



Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church

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HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 5:30PM & 9:00AM SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

AS WE GATHER

What was it that made not only a couple or a few but, as Mark says, “all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem” come out to be baptized by the Baptist and to confess their sins? Well, what is it that made you get up and come to church today? Notice that today not all do come. Though occasionally during wartime or some great catastrophe more tend to come, the catechism explains, “I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.” “But,” it continues, “the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel.” Some think believing is impossible for them. But believing is not on you; it is a gift from God, overflowing with forgiveness, life, and salvation. God was with John by the Jordan River. God is here with you by His Word and Sacraments.

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING

WORDS OF WELCOME Elder of the Day

EXPLANATION & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN *“Prepare the Royal Highway”* LSB 343

OPENING VERSICLES (ADVENT) LSB page 260

O.T. CANTICLE *“Emmanuel”* CM 21

Emanuel, Emanuel,
His name is called Emanuel;
God is with us revealed in us;
His name is called Emanuel.
(Repeat)

† READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE †

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 40:1–11*

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has

spoken.” A voice says, “Cry!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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The Introduction

Pastor: Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

People: **With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

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LORD'S PRAYER

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER (SUNDAY ONLY)

SERMON HYMN *"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"*

LSB 344

SERMON *"A Double Dose of Comfort"*

Isaiah 40:1-11

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, we give thanks this day for calling us and the whole world to repentance and faith by Your holy prophets, by Your servant John the Baptist, and by Your own Son, whose Spirit calls, gathers, and enlightens everyone through His mighty Word and Sacraments.

People: **Grant that we and all who hear His voice remain faithful in the fellowship of Your Holy Church.**

Pastor: Continue to give Your blessing, power, and grace to Your Church, especially all pastors and servants You have called and given to guard, feed, and teach Your flock.

People: **Give stability to our country, supplying all who make, administer, and judge our laws with wisdom and goodwill toward all people.**

Pastor: Bless the schools of the Church and all centers of learning and research

People: **that those who teach would serve You honorably and that our common life be conformed to the ways of Your truth.**

Pastor: By Your Word and Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Support all who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Give Your tender care to all. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

(Special Petitions that end in: Lord, in your mercy)

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Remembering those who have loved and served You who now rest from their labors, we give You thanks.

People: Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

****5:30PM SATURDAY AND 9:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE****

‡ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ‡

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

HYMN

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman”

CM 8

1. God rest ye merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay,
Remember, Christ, our Savior: Was born on Christmas day;
To save us all from Satan’s pow’r, When we were gone astray. *Refrain.*

Refrain: Oh, tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy; Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

2. In Bethlehem, in Israel, This blessed Babe was born,
And laid within a manger Upon this blessed morn;
Of which His mother Mary Did nothing take in scorn. *Refrain.*
3. From God, our heav’nly Father, A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds Brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by name. *Refrain.*
4. The shepherds at those tidings, Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks afeeding, In tempest, storm, and wind.
And went to Bethlehem strait-way, The Son of God to find. *Refrain.*

HYMN

“O Christmas Tree”

CM 11

1. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
Our brightest Christmas symbol!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
Our brightest Christmas symbol!
Your steepled grace, and symmetry look up to God unceasingly!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
Our brightest Christmas symbol!
2. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
You have a wondrous message!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
You have a wondrous message!
Thou dost proclaim the Savior’s birth,
Good will to men and peace on earth.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
You have a wondrous message!
3. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
You speak of God, unchanging.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
You speak of God, unchanging.
You tell us all to faithful be, And trust in God eternally.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
You speak of God, unchanging.

HYMN

“My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord”

LSB 934

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Stir up our hearts by Your mighty Word and Spirit, O Lord, that we may be prepared to receive Your gifts of life and salvation through the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

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LUTHER’S EVENING & MORNING PRAYER

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NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE *“Angels in the Heavens”*

CS 16

1. Angels in the heavens, Angels in the sky
Tell the Christmas story; Christ is born nearby.

2. Shepherds in the country, Shepherds standing by
Hear the angels singing Praise to God on high.

BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

“When All The World Was Cursed”

LSB 346



OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30 PM SATURDAY

Jeff Derksen
Elder
Denise Edwards
Organist

9AM SUNDAY

Bill Erck
Elder
Ryley McKeown
Caleb Stueven
Acolytes
Sarah Peterson
Organist

Mike Beyer
Congregational Chairman
Rick Melius
Head Elder