

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help serve the Carolers on **Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please call Mary Beaber 941-429-0095 for information. All the food will be provided by Thrivent.

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS:** Red poinsettia to help beautify our church for "Christmas" may be purchased for **\$7.00** per plant. You may include the cost with your weekly contribution envelope. Write "**plant**" on the line below Child Care, make check payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church and write Poinsettias in note field. **Sign up sheet is on the desk in the Narthex. Orders must be in by Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**. You are welcome to take your plant home after the 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service or the 9:15am Christmas Day Service to enjoy at home during the holidays.



## **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE -2008**

### **ADVENT SERVICES**

Wed. December 03, 2008 – 4:30PM & 7:00PM

Wed. December 10, 2008 – 4:30PM & 7:00PM

*SUPPER WILL BE SERVED BETWEEN ADVENT SERVICES*

Wed. December 17, 2008 – 7:00PM "*CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS SERVICE*"  
(*ONE SERVICE ONLY – NO SUPPER*)

### **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**

Wed. December 24, 2008 – 4:30PM & 7:00PM (Candlelight)

### **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION**

Thur. December 25, 2008 – 9:15AM

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Wed. December 31, 2008 – 7:00PM

### **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**NO SERVICE**



## **ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

*Interlude – Countdown to Christmas*

**NOVEMBER 30, 2008**

**DIVINE SERVICE  
SETTING THREE LSB**

## **Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care**

*6465 MAYPORT RD.*

*East Englewood, Florida 34224 PH: 475-2410*

*Child Care Phone: 475-2631*

**WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM**

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 9:15 AM**

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**PASTOR EMAIL:** [redeemerpastor1@verizon.net](mailto:redeemerpastor1@verizon.net)

**Interim Pastor: Rev. Warren J. Thomason**

**Cell phone:(941) 350-5675 Home phone:(941) 697-8368**



Prelude

Call to Worship Bells

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Hymn: The Advent of Our King

LSB 331

Confession and Absolution

Stand

*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.  
**C** Amen.

**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,

**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.

**"CAN THE BIBLE HELP YOUR BUDGET?"** is the next topic for **Tues, Dec. 2 (10 AM)**, Bible discussion led by Pastor Schmidt in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend."

**LADIES GUILD** will be serving supper between the Advent services on **Wednesday**. The menu this week is Shepherds Pie. Cooks are Avis Stuck, Dolores Altmann & Carol Sheahan. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex on the activity table.

**SPECIAL EVENT COMING:** On **Sunday, Dec. 14 (during Bible Class hour between Services)**, President Michael from the FL/GA District will be at Redeemer. He will give a short presentation and have Q/A time about the Synodical emphasis "Ablaze." The goal of Ablaze is to reach 100 million people with the gospel by the year 2017 (500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation). Each minute of the day, 83 people in the world die without knowing Jesus as their Savior. Our Lord blesses us and calls us to "spread the Gospel to every creature." Plan to hear Pres. Michael on Dec. 14 as to how we are a part of Synod's unique outreach emphasis.

**HELP THE CHILD CARE BY DONATING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:** Trash Bags (30gal and 13gal sizes) Non-scented Baby Wipes (we need lots) Pump Foam Hand Soap (dispensers & refills at Target or Wal-Mart) paper towels, kleenex, Construction Paper, Holiday craft supplies and animal, goldfish, or graham crackers. The **box is located on the back bench next to the Men's Room** in the Narthex. All questions concerning these items can be answered by Wendy Horvath.

**LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY-LUNCHEON** is **December 12th** at the Hill's Country Club in Rotonda at 12 noon. Tickets are on sale in the Narthex--cost is \$17.00 that includes entree's, drinks, dessert & tip see Laura Brooks or Pat Wilcoxon.

**MESSIAH MIGRANT MISSION:** Please return all gifts for the Angel Tree by **Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

**CHURCH WORK DAY** will be held this **Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am till ?** Please bring gloves, rakes, etc. Also needed is anyone who has a trailer or pick-up truck to haul away debris. Everyone is welcomed. Thank you, Charlie Vovscko, Property Management.

**VOLUNTEERS** needed as Caring Network **drivers**. To take members to the hospital, Dr. office, etc. If you can spare a little of your time for this very important item, please call Lessie Kirch at 941-475-3689.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY:** A Stephen Minister is a child of God who walks beside a hurting person, a caring Christian friend who really listens and a lay person who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care. **Classes begin in January and finish in March.** We learn and along the way have fun. Please contact **Carol Carlos 941-255-3354** for more information concerning this ministry.

**MEN – WOMEN – CHILDREN:** Bring your coins to Church next Sunday and drop them in the MITE BOX in support of Mission Grants for people living in Haiti.

**SCRIP** orders will be taken **next Sunday** in the Narthex after both services. See Sybil Grahl **Last chance to order before Christmas.** Your order will be **returned Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 1<sup>ST</sup> THRU DEC. 7<sup>TH</sup>**

- MONDAY:** 10:00 AM Human Care Meeting  
 3:30 PM Child Care Chapel  
 5:30 PM Weight Watchers  
 7:00 PM School Board Meeting
- TUESDAY:** 10:00 AM Pastor Schmidt’s Bible Class  
 7:00 PM Elders Meeting  
 7:00 PM AA Meeting
- WEDNESDAY:** 4:30 & 7:00 PM Advent Service (*Dinner served 5:30 PM until 6:30 PM*)  
 8:00 PM Choir
- THURSDAY:** 10:00 AM Senior Fellowship  
 4:00 – 5:30 PM Confirmation Class  
 6:30 PM Stephen Ministers Supervision
- SUNDAY:** 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service with Communion  
 9:15 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Study  
**7:00 PM Pastor’s Last Inquires Class**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS** are placed on the altar today by Nancy and Richard Hall in memory of **Jim Fandrick**. **Correction to last week, Jim and Lorna Straub** had flowers on the altar celebrating their 59<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, not the Thurow’s. *The secretary made the mistake.*

**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:15** - Sunday School students studied the story of David and Jonathan today. Just as David’s and Jonathan’s brotherly love for each other reflected the love of God within their hearts, so, too, our love for others is the reflection of God’s love given to us through Christ. *Ask students, “How did David and Jonathan demonstrate their love and care for each other? How does God demonstrate His love and care for us?”*

Introit - Sung in Unison Ps. 25:1–3; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.



Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
 righteous and having sal- | vation.  
 To you, | O LORD,\*  
 I lift | up my soul.  
 O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;\*  
 let not my enemies exult | over me.  
 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;\*  
 they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.  
**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.

*The Hymn (during which the Love Candle is lit).*

**0 come, 0 come, Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel,  
 That mourn in lonely exile here  
 Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 Shall come to thee. 0 Israel!**

**A Note Regarding the Lighting of the Candle**

The meaningful and traditional custom of lighting candles in a symbolic “Countdown to Christmas” begins this first Sunday in Advent. This first candle has been lit to symbolize the “**Love**” of God. Our Lord, in His gift of Jesus Christ at Christmas, gave us the ultimate example of what it means “to love.” God loved the world so: He gave up His only Son to die for it. Christ set the highest example of loving. For the joy of what He was doing for mankind, He set His face to go to Jerusalem. His cross is His life in action, an extension of His foot washing. It is His living Out the eleventh commandment, “You shall love your God ... and your neighbor.” The capacity to love like this is a gift and fruit of the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, to any person who is in Jesus Christ. Because Christ was in them and in their midst, it was said of the early church, “Behold how they love each other.” To the extent that Christ is in any of us, and to the extent that we allow Him to be among us, to that extent we exercise this gift in our turn. May the love of Christ Constrain us to love.

**Scripture: John 1.5:12—17, NIV** My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** Let us pray the **collect together**.

**C** HOLY SPIRIT, BY WHOM THE REDEMPTION OF JESUS CHRIST IS BROUGHT TO THE SINNER AND BY WHOM ALONE FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST IS GIVEN TO HIM, INCREASE IN US WHO PROFESS OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH THE CAPACITY TO LOVE OUR GRACIOUS LORD, EACH OTHER, OUR ENEMIES, AND THE WORLD, THAT THE PURPOSES OF THE FATHER AND THE LOVE OF THE SON ARE NOT THWARTED BY OUR SELF-LOVE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WITH YOU AND THE FATHER, ONE GOD, WITH DOMINION OVER US FOREVER.

**C** Amen.

**Sit**  
Feeding of the Lambs - "Be Prepared" 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 64:1-9**

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
 that the mountains might quake at your presence—  
 as when fire kindles brushwood  
 and the fire causes water to boil—  
 to make your name known to your adversaries,  
 and that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
 When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
 you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
 From of old no one has heard  
 or perceived by the ear,  
 no eye has seen a God besides you,  
 who acts for those who wait for him.  
 You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
 those who remember you in your ways.  
 Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;  
 in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?  
 We have all become like one who is unclean,  
 and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
 We all fade like a leaf,  
 and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
 There is no one who calls upon your name,  
 who rouses himself to take hold of you;  
 for you have hidden your face from us,

**PRAY FOR**

**COMFORT** for Jonti Lute and family whose mother Geraldine Bradberry, was called to her eternal home on Tuesday.

**COMFORT** for Charles Keller and family whose brother Robert Keller was called to his eternal home on Monday.

**SHUT-INS:** Ilse Berner, Herb Bohm, , Gloria Carlson, Evelyn Etheridge, Marie Gill, Earl Gossett, Clara & Walter Mitchell, Ruth Jansch, and Ruth Sutley.

**HEALING: Members:** Ginny Doenges, Gene Eiler, Bob & Joan Johnson, Charles Keller, Cliff Larsen, Lois & James Overmyer, Don Plesner, Ellie Ratzlaff, Morris Rieck, Sharron Schultz, Edda Specht, and Alan Webster.

**Friends & Relatives:** Phil Alcantara, Elaine Baron, Georgia Bush, Kay Cypher, Dorothy Doenges, Elaine Entzian, Debbie Harrison, Lynn Harrison, Rachel Kagay, Howard Kagay, Rev. Howie Krienke, Estella Lewis, Marie Liebl, Kaye Ann Nagel, Judy Nagel, Sherrie Rhoades, Michael Stio, Marion Talley, Katie Taseff, Polly Tice, Phyllis Tucker, Helen Weishaar, Virgil Weldy, and Michael Zaffino .

**Military Personnel:** Daniel Anderson, Adam Buchner, Eric Byrne, Kevin Copeman, Christopher Dutch, Stephen Geib, Brian Hollis, Nathan Hudson, Brian Jackson, Joshua Jones, Chase Tremble, Jeremy Twombly, Matthew Walenta, and Charles Weishaar.

**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

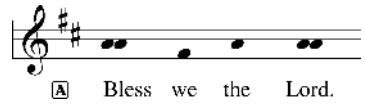
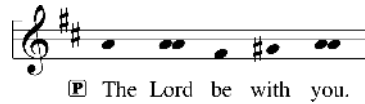
**8:00 Elder on Duty: Ray Janssen**

Reader: Ray Janssen  
 Ushers: Harold Hale, Diane Collins, Chuck and Elaine Malecki  
 Greeters: Youth

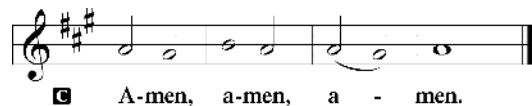
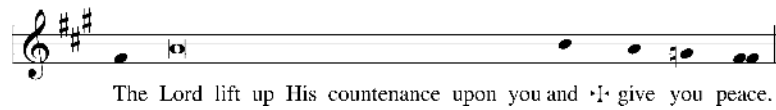
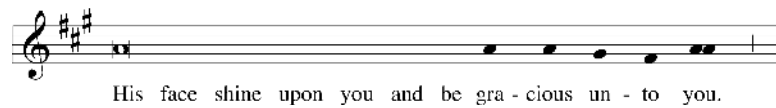
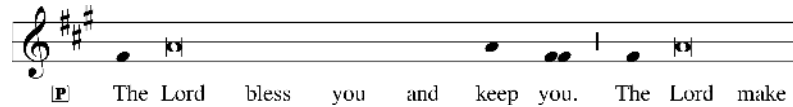
**10:30 Elder on Duty: John Wacker**

Reader: John Wacker  
 Acolyte: Donna Dohlberg  
 Ushers: Sybil and Cecil Grahl and Youth  
 Greeters: Youth  
 Nursery: Robin Altmann  
 Coffee Hour: Youth  
 Organist: Doris Dykhuizen

## Salutation and Benedicamus



## Benediction



## Closing Hymn: Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

LSB 854

**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. **We ask *All members and visitors* to please PRINT their name; local address and phone number in our *Record of Fellowship* book in the pew, 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.

and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.  
But now, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**C** **Thanks be to God.**

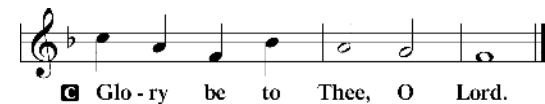
## Stand

## Alleluia and Verse



## Holy Gospel Mark 13:24–37

**P** The Holy Gospel according to **St. Mark**, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.



[Jesus said:] “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves,

you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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

Sit

Sermon Hymn: Once He Came in Blessing

LSB 333

Sermon - "Are You Prepared For The Day Of The Lord" 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

Stand

**C** 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.

Sit

Gathering of our Tithes and Offerings : Choir - " Rejoice The Lord Always"

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.