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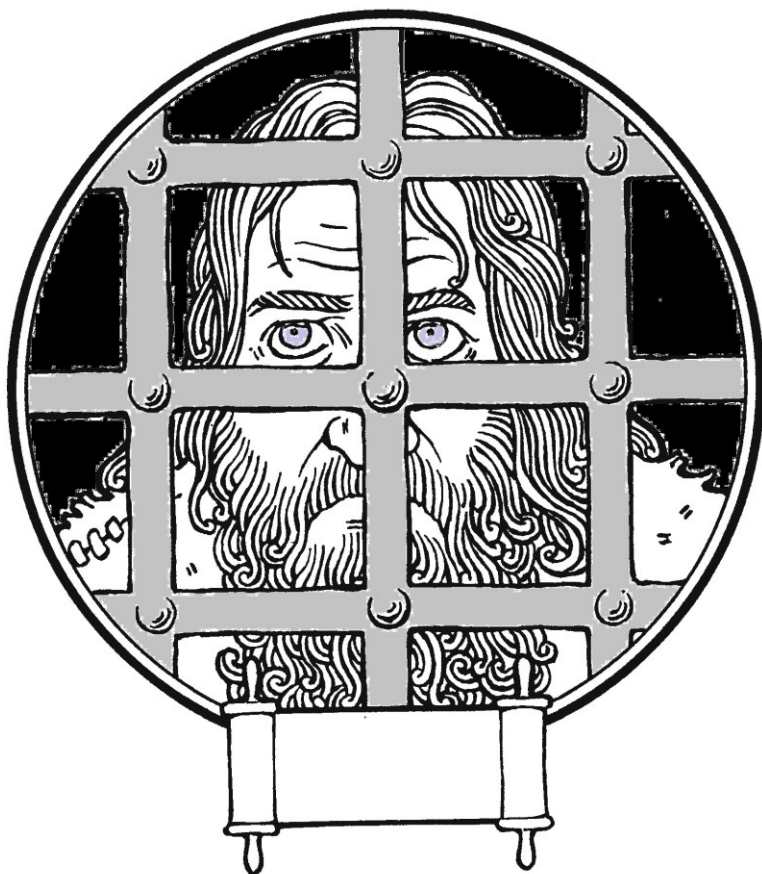
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**Divine Service III
Third Sunday in Advent
December 14, 2025**

Good morning and welcome to the House of the Lord.

We pray: May the Words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

(Psalm 19:14)

† To God Be the Glory †

Hymn of Invocation "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" No. 398



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.
From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;
The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.
His name shall stand for - ev - er—That name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt. Tune: Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532–c. 1601 Text and tune: Public domain

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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P: 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.

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.

Service of the Word

Introit

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

P: Rejoice in the Lord always;

C: again I will say, Rejoice.

P: I will hope continually

C: and will praise you yet more and more.

P: My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,

C: for their number is past my knowledge.

P: With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;

C: I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

P: O God, from my youth you have taught me,

C: and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

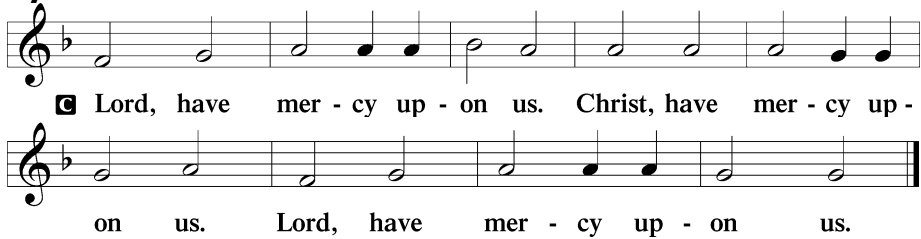
P: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,

C: until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

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.

P: Rejoice in the Lord always;
C: again I will say, Rejoice.

Kyrie



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P: 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: Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:1–10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

²it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.
⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Learn-By-Heart Scripture

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle

James 5:7–11

⁷Be 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. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2–15

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



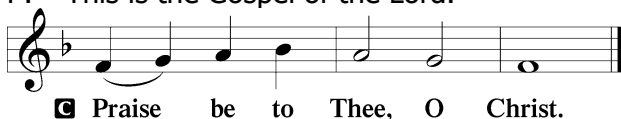
²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed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

⁷As 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? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹Truly, 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. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" No. 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!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt. Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–89 Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon

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

C: Amen.

Offertory



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
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church - After each petition

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

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



A - men.

Agnus Dei

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.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION *As we come to the altar, we come confessing our sins, looking to Christ for forgiveness, asking the Holy Spirit to change our sinful lives, and recognizing Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine.*

In faithfulness to God's Word, our congregation practices close communion. We invite to our altar all who have confirmed their faith with us before a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation or who have met with Pastor. Our practice in no way implies that people of other denominations are not Christians but allows us to maintain a clear confession of our faith and affords proper pastoral care of individuals.

Distribution Hymns

"The Advent of Our King"

No. 331

1 The ad-vent of our King Our prayers must now em-ploy,
 2 The ev-er-last-ing Son In-car-nate deigns to be,
 3 O Zi-on's daugh-ter, rise To meet your low-ly King,
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a-gain

And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho-ly joy.
 Him-self a ser-vant's form puts on To set His ser-vants free.
 Nor let your faith-less heart de-spise The peace He comes to bring.
 And His true mem-bers all u-nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

- 5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

- △ 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt. Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-76 Text and tune: Public domain

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

No. 338



- 1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo-ple to de - liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev -'ry long-ing heart.
By Thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt. Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven Text and tune: Public domain

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

No. 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

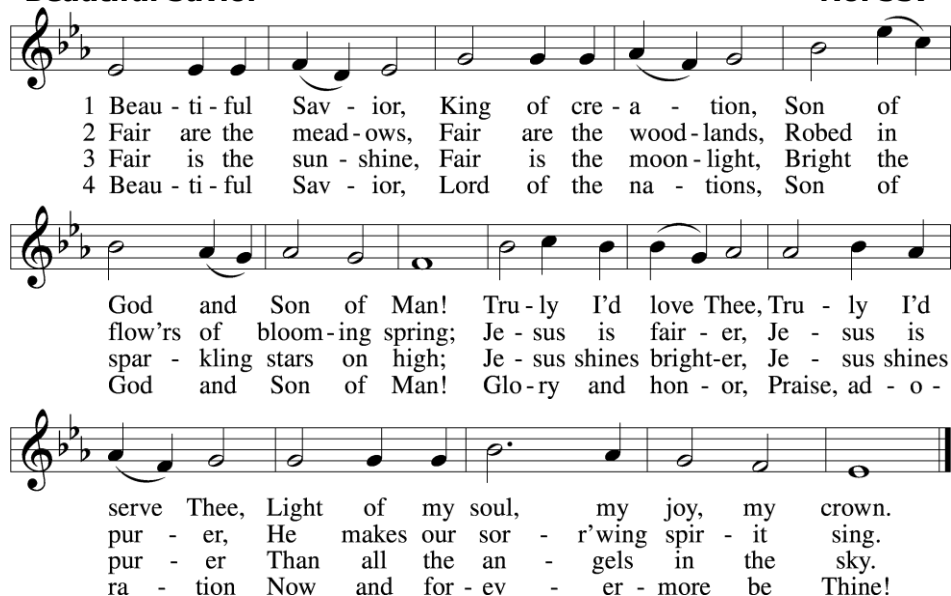


Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and
 Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing 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.

Text: Rusty Edwards, 1955 Tune: The Sacred Harp, 1844, Philadelphia Text: © 1987 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110002060 Tune: Public domain

"Beautiful Savior"

No. 537

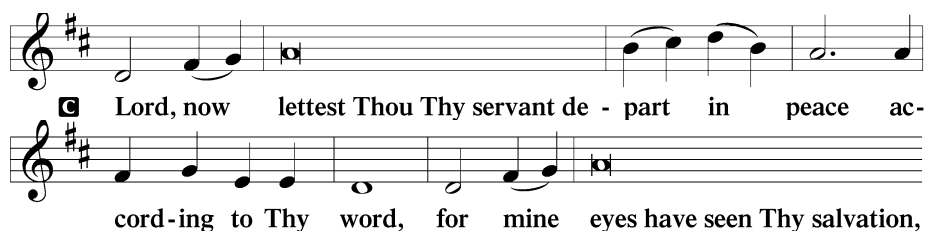


1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of
 God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -
 serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1677, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904 Tune: Silesian, 19th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



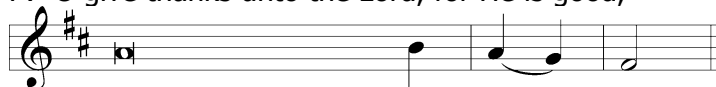
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tles 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

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

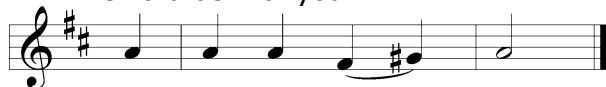


C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: 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.


P: The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P: 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.

Sit

Closing Hymn "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" No. 352



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620–59; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann alter Text and tune: Public domainStand

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✝ **IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember all who are ill or under medical care, Cindy Griffith, Barb Sweet, Marty Villers, Diana Trent, Randy Sweet, Sue Krueger, Marcie Wellday, Dana Anderson, Janet Shrewsberry, Tyler Voegele, Deanna Hegedus, Elise Smith, Mark Eckstein, Traci Williams, Vida Rood, Terry Krueger, Alberta Kahle (Duane Oestmann's cousin).



TODAY! December 14, 2024 - Please stay and help decorate the church for Christmas! Pizza and Cookies will be served after service. Then the decorating will begin.

**Thanks
a bunch!**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our TRUTH Talk Christmas Celebration so special! Your time, effort, and kindness brought so much joy to the evening. From decorating, setting up or taking down chairs, cleaning, handing out gifts and simply showing up with a smile and sharing the love of Jesus — every contribution made a difference. We are all truly grateful for each of you and the love you shared. Blessings,

The TRUTH Talk Volunteers ...You have done it unto me.



Volunteers needed after service on the **21st** to prepare Christmas Eve treat bags for the children. The more volunteers we have, the quicker it will be. Thank you, Susan Buckbee



The 2026 Flower Chart is hanging in the Narthex (next to the 2025 chart). If you want to get your name on for the coming year in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, you may sign the chart now. Cost of the flowers is \$16.50. Payment can be made when you sign up, or the Sunday your flowers are on the Altar.



Christmas Caroling December 21st



We will be going Caroling on December 21st about 1 pm. Please use the sign-up on the bulletin board. We are planning on having lunch after the service so please let us know how many are coming.

If you would be willing to make a pot soup, chili, stew, etc. to share, please note on the sign-up sheet. Everyone else can bring finger foods to share.

If you know someone we need to visit, please let us know.

Below are the expected stops so far.

Sue Krueger, Barb Sweet & Family, Marty Villers, Deanna Hegedus, Diana Trent

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS SIGN-UP — There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for teachers for 2026. If you are interested in teaching, please sign up. It can be once, or once a month, or as much as your schedule will allow.

A big thank you to those who have faithfully taught our youth this year.

2025 SPECIAL SERVICES AND OFFERING DESIGNATIONS

* indicates Holy Communion

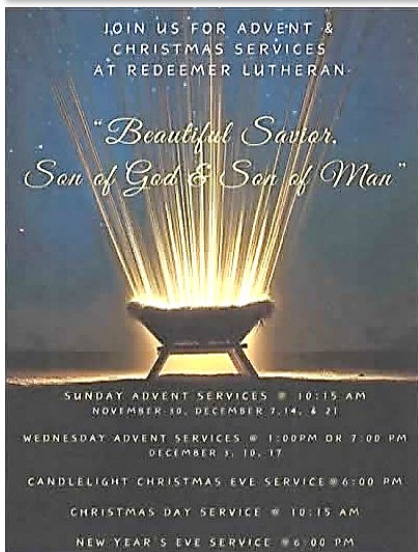
Advent 3 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm, Wednesday, December 17th
Lutheran Hour

Christmas Eve 6:00 pm, Wednesday, December 24th
Concordia Academy Wichita

*Christmas Day 10:15 am, Thursday, December 25th
Vicar Nash Ringquist

*New Year's Eve 7:00 pm, Thursday, December 31st
Missions – Heiney

Trinity is inviting Redeemer for our New Years's Eve Game night following the service that evening. We are just suggesting snacks and if anyone has a favorite game, they can bring it along.



Pick up a schedule sheet and give it to a friend to remind them about the upcoming special services.

On the table by the bulletins in the Narthex.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS –
OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 7:10–17
EPISTLE: Romans 1:1–7
GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18–25

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

TODAY: 9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Divine Service with Holy Communion
After the service: Pizza & Decorating the Church

WEDNESDAY: 1:00 pm Advent Service
5:45 pm Confirmation Class
7:00 pm Advent Service

THURSDAY: 7:00 pm Adult Instruction Class

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Divine Service without Holy Communion
After the service: Lunch & Christmas Caroling
8:00 am Lutheran Hour on 1280 AM
10:30 am Lutheran Hour on 95.9 FM

THOSE SERVING AT REDEEMER

Officiating Elder: Eric Snider
Altar Committee: Jody Rahn, Sarah Warneke, Julie Thatcher
Greeter: Jody Rahn

STEWARDSHIP

December 3, 2025 – Midweek 1– Worship – 11/28
Missions - Conrads - \$299.00

December 7, 2025 - Worship – 58
Budget Needs Weekly - \$3,421.94
Home Budget Offering - \$5,055.00
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Missions – Conrads - \$25.00
Lutheran Hour - \$25.00
Shekels for a Seminarian - \$125.00

Missions- Heiney - \$25.00
Concordia Academy Wichita - \$25.00
Youth Group Trip - \$25.00