

Thursday, December 31st – 7:00 PM
NEW YEAR'S DAY – No Service

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2009

ORDER OF SERVICE
SETTING THREE

Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care
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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:00 and 10:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM
ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 9:15 AM

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Prelude

Call to Worship

Greetings and Announcements

Opening Hymn: “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come” *LSB 350*

Please stand at the singing of the final stanza of the Opening Hymn

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
C **Amen.**

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father, *John 20:19–23*
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: The Youth Group would like to invite the congregation to The Festival Lights at the Fisherman’s Village in Punta Gorda on December 13th at 7:30 PM. There will be transportation from the church leaving at 5:30 PM. Redeemer has a boat all to ourselves! Snacks and drinks will be provided courtesy of the ladies guild and the youth. The cost per person is \$12.00. Please sign up after services in the narthex! Please see Lisa Vassallo for more information.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Stephen Ministry is grounded in Jesus' command to love one another. Through one to one caring and confidential relationships, those who are hurting receive the love and care they need to support them. If you're interested in learning how to care for a hurting person join our Stephen Ministry classes beginning January 8, 2010. For more information concerning the classes please speak to Carol Carlos 941-456-0827, Nancy Hall 941-473-5547 or Carol Haupt 941-460-8830.

NEW FLOWER CHART: There is a new flower chart in the narthex for 2010! To honor a memory, birthday, anniversary or special occasion with altar flowers: Please place the name and reason on the proper line. Call the church office if any special wording is desired in the bulletin. You may have the flowers after the second service or advice the office in advance that they may be taken to a shut-in. (We ask that all vases be returned to Redeemer). To make the payment of \$25.00, write “Altar Flowers” on the line below “Child Care” on the appropriate weekly offering envelope. On non-communion Sundays, **TWO** separate donations and designations made be made.

2009 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

ADVENT SERVICES:

Wednesday, December 2nd – 4:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 9th – 4:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 16th – 4:30 & 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDELIGHT SERVICES:

Thursday, December 24th – 4:30 & 7:00 PM (Candlelight)

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION:

Friday, December 25th – 9:15 AM

NEW YEAR’S EVE:

our migrant children, please take a child's tag off the tree, sign your name and phone number on the list below the tree, and indicate the age, sex, and ID number of the child selected. The Mission asks that we purchase a new gift, valued between \$15 and \$20 (no clothing items please). Please wrap the gift and attach a copy of your receipt to the gift, as well as your child's ID tag. Gifts must be returned by TODAY because they must be taken to the mission by December 5th. Thank you for helping make their Christmas special.

HOLIDAY FUN FEST: On December 6th from 2:00PM to 6:00 PM, the Youth Group is having a fundraiser! This festival will have a bounce house (.50¢), games (.50¢), horse and pony rides (\$1.00), hamburger and hot dogs (\$1.00), popcorn and snow cones (.50¢), soda, water and juice (\$1.00) and photos with Santa (\$2.00)! Free desserts! If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Vassallo at 698-0093.

LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Ladies Guild will be having its annual Christmas Party on December 11th at 11:30 at the Rotonda Hills Country Club in Rotonda West. The cost is \$15.00 per person and includes tax and gratuity. You have a choice of chicken marsala or spinach quiche (salad, rolls, iced tea, coffee and strawberry cheesecake are included!). The deadline to sign up is December 2nd! We will also be singing Christmas carols! Tickets are available from Sybil Grahl or Pat Wilcoxon...

PASTOR'S CLASS: Have you found yourself attending church services here regularly, but realize you are not yet a member? Perhaps you are a member of a Lutheran church, but new to this area, and wondered how to make Redeemer Lutheran Church your new home? Or perhaps you are a member of Redeemer, but would like to brush up on your catechism skills? Beginning Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall, Pastor Kress will provide instruction class to answer all your questions! See you all there!

ADVENT DINNER: Dinner for December 2nd will be Shepherd's Pie and will be prepared by Sybil Grahl, Jane Hoivik and Doris Dykhuizen. A Sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex.

SCRIP: December orders for SCRIP will be taken next Sunday, December 6th, after the 8:00 AM service and after the 10:30 AM service. SCRIP is gift cards which make great Christmas gifts. Your order will be returned December 13th. Please see Sybil Grahl in the narthex.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: Red poinsettias to help beautify our church for "Christmas" may be purchased for **\$7.00 per plant**. You may include the cost in your weekly contribution envelope. Write "**Poinsettia**" on the line below Child Care. When paying by check, make check payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church and mark the check for "**Poinsettia**". **Sign up sheet is on the desk in the narthex. Orders must be in by December 20th.** You are welcome to take your plant home after the 7:00 PM Christmas Eve service or the 9:15 AM Christmas Day service to enjoy at home during the Christmas Season.

Introit

Ps. 89:6, 14-16, 18; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.



Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD?*
Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD,

Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne;*
steadfast love and faithfulness go be- | fore you.

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,*
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,

who exult in your name | all the day*
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

For our shield belongs | to the LORD,*
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.

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

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. *Refrain* Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please sit

Feeding of the Lambs:

“Talking Stones”

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In 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.

HULA CLASS: Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM – Hula class in the fellowship hall. Cost is \$6.00 per session. It is absolutely the best thing you can do for yourself! Great loads of fun!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION: Fourth and fifth grade instruction takes place from 3:00 – 4:00 PM. Sixth, seventh and eighth grade instruction takes place on Thursdays from 4:15 – 5:30 PM. All students are picked up by the church van at their respective schools. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or call Pastor Kress.

THE LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE: The Hardback Edition from Concordia Publishing House is now available. This new Bible is the first in English to be developed from the ground-up with notes that are uniquely Lutheran. *The Lutheran Study Bible* draws together a depth of scholarly notes with rich devotional insights to provide meaningful perspective for both young and mature Christians.

TODAY IN BIBLE CLASS: Today we will continue our study through the Rev. Dr. Barry’s “What About.....” series on the Ten Commandments; how we are to use them in our daily life; examine our lives according to them; and see how each commandment teaches us how to use God’s gifts to his glory and honor. Next week, we will look into the Apostle’s Creed and what it means to confess the Christian Faith; what do we confess about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit; and why we use creeds.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Don’t know about the basic truths about Islam or what the Muslim believes? This is the Bible Class you need to attend. Every Tuesday morning at 10:00, Pastor Kress will teach a ‘topical’ Bible study. Presently he is comparing Islam vs. Christianity; comparing the basic teachings of God, His revelation, and His salvation for mankind. He is also comparing Mohammed vs. Jesus; in regard to character, miracles, fulfillment of prophecy and more. Pastor Kress looks into the Qur’ān taking note as to what the Muslim believes about the Trinity, the Deity of Christ, and the resurrection. He then compares their beliefs with the Word of God as contained in the 66 Canonical Books of the Holy Bible.

LADIES THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: Ladies of the congregation are encouraged to attend Bible Class on Thursday morning at 10:00. The class is instructed by Pastor Kress. Presently he is walking through the *GOOD NEWS* magazine under the topic of Prayer. All material is provided for you to keep. You are welcome to bring your own Bible and even a lady friend.

YOUTH CANDLE AND PILLOW FUNDRAISER: All candles are \$9.00, and pillows are \$4.00 and \$6.00. This Fundraiser runs all month. Please see Lisa Vassallo and the display table in the narthex for more information.

MESSIAH MIGRANT MISSION CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE: TODAY IS THE LAST DAY The Christmas Angel Tree will be in the narthex. If you would like to give a gift to one of

CHILD CARE BASKET: Don't miss the Child Care basket located near the men's restroom for needed supplies of non-scented baby wipes, paper towels, trash bags, and snacks. Thank you very much for your support.

ENGLEWOOD HELPING HAND: The pantry is in need of the following items: Tuna, Chicken, Spaghetti-Os, Jelly, Condiments (Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard) and Diapers (sizes 2 – 6). Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTE: On this last Sunday of the fall quarter, Sunday School students study "Esther." In the actions of Esther, we see the pattern of deliverance that God sketches throughout the story of Israel, a pattern that finds its fulfillment in Jesus, our Savior. *Consider discussing, "How did Esther preserve the Jewish people? Why is the story of Esther important?"*

TALK RADIO FOR LUTHERANS AND FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO KNOW... WHERE CHRISTIANITY MEETS CULTURE... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Topics include: The Movie "Twilight: New Moon," The Manhattan Declaration, The Teachings of Tony Robbins, The Pop Spirituality of Oprah Winfrey, The Hymn "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

USHERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED: If you would like to volunteer as an usher, please pick your date and service time (8:00 AM or 10:30 AM). Sign up on the board in the narthex. If you have any questions, or are unsure about being an usher, call Tom Kirkland at 474-6407. He will do a walk through of usher duties upon request.

DONATIONS TO CHILD CARE AND/OR ANGEL FUND: Members and visitors – If you make a donation to the Child Care or Angel Fund, please make checks payable to Redeemer Child Care. They now have their own checking account. Thank you.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH!: Pastor Kress has set aside Saturday nights at 7:00 PM for you to come play games, watch a movie, talk about real issue for real teens, or just hang out. This is your "Saturday Night Alive"! Bring a friend or two, but most importantly, bring yourself. If you have any questions feel free to call Pastor Kress or text him (YES – He's text literate!) on his cell phone, (941-979-2976).

CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir practice is on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 PM (during the weeks of Advent services) in the choir room of the sanctuary. If you have ever wanted to sing to the Lord a new song, this is the time! Give it a chance! We welcome you! Male voices are especially welcome.

¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

- P The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.



**Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.**

**Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; *
righteous and having sal- | vation.**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
From the house of the Lord we | bless You.**

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹ What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

- P The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C **Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 19:28–40

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.



²⁸ When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

**C 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,**

10:30 AM – Alexandria Murphy, Lisa Vassallo, Matthew Geist, Barbara Duff
Choir Director: Doris Dykhuizen

CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 30th THRU DECEMBER 6th

<u>MONDAY:</u>	3:45 PM Child Care Chapel 5:30 PM Weight Watchers
<u>TUESDAY:</u>	9:00 AM Hula Class 10:00 AM Bible Class 7:00 PM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Elder’s Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY:</u>	10:00 AM Outreach 4:30 PM Advent Service 5:30 – 6:30 PM Advent Dinner 7:00 PM Advent Service 8:00 PM Choir Practice
<u>THURSDAY:</u>	10:00 AM Senior Fellowship 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 3:00 – 5:30 PM Youth Confirmation 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry 7:00 PM Pastor’s Class
<u>SATURDAY:</u>	2:00 PM Rotonda Christmas Parade 7:00 PM Saturday Night Alive! Sr. High Youth
<u>SUNDAY:</u>	8:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship Service with Communion 2:00 – 6:00 PM Holiday Fun Fest

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today’s altar flowers are given by Lessie Kirch in memory of her husband Ernie who was called to his heavenly home 23 years ago today.

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAY FOR

SHUT-INS: Ilse Berner, Gloria Carlson, Evelyn Etheridge, Ruth Jansch, Clara & Walter Mitchell, and Ruth Sutley.

HEALING: Members: Henrietta Appold, Wilbur Bruce, Pat Eiler, Marie Elphick, Roland Hansen, Jim Hollis, Bob Johnson, Carolyn Jordan, Charles Keller, Cliff Larsen, Gary Lute, Leona Morrison, Harriet Payne, Carolyn Plesner, Steve Procuk, Tom Poyer, Sharron Schultz, Sam Simonson, Vern Speer, Jim Straub, Pastor Thomason, Arlene Twombly, Lee Vandercook, and Barbara Wolgast.

Friends & Relatives: Lorraine Agens, Family and friends of Laura Brooks, Georgia Bush, Shirley Chattin, Lisa Clemens, Carly DeFeos, John Denick, Bruce Gnatkowski II, Debbie Harrison, Larry Headun, Glory Herget, Michelle Hickner, Bill Hillis, Aaron Hingos, Barb Hladun, Jeremy Hoivik, Tom Holt, Heather Johnson, Rachel Kagay, Howard Kagay, Julie Keck, Erin Kress and unborn child, Rev. Howie Krienke, John Lichty, Marie Liebl, Elsie Malecki, Karen Martel, Dan Mason, Joe Manson, Patrick McCord, Linda Merisko, Kaye Ann Nagel, Judy Nagel, Mike Pedretti, Charles Pentecost Jr., Sherrie Rhoades, Laura Simis, Audrey Slusher, Nancy Sly, Elizabeth Stender, Michael Stio, Marion Talley, Phyllis Tucker, Helen Weishaar, and Andrew Wolgast.

Military Personnel: Daniel Anderson, Adam Buchner, Eric Byrne, Kevin Copeman, Christopher Dutch, Michael Garza, Stephen Geib, Christopher Hankins, Brian Hollis, Nathan Hudson, Brian Jackson, Jennie Janssen, Keith Janssen, Josh Johnson, Joshua Jones, Michael Monson, Scott Morris, Jeremy Schaitz, Steven Siegmundt, Jeremy Twombly, Matthew Walenta, and Charles Weishaar.

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Elder on Duty: 8:00 AM – Tim Bryne, 10:30 AM – Ron Beaber
Acolyte: 8:00 AM – Madeline Keller, 10:30 AM – Billy Ruccatano
Coffee Hour: Lisa Vassallo & Gudrun Janke
Organist: 8:00 AM - Bill Bowers, 10:30 AM – Doris Dykhuizen
Altar Guild: Avis Stuck & Jennifer Steele
Greeters: 8:00 AM – Billy Ruccatano and Rick Vassallo
10:30 AM – Hailey Scott and Madeline Keller
Ushers: 8:00 AM - Donna Dahlberg, Harold Hale, Felicity Simpson, Ray Janssen

Please sit

Hymn of the Day: “The Advent of Our King”

LSB 331

Sermon: “The King(dom) Comes”

Please stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Please sit

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings:

(Choir – 10:30 AM – “The King Shall Come”)

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

P At the start of a new Church Year, let us pray for the whole Church in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response following each petition

P ... Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

C **and grant us Your salvation.**

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



☛ **And with thy spir - it.**

P Bless we the Lord.

Psalms 103:1



☛ **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.



☛ **A-men, a-men, a - men.**

Closing Hymn:

“Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors”

LSB 339

Postlude

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WELCOME! It is our pleasure to worship with you this morning here in God's house. It is our sincere desire that the Holy Spirit will deepen the faith of each one of us through God's holy Word and Sacrament. **We ask ALL members and visitors to please PRINT their name, children, local address and phone number in our *Record of Fellowship* book in the pew. Visitors, please be sure to introduce yourself to our Pastor as you leave the sanctuary.**

A QUIET REMINDER: Worshipers are reminded that the “**quiet times**”...during the pre-service Prelude and the Offering ...are intended for personal meditation and prayer. **Please keep conversation to a minimum.** You are encouraged to make use of our beautiful narthex for visiting. Thank you.

Gratitude For God's Blessings: 1st Sunday in Advent 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13: Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians was that God would make their love increase and overflow for each other. We show our love not just with words, but with actions. Showing love is a great way of demonstrating our faith in Jesus. Showing love is stewardship in its finest sense.