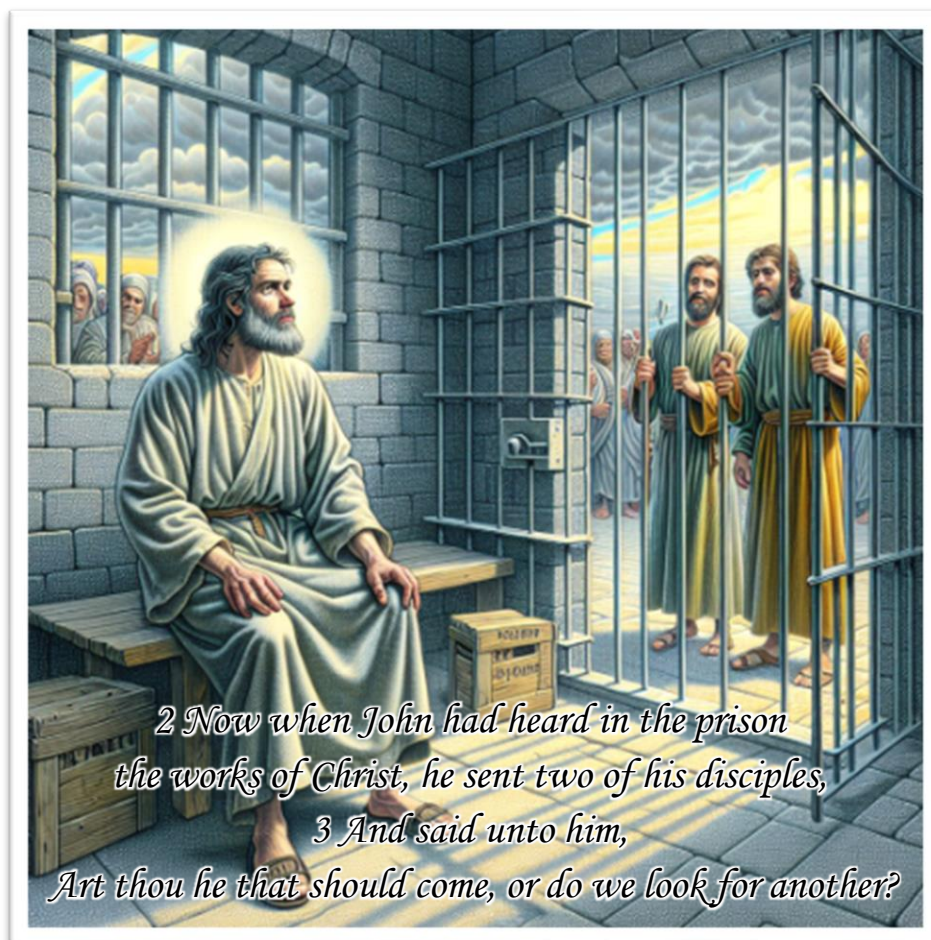


# Third Sunday in Advent

December 14, 2025



Matthew 11:2-15

**Redeemer Lutheran Ministries  
Church, School, & Child Care  
Englewood, Florida**

**Sunday Divine Service: 9:15 a.m.**

*Vicar.....Collins Sita  
Celebrant.....Reverend Martin Keisel*

## Prelude – Greeting/Announcements

*You may remain seated until the Invocation*

### Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered  
at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious  
Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and  
Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us  
storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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*Please Stand*

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

### Invocation

- ☒ In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
☒ Amen.

### Exhortation

LSB 184

☒ 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.

- ☒ Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
☒ who made heaven and earth.  
☒ I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
☒ and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

## Confession of Sins

LSB 184

**V** 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.

## Absolution

LSB 185

**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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Introit

*Psalm 71:14–18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

**V** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

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

**V** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

## Gloria Patri

LSB 186



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



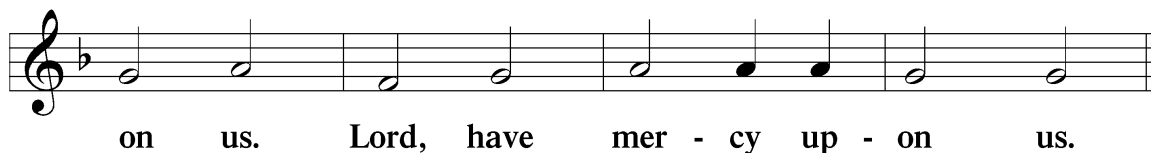
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Kyrie

LSB 186



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



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

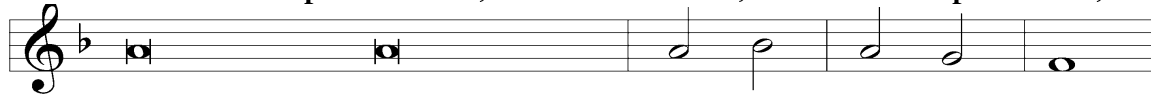
**V** Glory be to God on high:



**C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



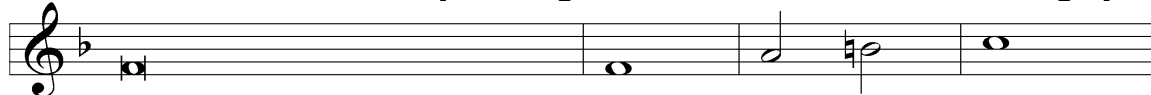
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



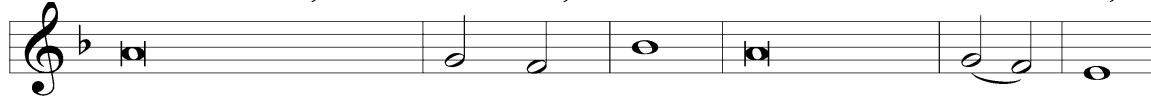
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



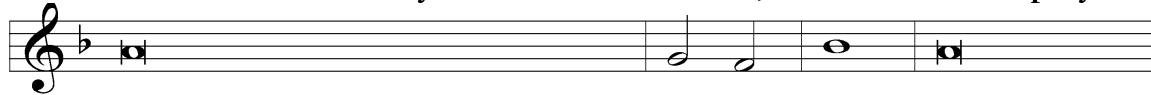
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



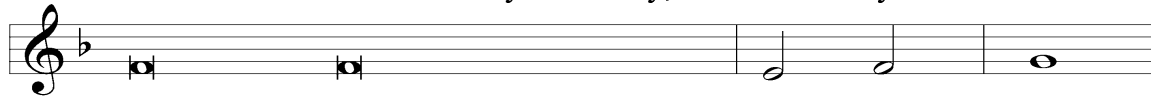
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**V** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**V** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Please be Seated - Children of the Heavenly Father, LSB 725 plays as children are dismissed for Sunday School.*

## Old Testament

*Isaiah 11:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

**V** This is the word of our Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

## Gradual

*Psalm 146; antiphon: v. 5*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! <sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. <sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. <sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, <sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; <sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over

the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

## Epistle

*James 5:7–11*

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

**V** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 11:2–15*

**V** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

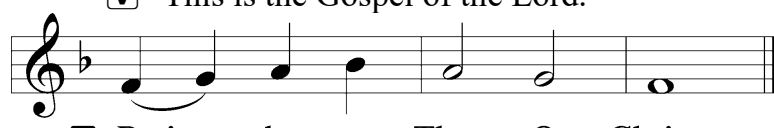
<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

<sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written, “‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’” <sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

<sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until

John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

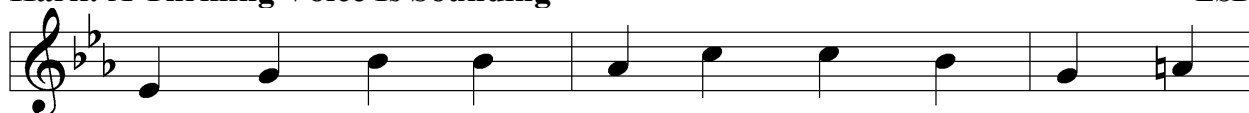
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down 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.**

*Please be Seated*

# Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

LSB 345



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is  
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the  
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with  
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the  
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the  
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all  
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with  
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us  
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"  
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;  
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.  
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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## Sermon

## Votum

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

☐ Amen.

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## Offertory

LSB 192



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

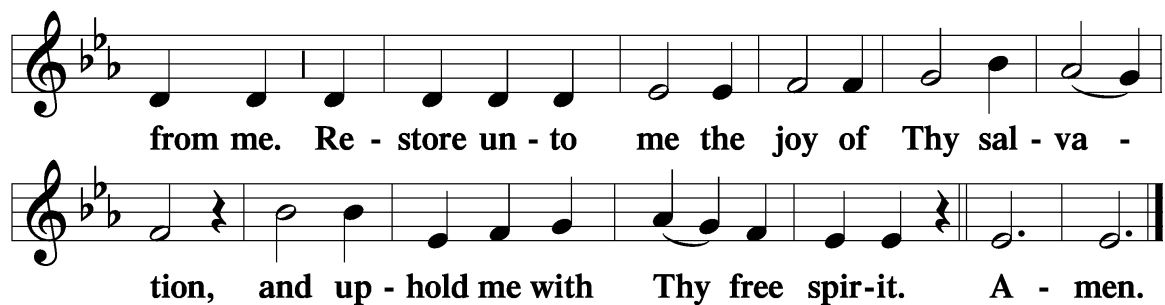


new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it





### Prayer of the Church

**V** Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Response following each petition*

**V** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** ...hear our prayer.

**V** O God, Your love invites us to rejoice in Your goodness. In every circumstance of life, teach us the joy that comes from knowing Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and eagerly expecting His gracious visitation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

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.**

*Please Stand*

### Preface

*LSB 194*

**V** The Lord be with you.



**V** Lift up your hearts.



**V** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

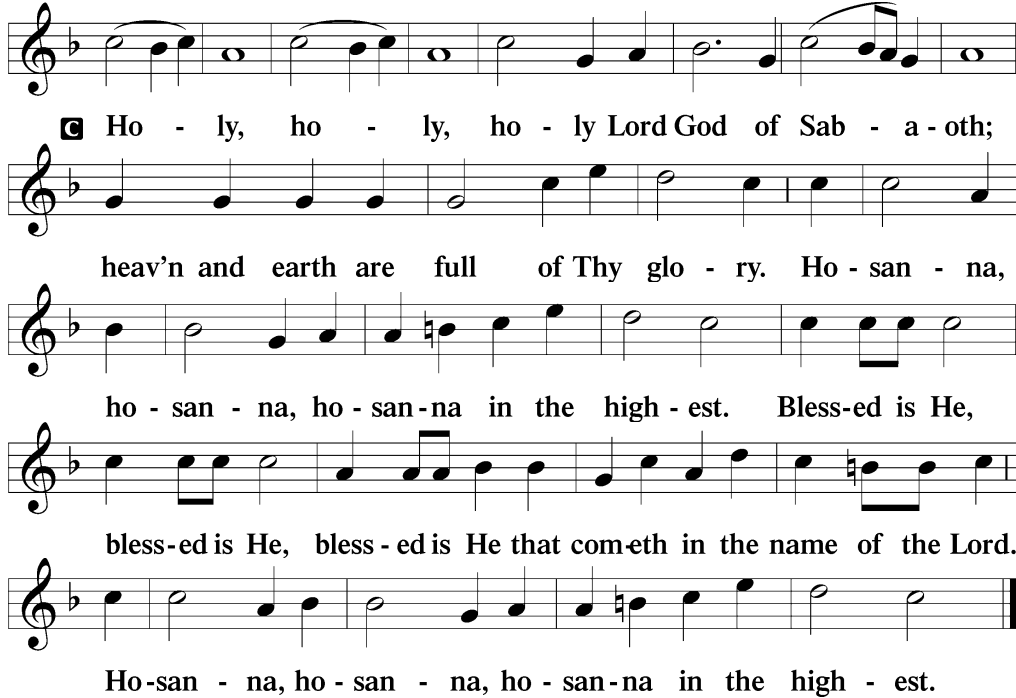


### Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly meet, 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

LSB 195



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### The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**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  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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  $\text{✠}$  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** *LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**    *LSB 198*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



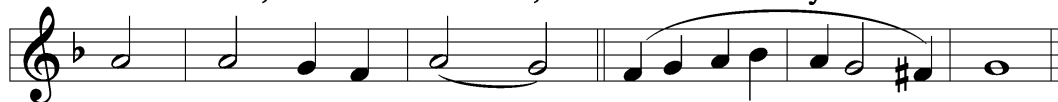
**world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that**



**tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.**



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace.            A            -            men.

**Holy Communion Statement:**

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS), we believe Scripture teaches that the Lord's Supper is a gift of God in which Christ gives us His true body and blood (in a miraculous way), together with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. The Bible also teaches that this Sacrament may be spiritually harmful if misused, and that participation in the Lord's Supper is an act of confession of faith, therefore this Sacrament requires careful administration. Redeemer ordinarily communes only those who have been instructed in the teachings of our church and who have confessed their faith in these teachings. If you have any questions, if possible, please speak to the pastor before the service begins.

\*Those unsure of receiving Communion are still invited to come forward for a blessing. At the Communion rail, simply bow your head and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered.

# Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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# The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

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1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me  
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;  
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;  
 5 The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see;  
 6 All glo - ry to the One Who lav - ish - es such love;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!  
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.  
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.  
 Be - neath the bread and wine Is food from Cal - va - ry.  
 The tri - une God in love As - sures our life a - bove.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim  
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;  
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;  
 The bod - y and the blood Re - move our ev - 'ry sin;  
 His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.  
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.  
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.  
 We leave His pres - ence in His peace, re - newed a - gain.  
 All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

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*Please Stand*

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**V** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

**V** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation

*LSB 201*

**V** The Lord be with you.

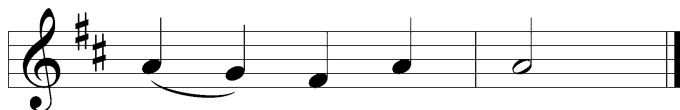


**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

**V** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 202*

**V** 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 ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Please be Seated*

# Come, We That Love the Lord

LSB 669



1 Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be  
2 Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our  
3 The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred  
4 Then let our songs a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear be



known; Join in a song with sweet ac - cord,  
God; But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King,  
sweets Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields,  
dry; We're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground,



Join in a song with sweet ac - cord And thus sur -  
But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King May speak their  
Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Or walk the  
We're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground To fair - er



round the throne, And thus sur-round the throne.  
joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.  
gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.  
worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.



*Refrain*  
We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful Zi - on;



We're march-ing up-ward to Zi - on, The beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

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**Welcome** to those who are visiting us today! We ask that all our members and visitors sign in at the Coffee Table in the narthex. If this is your first visit, there is also a Guest Book on the Coffee Table that has room for your contact information; we would love the opportunity to connect with you.

**Serving in the Lord's House Today**

Liturgist and Preacher.....Vicar Collins Sita  
Celebrant.....Rev. Martin Keisel

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

***Healing Prayers for members:***

Catalina Bakas, Wayne Buel, Ed & Jan DeTrow, Lana Garay, Judy Guastella, Jane Harty, Wendy Horvath, Nancy Koslowski (*knee replacement 11/19/25*), Joyce Krug, Jerry Lindberg, Chuck & Elaine Malecki, Cathy Mielke, Tom & Sue Poyer, Randy Schaub, Jim & Bonnie Schluntz, Bob Varone, and Pauline Vickey.



***Prayers for Friends and relatives:***

Mike Bakas, Karen Bartram (*niece of Bernadine*), Joseph Caivano (*Lucia's son, continued recovery*), Michelle Cote, Pat Finkenbine, Paulette Gaines (*Cherylann Galway's sister*), Glenn Galway, Mikayla Hacksunda (*Lana's granddaughter*), Renee Hickman (*Sherrie Keesee's sister*), Esther Murphy, Merry Sammons, Desiree Schultz, Karen Wasson-Geis.

**Ladies' Luncheon**

The ***Ladies' Luncheon Christmas Lunch*** will be on December 16, at 12:00 p.m. The location is corrected to: **Boca Royal Golf & Country Club in the library room.**

**PORTALS OF PRAYER, CALENDAR, AND NEWSLETTER**

Portals of Prayer are located to the right of the church door in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider donating using the box provided. Current Calendars and Newsletters are available on the Visitor's Desk.

**SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING - DECEMBER 21, 2025 @ 10:30AM**

*After Services - Officer Elections & Budget Approval*

All voting Members are encouraged to attend. Please prayerfully consider joining us and how you might be of service.

If you'd like a list of all the upcoming Meetings, including Voter's, School, and Church Council, the Board Meeting schedule is available at the Visitor's Desk in the Narthex.



## ***Food Pantry News!***

Sherrie Keesie, who delivers items donated to Redeemer's Food Pantry, has noticed that many in need of food are also lacking household essentials such as **paper towels**, **toilet paper**, and **dish soap**. We invite the congregation to prayerfully consider donating these items, so together we may continue to share Christ's love with our neighbors.



***Church Office Notes:*** If you have any updates, corrections, or additions for future Church Bulletins, please contact Michelle in the office, or email [church.secretary@redeemerfl.com](mailto:church.secretary@redeemerfl.com)



***Poinsettias:*** The orders have been placed! If you haven't paid yet, the payment sheet is in the Narthex.

***Human Care:*** If you need emergency assistance, please contact Cathy Mielke at [mielkeway289@gmail.com](mailto:mielkeway289@gmail.com) or 941-380-9433. *This fund is only available through your generosity and donations.*

***Donations:*** If you are called to donate to any special cause or fund, please make a note on your check or donation envelope.

***Coffee Hour:*** Sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex to volunteer snacks every Sunday. Thank you so much to all of those who have been providing the weekly treats!



## ***REDEEMER NEEDS YOU!***

In many congregations of the LCMS, the pastor is assisted by a board of laymen called "**Elders**" (sometimes "**Deacons**"). Our church currently has very few **Elders**, and we pray that our congregants will be called to be an Elder for Redeemer. If you would like to know more, please contact Mike Nagel or Lori Wasson.



## ***CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE***

It's that time of year again – time for Redeemer's Annual **Cookie Exchange!!!** Bring two dozen of your favorite cookies and take an assortment of two dozen home with you!

The Christmas Cookie Exchange is scheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup> after Sunday Worship – We look forward to seeing everyone!



## SCHOOL NEWS

- We will not have Sunday School until January 4, 2026.
- “Book Box” Ribbon Cutting will take place at 1:00p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. Book donations will be welcome!
- Please join us on Sunday, January 4, 2026, for Epiphany and to listen to the story of the Wise Men.

### OFFERINGS:

*General Offerings for week ending 12/06/25 (Incl Weekdays):*

\$975

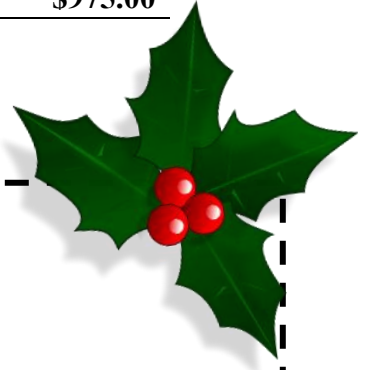
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**Total Offerings**

\$975.00

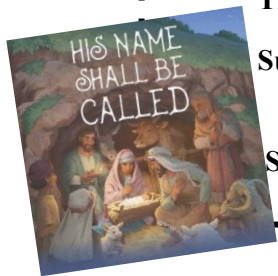
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### Redeemer Lutheran Ministries Church, School & Child Care

#### *2025 Advent and Christmas Schedule*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/14</b>	Worship Service <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent</i>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/17</b>	Church Council Meeting <b>Book Box Ribbon Cutting</b> Evening Advent Service	<b>12:00 p.m.</b> <b>1:00 p.m.</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/18</b>	Children’s Christmas Program	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/21</b>	Worship Service <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent</i> <i>No Sunday School</i>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/22</b>	<b>Christmas Cookie Exchange after Service</b> Winter Break – School Closed from 12/22/24 – 12/31/25	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/24</b>	Christmas Eve Service	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/25</b>	Christmas Morning Service	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/28</b>	Worship Service The Holy Innocents <i>No Sunday School</i>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>01/04</b>	Worship Service Epiphany & The Story of the Wise Men	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>



### NEXT WEEK AT REDEEMER

*December 15 – December 21, 2025*

<b>Monday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Gulf Coast Bead Society
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 p.m.	Church Council
	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Box Ribbon Cutting</b>
	4:00 p.m.	VPK/ASC Student Chapel
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Evening Advent III Services</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	8:45 a.m.	Student Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Table Talk
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Service</b>
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 p.m.	PTL Parent Night Out ( <i>School Event – Changed from 12/12/25</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service – Advent 3 - Communion with Pastor Kielsel.</b>

### **Redeemer Lutheran Ministries**

Englewood, Florida

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