

UPCOMING EVENTS AT REDEEMER

JAN. 4 – Installations of Officers, Board Chairpersons and Elders

JAN. 8 – Helen Sturzenbeckers Bible Class begins

**JAN. 11 – 9:15 AM Adult Bible Class Guest Speaker
“Lutheran Bible Translators”**

JAN. 12 – 9:00 AM Quilting Group begins.

JAN. 23 – 12:00 NOON Ladies Guild Fashion Show

JAN. 25 – Voters Meeting

JAN. 30 & 31 – Thrivent Yard Sale

FEB. 11 – 7:00 PM Dancing with the Star!!!

FEB. 13 – 5:00 PM Youth Spaghetti Dinner

FEB. 28 – 8:00 AM Crop Walk



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2008

**DIVINE SERVICE
SETTING ONE 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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Prelude

Call to Worship Bells

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332

Stand

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.
C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

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.

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Please donate to this new fund to assist some of the parents to help keep their children in the Pre School, instead of taking them to a private babysitter to save a few dollars. This may bring back a few of our "lost sheep" or at least allow qualified parents some assistance in these difficult times. Place donations in offering plates or mail to the church and mark them *Angel Scholarship Fund*.

ENGLEWOOD HELPING HAND is still in need of the following items *Canned Meats, Spaghetti Sauce, Condiments and Paper Products*. If you have any questions please call Helen Sturzenbecker at 941-475-3060.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE -2008

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today by Inge Tringali in memory of husband Joe.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TODAY AT 12:00 NOON!!!

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY will be held **TODAY in the Sanctuary**, to approve the **2009 Slate of officers** and the proposed **2009 budget**. There will be **no adult bible class**.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: The birth of Jesus serves as the focus of the Sunday School lesson for today. The Son of God became what we are, human, to make us what He is, a child of the heavenly Father. *Consider discussing, "Why is it important that Jesus became a human like you and I? Why is it important that Jesus was both God and man?"*

"WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WORRY AND WISE PLANNING?" It is taught by Pastor Schmidt -- everyone welcome -- **Tues. 23rd 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.** **Please note:** Due to the fact that Pastor Schmidt and Lanette will be traveling starting Dec. 27, there will be **no Tues., Bible Class until Jan. 20.**

NEEDED: A family of four needs one twin mattress and one full (double) mattress. Contact the church office if you able to help.

THE GIVING PLUS PROGRAM: Thrivent Financial benefit members are eligible to participate in the *Giving Plus* program. This program adds \$1 for every \$2 contributed by a member to an eligible Lutheran organization (not including congregations) up to a maximum of \$300 per organization, per year. **For example, one could donate \$600 to Redeemer Lutheran Child Care and Thrivent will donate an additional \$300!** In order to receive these matching funds the *Giving Plus* program form must be submitted. The form is located on the Information desk in the narthex or may be obtained by calling or e-mailing the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: Redeemer Sunday School **is growing** and because of this we need some volunteers. We are looking for a teacher to help teach a growing Middle School and/or High School class. Please give these requests some prayerful consideration. For additional information please contact Christin Wacker @ 239-340-3953.

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.

Introit : Sung in unison

Ps. 19:1, 4c, 5-6; antiphon: Is. 45:8a, b



Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;*
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit.
The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.*
In them he has set a tent | for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,*
and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.
Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of them,*
and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.
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.
Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;*
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit.

Interlude – Countdown to Christmas

The Hymn (during which the “Hope” candle is lit)

**O come, Thou Day—spring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death’s dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!
Shalt come to thee, O Israel!**

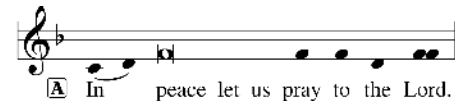
A Note — At the far end of the road — of life — of the world, Christ has promised many exciting things. The angels to carry us to glory, the approbation of the end—time Judge, the splendor of the throne room, the glory of the mansions, are sane of them. God has made His monumental, promises of mighty blessings in store for us. There they stand, these promises, and the pictures they evoke. God has planted ‘hope for them into the hearts of His people. They are apprehended by faith. Faith reaches and grasps not only the Christ, but the hope of standing in the presence of the Father with Him. Hope sustains God’s people. In hope they have overcome persecution and martyrdom. In hope they have triumphed over long valley years. In hope they have laid loved ones into the bosom of the earth to wait for that great day of resurrection. Hope is one of our Lord’s superb gifts to us, for His implanted hope must by the sheer reality of God be a realized hope. Faith and hope. are in a common bond. “Faith,” writes the author to Hebrews, “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). Christmas and the birth of our Lord open the whole great gamut of faith and hope, promise and resolution laid before us by our loving Cod. It is fitting that one candle be labeled and symbolize hope!

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY:

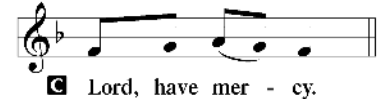
Scripture: Romans 15:13

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

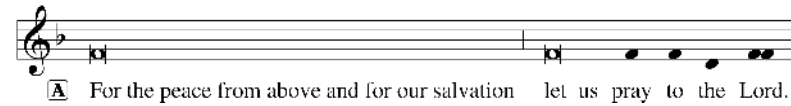
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



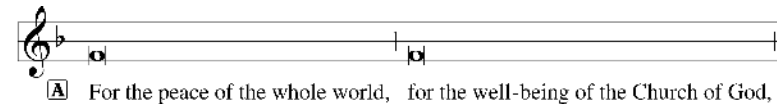
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



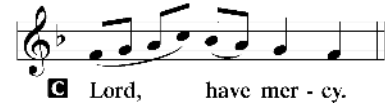
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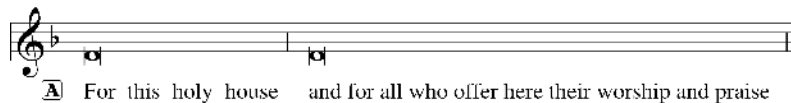
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

8:00 Elder on Duty: Jim Wright

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Reader: Jim Wrright

Ushers: Harold Hale, Chuck and Elaine Malecki

Greeters: Olga Nagel and Clare Kieselburg

10:30 Elder on Duty: George Cancellieri

Elders: George Cancellieri and Tim Byrne

Reader: George Cancellieri

Acolyte: Naomi Sylvester

Ushers: Ron and Mary Beaber, Karen and Tommy Kirkland

Greeters: Linda Rogers and Laura Brooks

Altar Guild: Linda Rogers and Sam Jollay

Coffee Hour: Marie Talley and Carolyn Jordan

Organist: Doris Dykhuizen

CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 22ND THRU DEC. 28TH

MONDAY: 3:30 PM Child Care Chapel
5:30 PM Weight Watchers

TUESDAY: 10:00 AM Pastor Schmidt's Bible Class
7:00 PM AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY: 4:30 & 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Services

THURSDAY: 9:15 AM Christmas Day Worship Service with Communion

FRIDAY: **OFFICE AND CHILD CARE CLOSED**

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service
9:15 AM Sunday School
9:15 AM Bible Class guest speaker will be Jack and Cathy Carlos Missionaries to Africa

Sit

Feeding of the Lambs: "His Name Is Jesus" Luke 1:26-38

Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. . . . And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Romans 16:25–27

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

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Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

Sit

Distribution Hymns:

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence LSB 621

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table LSB 618

Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread LSB 625

Stand

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-ry-one what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
 He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy
 with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

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.

Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My **T** body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My **T** blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1ST chapter.

C Glo-ry to You, O Lord.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon Hymn: My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

LSB 934

Sermon - "Oh The Wonder Of It All" Luke 1:26-38

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers: Congregation responds with "hear our prayer" (If you are unable to stand for the prayers please feel free to sit)

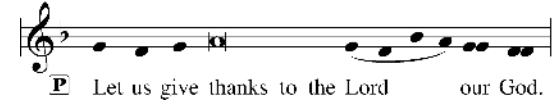
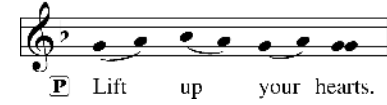
Sit

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings: Choir- "Watchman Tell Us Of The Night"

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

