



## **Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church**

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# **Third Sunday in Advent December 13th, 2020**



## **HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 10:30AM 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**

In our Advent preparations today, John the apostle and evangelist adds his testimony along with John the Baptist, holding before us the joy of Jesus as the light who gives to all who receive Him and believe in His name the right to become children of God. Because of our Lord's continual supply of grace by His Word and Sacraments, we are enabled with Him to "greatly rejoice in the LORD"; for by His Spirit of righteousness we lead lives of holiness of faith. This holiness continually rejoices in the Lord, prays, and give thanks in all circumstances. With John the apostle and John the Baptist, we rejoice, always prepared by faith to welcome and worship our Lord and Savior, who comes to us daily with healing and deliverance.

### **DIVINE SERVICE FOUR**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Elder of the Day

**EXPLANATION & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**OPENING HYMN**

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

LSB 357 vs1-4

**INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*"Glory to God in the Highest"*

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**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**All:** Lord Jesus Christ, true Light of the world, abide with us that we may rejoice in Your gracious presence, pray to You in every need, and give thanks for all Your blessing; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## ✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** ~ *Read Responsively*

*Psalm 126*

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

**People:** we were like those who dream.

Leader: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

**People:** and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Leader: then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

**People:** The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O LORD,

**People:** like streams in the Negeb!

Leader: Those who sow in tears

**People:** shall reap with shouts of joy!

Leader: He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
**People:** shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.  
**All:** **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.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **ALLELUIA & VERSE**

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Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.  
**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

**JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who

comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

HYMN OF THE DAY      *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”*      LSB 357 vs5-7

SERMON      *“A Promised Year of Jubilee”*      *Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

## CREED

## 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.

People: **We pray for the Holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from all temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.**

Pastor: Bless our Synod President, our District President, and all pastors and servants of Christ, that they proclaim with faithfulness and clarity the true light of the Gospel in all they do.

People: **Watch over our government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of all people.**

Pastor: Give us compassion for all who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment.

People: **Along with our gifts to help them, may God’s great mercy and love preserve and relieve them.**

Pastor: We pray for those who are sick, [*especially . . .*], that God grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, Lord in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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

People: **Hear our prayer**

Pastor: May we always rejoice in the rich blessings of God.

**People:** Help us to always remember the Giver of every gift and give Him heartfelt thanks.

**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 SERVICE\*\***

## HYMN

### *“O Come, Little Children”*

CM 01

Words by C. Von Schmidt; Music by J. P. A. Schulz

1. O come, little children, O come one and all,  
To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small,  
God’s Son for a gift has been sent you this night  
To be your redeemer, your joy and delight.
2. He’s born in a stable for you and for me,  
Draw near by the bright gleaming Starlight to see,  
In swaddling clothes lying so meek and so mild,  
And purer than angels the heavenly child.
3. See Mary and Joseph with love beaming eyes  
Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies,  
The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love,  
While angels sing loud hallelujahs above.
4. Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today,  
Lift up little hands now and praise Him as they;  
Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast,  
And join in the song of the heavenly host.

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## LORD’S PRAYER

## VERSICLES/LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER

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## BENEDICTION

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## CLOSING HYMN

### *“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”*

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**HYMN**

***“Little Children, Can You Tell”***

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1. Little children, can you tell? Do you know the story well?  
Ev’ry girl and ev’ry boy, Why the angels sing for joy  
On this Sunday morning?
2. Yes, we know the story of God the Father and His love.  
Jesus came to save us all. That’s why angels sing and call  
On this Sunday morning.
3. All God’s children, do you know How your faith and bloom and  
grow?  
Love is planted, life is stirred Ev’ry time we hear God’s Word  
On this Sunday morning.
4. All God’s children, we rejoice When we hear the Savior’s voice!  
All God’s angels shout the song! All God’s people sing along  
On this Sunday morning!

**HYMN**

***“O Lord How Shall I Meet You”*** LSB 334 (Tune LSB 442)

**NUNC DIMITIS**

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**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

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**BENEDICTION**

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**OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**5:30PM SATURDAY**

**Rick Melius**

Elder

**Sarah Peterson**

Organist

**9:00AM SUNDAY**

**Ron Stimpson**

Elder

**Camden Pantekoek**

**James Peterson**

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