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**LSB Divine Service Setting I
Second Sunday in Advent
December 7, 2025**

The Pre-Service Music

Lighting of the Candles *Jesus says: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."*
John 8:12

Hymn of Invocation "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" No. 347



1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann Clempius, 1611-84; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt. Tune: Trente quatre Psaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois. Text and tune: Public domain

(stand)

Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Matthew 28:19 and 18:20

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

I John 1:8-10 and Philippians 1:6

Introit

Psalms 105:4–8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b

P: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

C: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

P: Seek the LORD and his strength;

C: seek his presence continually!

P: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

C: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

P: O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

C: children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

P: He is the LORD our God;

C: his judgments are in all the earth.

P: He remembers his covenant forever,

C: the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

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: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

C: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Lord Have Mercy (Kyrie)

Mark 10:47

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



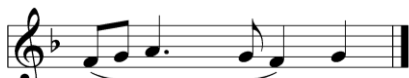
C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(sit)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And 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.

³And 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,

⁴but 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.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The 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.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They 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.

¹⁰In 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.

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

Romans 15:4–13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our
instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of
the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and
encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in
accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one
another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to
show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the
patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his
mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said,
"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,
"The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so
that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(stand)

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff continues the melody for 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' and ends with a double bar line.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). It begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for 'Glo - ry to You, O Lord.' The staff ends with a double bar line.

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.'"

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ. *(Sit)*

Hymn of the Day "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" No. 344



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
 △ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, And let us all our
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. Composite Tune: adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621 Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon

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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

After each petition

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(sit)

Offering

(stand)

Offertory

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

The 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.

Concluding Collect

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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 give you
peace.

C: Amen.

(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.

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✚ **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God The Richardson in honor of Heath's Birthday.

✚ **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 Voegelé, Deanna Hegedus, Elise Smith, Mark Eckstein, Traci Williams, Vida Rood, Mark Uphoff & Carol Welton (family of Marilynn Marrs), Terry Krueger, Alberta Kahle (Duane Oestmann's cousin).

Mark Your Calendar for Advent Services at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Advent 2 – December 10th – Pastor Meyer – "Jesus, the Son of Abraham"

Advent 3 – December 17th – Pastor Warneke – "Jesus, the Greater Moses"

Last chance to purchase a **poinsettia** to help decorate the church for this Christmas season, please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the entryway or contact Cathy at the church in the mornings – 620-442-5240 or secretaryrlc320@gmail.com. Cost is **\$20.00**

THIS IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP.



December 14, 2024 - Please come help decorate the church for Christmas! Pizza and Cookies will be served after service.

Then the decorating will begin.

If you can stay and help, please let Cathy know or sign your name and how many can help on the sheet on the bulletin board.

We need an estimate so we know how much pizza to bring.

Please bring a dozen of your favorite cookies to share.

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.



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.

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.

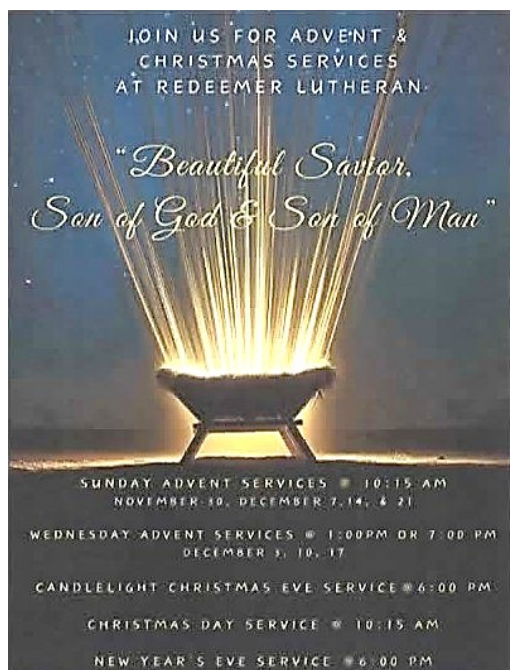
A big thank you to those who have faithfully taught our youth this year.

2025 SPECIAL SERVICES AND OFFERING DESIGNATIONS

* indicates Holy Communion

- Advent 2 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm, Wednesday, December 10th
Youth Group – Trip
- 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
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Trinity is inviting Redeemer for our New Year'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 –
FIRST READING: Isaiah 35
SECOND READING: James 5:7–11
GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2–15

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

TODAY: 9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Divine Service without Holy Communion

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 with Holy Communion
After Service: Pizza Lunch & Church Decorating

THOSE SERVING AT REDEEMER

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

STEWARDSHIP

November 26, 2025 – Thanksgiving Eve – Worship – 18
Benevolence Fund - \$270.00

November 30, 2025 - Worship – 45
Budget Needs Weekly - \$3,421.94
Home Budget Offering - \$2903.00