas Concert | Our Redeemer's

*Monday, December 2*

5 PM - Church Ladies Beer Night | Old Stove Gardens, Ballard

*Tuesday, December 3*

7 PM - LiVE Synod-wide Bible Study | Zoom

*Wednesday, December 4*

11 AM - Staff Meeting

5 PM - B.A.T. Meeting

7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

*Thursday, December 5*

7 PM - Informal Worship Band Rehearsal

6 PM - Mardi Gras Auction Planning Meeting

*Saturday, December 7*

9 AM - Lucia Rehearsal | Sanctuary

2 PM - Christmas Eve Hand Bells Rehearsal

*Sunday, December 8*

ADVENT 2

**9 AM - Informal Worship**

9 AM - Sprouts | Downstairs

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

10 AM - O-Rock & Youth | Downstairs,  
Confirmation | Library

**11 AM - Traditional Worship**

5 PM - LuciaFest 60th Anniversary | Our Redeemer's

Email [administrator@ourredeemers.net](mailto: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](#).



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