

***FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 27, 2009***

***ORDER OF SERVICE  
SETTING ONE***

**Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care  
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East Englewood, Florida 34224 PH: 475-2410  
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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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***“The Presentation of Our Lord”***



## Prelude

## Call to Worship

## Greetings and Announcements

*Please stand*

**Hymn:** "Angels From the Realms of Glory" **LSB 367**

## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross T 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.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *1 John 1:8-9*

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.** *John 20:19-23*

## Responsive Prayer: (Page 282)

*Please sit*

**Hymn:** "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" **LSB 554**

**Old Testament Reading** *Exodus 13:1-3a...11-15*



## 2009 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

### NEW YEAR'S EVE:

**Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 PM**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY – No Service**



**BETHESDA:** If anyone would like to make a personal donation to Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, contribution envelopes are located in the narthex on the activity table.

**TWITTER:** Pastor Kress is now on Twitter. To follow him, please add the name **revdupone!** Any questions about Twitter, setting up an account, etc, please contact the office.

**SEMINARY KANTOREI IS COMING TO ENGLEWOOD:** Music of Christmas and Epiphany season presented by the Concordia Theological Seminary of Fort Wayne, Indiana on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the church. Englewood is one of only seven cities in Florida on their tour!!! The choir was founded 1978 by the Rev. Richard C. Resch, the director, and is made of 16 select voices from the student body of the seminary. They have recorded five CDs and are often heard on *The Lutheran Hour* and *Sing for Joy*. The Kantorei will lead an Epiphany Evening Prayer Service that will include readings and congregational hymn singing. Kantor Kevin Hildebrand will serve as organist. A free will offering will be received for the benefit of Concordia Theological Seminary.

**ROTONDA VFW:** The Rotonda VFW Post has established an "Adopt a Unit" committee specifically for the purpose of sending items of necessity and convenience to our forces serving in Afghanistan. If you have sons, daughters, grandchildren, or other family members currently serving in Afghanistan or you would like to assist with this effort, please talk to Pat or Roger Luedtke at 941-828-2635. Our Prayer list of those serving in the military currently names twenty-three individuals, some of which may be serving in Afghanistan.

**CLCC:** Confessional Lutheran for Christ's Commission is holding a seminar on Evangelism, Outreach & Assimilation on January 23<sup>rd</sup> from Noon until 5:30 PM. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pam DeGourse, 941-697-2368 or Carol Haupt, 941-460-8830.

**LIFE LINE SCREENING:** Life Line Screening is dedicated to providing affordable, reliable preventive health screenings. We believe that partnering with doctors to help detect health problems is an effective way to improve quality of life. We provide community-based screening events, staffed by highly trained healthcare professionals. Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM here at Redeemer. **Pre-Registration is Required...Please call 1-800-324-1851.** Stroke, Vascular Disease & Heart Rhythm Package; all four tests for only \$139.00. Add an osteoporosis screen for only \$10.00 more; all five tests for \$149.00 (\$66.00 Savings).

**LADIES GUILD:** There Board Meeting on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**CHRISTIAN SUPPORT MEETING:** Christian Support WILL be meeting on Wednesday December 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the narthex.

1 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine." 3 And Moses said to the people: "Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out of this place.... 11 After the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites and gives it to you, as he promised on oath to you and your forefathers, 12 you are to give over to the LORD the first offspring of every womb. All the firstborn males of your livestock belong to the LORD. 13 Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons. 14 In days to come, when your son asks you, `What does this mean?' say to him, `With a mighty hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 15 When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed every firstborn in Egypt, both man and animal. This is why I sacrifice to the LORD the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.'

P The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### Epistle Reading

*Colossians 3:12-17*

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

P The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

#### Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:22-40*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Second chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

22 When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), 24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons." 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the sight of all people, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." 33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." 36 There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. 38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

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

*Please sit*

**Feeding of the Lambs:** *"The Boat"*

**Hymn:** *"A Great and Mighty Wonder"* **LSB 383**

**Sermon:** Text: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

Theme: *"Happy Over What You DID NOT Get For Christmas"*

Summary thought of the sermon: We are so happy for what we DID NOT get for Christmas that it makes a profound impact on our life.

What we DID NOT get for Christmas results from the fact that we are **redeemed**.

Redemption means "to pay" in order to release from an obligation, i.e. to take back.

Along with the Exodus text, two important Bible references are:

Galatians 4:4-5 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to **redeem** those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION:** Youth Confirmation classes will reconvene on January 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS:** Tuesday morning bible class will reconvene on January 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kress.

**LADIES THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS:** Ladies Bible Class will reconvene on January 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kress.

**YOUTH CANDLE AND PILLOW FUNDRAISER:** The youth will continue to sell candles and pillows, as well as Redeemer canvas totes for \$12.00 each. Candles are now \$7.00 and pillows are all \$5.00. Thank you for all your support of the Youth Group.

**PASTOR'S CLASS:** Pastor's class will reconvene on January 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kress.

**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 advise 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.

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES:** All 2010 contribution envelopes can be found in the narthex. Please pick yours up at your convenience. Thank you!

Gal 3: 13 Christ **redeemed** us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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:** The birth of Jesus as recorded in Luke 2 is today's Sunday School lesson. A Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord! As a family, read Luke 2:1–20 together, and talk about the details of Christ's birth. Talk about how our sin causes us to fear God like the shepherds did. Focus on the fact that God's Son, Jesus, takes away our fears and offers us true peace, rescuing us from sin and death.

**TALK RADIO FOR LUTHERANS AND FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO KNOW... TALK RADIO FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON...** You can listen to programs about The Birth of Christ According to Luke, The Christmas Hymn "A Great and Mighty Wonder," Messianic Prophecy, Martin Luther on the Incarnation, The Circumcision of Jesus and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to what you want when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://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.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Choir practice will reconvene on Wednesday, January 6th at 7:00 PM 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.

**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!

*Please stand*

**Hymn:** "God Loves Me Dearly"

*LSB 392*

*Please sit*

**Gathering of Tithes and Offerings**

*Please stand*

**Responsive Prayer:** *(Congregation reads the bold print)*

Glory, honor and praise to You, O heavenly Father, for sending Your Son, who became like us. **Being true God, He did not consider Himself too far above us to take upon Himself our flesh and be called our Brother.** Being above all angels and laws by right of His divine origin, He, nevertheless, already as an infant, submitted to the laws intended for us. **That He should redeem us with His own lifeblood is a wonder too great for us to understand.**

We confess, O heavenly Father, that we are not worthy of Your consideration. **Too often we break the laws You have given us.** We have been impatient in waiting for the fulfillment of Your promises; we have failed to rejoice in Your mercy; we fall far short of total obedience to Your will. **For these and other transgressions, forgive us, O Lord.**

Grant us, O Lord, a proper understanding of our mission in life. **Strengthen us by Your Spirit to fulfill it.** Bless our feeble efforts to love, serve and obey You. **You have Redeemed us.** May our Redemption empower us toward being a "living sacrifice holy and pleasing to You."

**Lord, grant to our nation and to our world a greater knowledge of You and Your love.** To this end may all nations rally under the banner of the Prince of Peace and find in Him Redemption unto life.

*(Here special intercessions, silent or spoken, may be made. If spoken, each portion concludes: Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)*

Help us, O Lord. You are our only hope. **All this we ask in the name of and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen**

**Benediction**

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

Hymn:

"Let Us All With Gladsome Voice"

LSB 390

**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:** Ephesians 1:3-14: In Jesus God has chosen us to be His followers and children who do the right things for the right reasons, and delight in doing so. What an encouragement for us to grow spiritually in our journey of life and use everything God has blessed us with to His glory and the good of those around us.

**PRAY FOR**

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

**HEALING: Members:** Henrietta Appold, Wilbur Bruce, Sarah Cooper, Pat Eiler, Marie Elphick, Dick Hughes, Bob Johnson, Charles Keller, Cliff Larsen, Gary Lute, Leona Morrison, Bob Mortenson, Harriet Payne, Herb Petersen, Carolyn Plesner, Tom Poyer, Ashley Schultz, Family and friends of Sharron Schultz, Laura Simis, Sam Simonson, Vern Speer, Jim Straub, Pastor Thomason, Arlene Twombly, Lee Vandercook, Ronald Woller, and Barbara Wolgast.

**Friends & Relatives:** Lorraine Agens, Irene Brandt and Family, Family and friends of Laura Brooks, Georgia Bush, Marge Chapin, 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, 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, Donna Santora-Vovcsko, Audrey Slusher, Nancy Sly, 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, Luis Oquendo, Jeremy Schaitz, Steven Siegmundt, Jeremy Twombly, Matthew Walenta,

and Charles Weishaar.

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

**Elder on Duty:** 8:00 AM – Jim Heichelbech, 10:30 AM – George Cancellieri  
Acolyte: 8:00 AM – Haley Scott, 10:30 AM – Anthony Bruno  
Coffee Hour: Pam & Dennis Replinger  
Organist: 8:00 AM – Lanette Schmidt, 10:30 AM – Lanette Schmidt  
Altar Guild: Linda Rogers & Jonti Lute  
Greeters: 8:00 AM – Donna Antonelli & Claire Kieselburg  
10:30 AM – Marion & Budd Zillions  
**Ushers:** 8:00 AM –Harold Hale, Pat Luedtke, Steve & Lee Procu  
10:30 AM –Ray & Leta Stender, Tom & Karen Kirkland

**CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> THRU JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**MONDAY:** 3:45 PM Child Care Chapel  
5:30 PM Weight Watchers  
**TUESDAY:** 9:00 AM Hula Class  
10:00 AM Bible Class  
7:00 PM AA Meeting  
**WEDNESDAY:** 10:00 AM Christian Support Meeting  
**THURSDAY:** 7:00 PM New Year's Eve Service  
**FRIDAY:** New Year's Day – Church and Child Care Offices Closed  
**SATURDAY:** 7:00 PM Saturday Night Alive! Sr. High Youth  
**SUNDAY:** Installation of Officers, Chairpersons and Elders  
8:00 AM Worship Service with Communion  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
9:15 AM Bible Class  
10:30 AM Worship Service with Communion