

# Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25, 2021 - 9:00 am

Redeemer Lutheran Church -Rochester, Minnesota

GROW IN CHRIST • SHARE HIS LOVE • ENCOURAGE OTHERS

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**Our Mission Statement:** *“As Christians based on the solid foundation of God’s Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit we strive to live out, lift up, and share our faith in Jesus Christ – welcoming all into our Family of Believers.”*

**Values:** Truth, Prayer, Family of Believers, Teaching, Community Engagement, Healing/Caring, Joy

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**HOLY COMMUNION:** We invite those who acknowledge their sinfulness, recognize that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for our forgiveness, and are willing to give witness to the unity of their faith with this community, to join with us in receiving the sacrament. For those who for health or conscience reasons are not able to receive wine, juice options are available. Gluten-free wafers and juice sets are also available for those with that allergy.

**NURSERY:** Is open this morning but is not staffed.

**CONNECT CARDS:** During this COVID time, we ask that EVERYONE

who worships to please fill out the Connect Card and drop it into the little house located in the Narthex as you leave.

**MASKS:** All are welcome at Redeemer, we simply strongly recommend masks especially during singing, in concordance with the current Olmsted County Recommendations.

*(\*) Those who are able are asked to stand during these parts of the Service.*

**+ We Come Into God's Presence +**

**PRE-SERVICE** "Of The Father's Love Begotten" and  
"Away In A Manger" – Jay Kurtz, Clarinet

**WELCOME AND GREETINGS** *(We welcome our fellow worshippers.)*

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN** "Hark The Herald Angels Sing" ..... LSB 380

**(\*) INVOCATION**

P: We make our beginning in the name of the Father,

C: **Who loved us so much that He sent His son at Christmas.**

P: In the name of the Son,

C: **Who came as the Messiah to bring good news of great joy**

P: In the name of the Spirit,

C: **Who has called us by the Gospel, enlightened us with His gifts, and empowered us to share the good news.**

**(\*) RESPONSE**

*(LSB 370, st. 1)*

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,**

**On Mary's lap is sleeping?**

**Whom angels greet with anthems sweet**

**While shepherds watch are keeping?**

**This, this is Christ the king,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!**

**(\*) CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: Family of Believers, we come together today to hear the great miracle that God became flesh and dwelt among us. Because He did this to free us from our sins let us first consider our sinfulness and confess our need before God and one another.

*(silence for confession of sins)*

P: We confess together:

**C: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and lead us to everlasting life; for the sake of your Son our Savior. Amen**

**(\*) RESPONSE**

*(LSB 370, st. 2)*

**Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary!**

P: “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Christ the Lord.” Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the Grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**(\*) RESPONSE**

*(LSB 370, st. 3)*

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary! *(Please be seated.)*

**ANTHEM** “The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy” – Sounds of Praise

+ God Speaks to Us +

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

L: The Old Testament Reading for Christmas Day is from Isaiah the fifty-second chapter.

<sup>7</sup> How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

<sup>8</sup> Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it

with their own eyes. <sup>9</sup> Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup> The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God. *Isaiah 52:7-10 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Epistle reading is from Hebrews, chapter one.

<sup>1</sup> In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. <sup>3</sup> The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the

Majesty in heaven. <sup>4</sup> So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? <sup>6</sup> And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

*Hebrews 1:1-6 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.** (*Please stand to sing.*)

**(\*) RESPONSE**

(LSB 367, st. 1)

**Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.  
Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**(\* ) THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, our Immanuel!**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He

was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*John 1:1-14 NIV*

**P:** This is the Good News of Great Joy

**C:** **Immanuel, our God is still with us!** *(Please be seated.)*

**ANTHEM** "Gather 'Round The Manger" – Cherub Choir

*Gather 'round the manger, near the cattle stall.  
See the tiny baby, lying on the straw.*

*Gather 'round the manger, hear the angels sing;  
"Glory in the highest to the newborn King."*

*Gather 'round the manger, worship and adore,  
Jesus Christ the Savior born on Christmas morn.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN** "Of The Father's Love Begotten" ..... LSB 384

**SERMON** "Like Father, Like Son"—Hebrews 1:3

**+ We Respond To God's Word +**

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**

*(Unless otherwise designated, offerings will be distributed as follows: 50% Local Ministry, 15% Camp Omega, 15% Salvation Army, 10% Rochester Servant Event, 10% KINDLE. If you have not already placed your offering in one of the houses as you entered the Sanctuary, you can do so as you leave worship.)*

**CONNECTION CARDS**

*(If you have not already done so, please fill out a Connection Card located in your pew rack. Completed cards can be left on the pew cushion or placed in one of the houses as you leave worship.)*

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Greensleeves" – Jay Kurtz, Clarinet

**(\*) OFFERTORY**

*(LSB 387, st. 1)*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

**(\*) CHRISTMAS CREED**

**I believe in God the Father, Creator of all things, who sent His Son as my Savior.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by angels, worshiped by the Wise Men; who lived to suffer, die, and rise again, to free me from sin, death and the power of the devil.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ and by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ my worship, my life, my love, to live under Him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen.**

**(\*) PRAYERS**

P: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

**(\*) LORD’S PRAYER**

*(tune: LSB 366, It Came Upon A Midnight Clear)*

**Our Father, Lord on heav’n’s high throne, most holy be Your name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, in heaven, the same.  
Give us this day the food we need; forgiven may we be;  
Into temptation do not lead; from evil set us free.  
Yours is the kingdom, unto You in grateful love we bow;  
And Yours the pow’r; Lord, let us view Your mighty presence now.  
The glory Yours; Your praise be sung by angel hosts and men  
In ev’ry land, by ev’ry tongue forevermore. Amen.**

**+ God Serves Us His Holy Meal +**

**(\*) COMMUNION AT THE MANGER**

P: May Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem, the Crucified and Risen Savior, be with you always.

C: Emmanuel, God incarnate here to dwell.

P: Break forth together in singing!

C: God has come to dwell with us and we have received grace upon grace.

**(\*) WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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

C: Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

*Distribution is continuous -- we will not kneel. When directed by the usher, proceed in two lines to the front, then go to the left or right to receive the bread, and then the wine, returning by the side aisle (or through the Chapel). Those in the Chapel will commune last, coming in the side door, and then returning directly to the Chapel.*

**DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

- HYMN** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ..... LSB 379
- HYMN** "Angels We Have Heard On High" ..... LSB 368
- HYMN** "See Amid The Winter’s Snow" ..... LSB 373

**+ God Sends Us Forth to Serve and**

*(When all have communed, please stand for the common dismissal and to sing. . .)*

**(\*) NUNC DIMITTUS** *(tune: "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen")*

**Lord, let Your servant go in peace, Your Word has been fulfilled.  
My eyes have seen Your saving work which for the world You willed:  
The glory of Your chosen race as Light for all revealed.  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy!**

**(\*) THE BENEDICTION**

**P:** The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.  
**C:** **We have seen the Father full of grace and truth.**  
**P:** May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. And may the Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forevermore!  
**All: Amen.**

**(\*) HYMN** "Go Tell It On The Mountain" ..... LSB 388



**BLESSED TO SERVE**

**Message**.....Pastor Adam Koglin  
**Liturgist**.....Pastor Ben Loos  
**Children’s Message** .....Josh Heirigs, DCE  
**Organist** ..... April Beckman, DPM  
**Acolyte**.....Brooklyn Sherwood

**Elders**..... John Grudem  
**Greeters** ..... Donna Walters  
**Technology Helper** ..... Megan Grudem  
**Ushers** ..... Mark Fister / Dan Kluge



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