



REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

FAMILY OF BELIEVERS

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 26, 2021 – 8:00 am

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GROW IN CHRIST • SHARE HIS LOVE • ENCOURAGE

OTHERS

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

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

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.

OUR THEME FOR TODAY: Great Are Your Works, O God! Can you guess the number of skittles I put in the jar? Of course not, you can't see it. Can you, with your eyes, count the stars in the sky or the hairs on your head? Of course not. Can you fathom all of the great works of our Almighty God? Perhaps not. But we know the most important ones! Today we celebrate with snippets from our Sunday School program to see what could be surprisingly considered one of God's greatest and most incredible works in all of history.

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

+ We Come Into God's Presence +

(8:00 am) **PRE-SERVICE** "Christmas Joy Medley"

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

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN "Angels We Have Heard On High" LSB 368

OPENING LITANY

- L1: What can we say about our God?
- C: Our God is a God who works.**
- L2: A God who works through his creation.
- C: To bring Salvation.**
- L3: He saves us through his son Jesus.
- C: Whom we see today, born as a baby.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L4: Let's pray: Lord Jesus we celebrate your birth with excitement and joy!
- L5: Not simply the joy of the season and the fun celebrations, but the joy of your salvation come into our lives at Christmas. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING "Joy To The World" and "O Come All Ye Faithful"
– Calvin Peter, Piano

SCENE *(1st Grade)*

Red: Before we get to our Christmas story today...

Blue: *We need to back this story up!*

Red: God created the universe and everything in it!

Blue: *Everything was perfect!*

Red: But Adam and Eve sinned.

Congregation: Perfection was ruined

Blue: *After this, we hear the history of God's chosen people.*

Red: There are great heroes and great stories of family struggle, kings, war, and even love.

Blue: *But something was missing.*

Red: Someone was missing.

Blue: *The promised Messiah had not delivered God's people eternal salvation.*

Red: Everyone was waiting...

ALL SING

(LSB 332, st. 1)

**Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.**

MUSICAL OFFERING "Away In A Manger" and "Silent Night" – Alaina Beckman, Piano

SCENE *(Age 3/4, Kindergarten)*

K: Mary was Jesus' mom!

C: An Angel told Mary she would give birth to God's son.

PK: *Jesus is our salvation!*

K: Joseph was Jesus' earthly dad!

C: An Angel told Joseph that his fiancé, Mary would give birth to the Messiah.

PK: *Jesus is our salvation!*

K: It was time for Mary to give birth to Jesus.

C: There was no room in the inn, so she placed Jesus in a manger.

PK: *Jesus is our salvation!*

K: Angels announced this good news to Shepherds.

C: The Shepherds were afraid.

K: The Angels said to them:

C: Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

PK: *Jesus is our Salvation!*

HYMN "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" LSB 393

MUSICAL OFFERING "Good King Wenceslas" – Musical Trio

- Natalie Fisk, Alto Sax; Josiah Loos, Baritone; Juliette Loos, Piano

SCENE (*Grades 5/6*)

Luke 2

- L1: ² In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.
- L2: ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.
- L1: ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them,
- A1: "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."
- L2: ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
- A2: ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."
- L1: ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,
- A3: "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."
- L2: ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

L1: ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "God Loves Me Dearly" LSB 392

DEVOTION "Great Are Your Works, O God!" – Psalm 111:2

Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

(*) 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.

SCENE 3 (Grade 4)

Red: When Jesus was 8 days old.

Blue: *He was presented at the Temple.*

Red: What was supposed to be a routine thing

Blue: *Ended up being a unique experience.*

Anna: This must be the one!

Mary: Hi there! Um, what do you mean this must be the one? Who are you?

Anna: I'm Anna, a prophetess. God is so Good! This child is bringing about the redemption of Israel!

Simeon: Hello! May I hold him?!

Mary: Umm... sure I guess?

Simeon: Finally!!! I Finally can see him! God, this is truly your salvation!

Joseph: Uh... Simeon is it? You are the second person to say that today. What is going on?

Simeon: This is the promised Messiah and the light for Gentiles and Jews alike!

Simeon: Here, keep him well! God's story of Salvation is finally coming true!

Mary: Wow! What is God up to?!

Red: What is God up to in your life?
 Blue: *He is constantly working for good!*
 Red: It's not always easy to see God's salvation
 Blue: *But one day, we will see Jesus just like Simeon*
 Red: We will see him face to face
 Blue: *All because on Christmas...*
 Red: Salvation was born!
 Blue: *Salvation was born!*

Congregation: Salvation was born!

SPECIAL MUSIC "Salvation Is Born"

*Come let us worship, come let us adore
 Jesus, Messiah, our Savior is born
 Carol His glory and sing His sweet Name
 Offer a life of thanksgiving and praise*

*Join with the angels proclaiming to earth
 Join with the shepherds in awe of His birth
 Join all creation rejoicing this morn
 The glory of God-become-man has been born*

*Chorus: Come, let us adore Him
 Jesus, the hope of the world
 Come, worship before Him
 Christ, the Messiah has come
 Salvation is born*

*Prophets foretold Him, the Promise of God
 The hope of Salvation and light of the world
 Born in a stable and born as a man
 Born to fulfill God's redeeming plan.*

*Come, let us adore Him
 Jesus, the hope of the world
 Come, worship before Him
 Christ, the Messiah has come*

*Chorus
 Come let us worship, come let us adore
 Jesus, Messiah, our Savior is born*

MUSICAL OFFERING "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine" – Adelaide Beckman, Violin
 "Carol of the Bells" – Natalie Fisk, Piano

HYMN "A Great And Mighty Wonder" LSB 383, sts. 1-3

MUSICAL OFFERINGS "We Three Kings" – Meredith Fisk
 "O Come Little Children" – Adelaide Beckman, French Horn
 "The First Noel" – Adelaide Beckman, Piano

(*) OFFERTORY

(LSB 367, st. 4)

**Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

(*) PRAYERS

Congregation's response: "Hear our prayer."

(*) LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

SCENE *(2nd Grade)*

Student 1: Acts 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Student 2: Luke 3:4-6, As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Student 3: Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

Student 4: and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Student 5: Isaiah 25:9 It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

Student 6: This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Student 7: Psalm 38:21-22 "O Lord, do not forsake me, be not far from me, O my God. O come quickly to help me O Lord my salvation."

Student 8: Revelation 7:9-10 "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,

Student 9: "standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice,

Student 10: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Student 11: Psalm 95:1 "Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!"

(*) BENEDICTION

(*) CLOSING HYMN "Joy To The World" LSB 387

Redeemer Lutheran Church

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY!

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Live Stream Worship Sundays at 8 am on:

Facebook page: Redeemer Lutheran Church - Rochester, MN

YouTube: RLC - Family of Believers

Saturday Worship: 5:30 pm

Sunday Worship: 8:00 & 10:45 am

DIGGING DEEPER

✝ Join a Small Group or use materials located on the website under the Life Group heading. Please contact the church office (507-289-5147) if you have any questions.

✝ Adult Education Classes—Sundays at 9:20 am

Weekly Announcements and Highlights

Special Prayer Opportunities:

Health Concerns:

✝ Donna Bussell, Jerry Haack, Barb Wondrasch, Dick Miller, Stan Czaplewski, Jane Christenson, Jan Walters, Joan Bauer, Elaine Gittus, Ron Miller, Janae Clausen, Ted and Donna Rahlf, Erin Harvey, Mary Roehrick, Sue Nagel, Angie Gronvold, Darlene Rolf

Receiving Hospice Care

✝ Eldora Krueger
✝ Loretta Rahman
✝ John Sprenger

PRAYER CHAINS – If you have a prayer request, call Gail Sim (289-2087), the church office (289-5147), or send an email to Lori Hameister at : rlcprays4u@gmail.com

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS FOR JANUARY 2!

- **“Wisdom”** Scriptures tell us of only one incident in the life of Jesus between the ages of two and thirty. As a twelve-year-old Jesus accompanied his parents to the temple in Jerusalem, so that he might grow in wisdom. As we begin a new year, where will you be seeking wisdom? Pastor Jim will lead this study in the Sanctuary. *(This study will also be livestreamed).*
- **“Ephesians!”** We will delve into the book of Ephesians and what God was up to as He spoke through Paul. This 6-week class will almost be chapter by chapter each week. Josh Heirigs will lead this study in the South Fellowship Hall. *Out of love, care, and concern for the Heirig’s and their unborn child, we ask that you wear a mask for this class.*

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

No Sunday School classes on Sunday, December 26. We will resume classes on Sunday, January 2.

NO SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

No Adult Bible Study hour this Sunday, December 26, at 9:20 am. Please plan to join us again on Sunday, January 2, at 9:20 am.

ROSE ON THE ALTAR is in honor of Tom Burton’s 87th birthday on December 29.

OFFICE CLOSED

Please note the church office will be closed all day on **Monday, December 27** and all day on **Friday, December 31**. Should you have an emergency, please call the church office and leave a message. Messages will be monitored on both days.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Our Family of Believers at Redeemer is excited to welcome new family members. The next opportunity to join our Family is in January 2022.

Step 1 - Please reach out to Pastor Koglin and/or Sarah Finley if interested. *(contact info below)*

Step 2 - Introduction Session: This takes place on Saturday, January 15, from 1-3 pm, in the North Fellowship Hall.

Step 3 - Welcome to the Family Weekend will be January 23! New Members will be introduced during the Bible Study Hour at 9:20 and then installed as New Members at our 10:45 service.

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This Week At Redeemer

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP—9 am
LIVESTREAM—9 am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

WORSHIP—Livestream—8 am
WORSHIP—8 am
Blood Pressure Screening—PN Office—8:50-9:20 am
Blood Pressure Screening—PN Office—10:15-10:40 am
WORSHIP—Sanctuary-10:45 am

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

Office Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Women's Bible Study—Rm 102—9 am
Faithfully Fit Exercise—SFH- 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

Faithfully Fit Exercise—SFH—9:30 am

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

Office Closed

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022 NEW YEAR'S DAY

HOLY COMMUNION—5:30 pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

WORSHIP—Livestream—8 am
HOLY COMMUNION—8 am
Blood Pressure Screening—PN Office—8:50-9:20 am
Adult Bible Study—9:20 am
Sunday School—9:20 am
Blood Pressure Screening—PN Office—10:15-10:40 am
HOLY COMMUNION—Sanctuary-10:45 am

Blessed to Serve

Preaching..... Pastor Ben Loos
Organist Carol Sonnabend
Children's Message Josh Heirigs, DCE
Acolytes
8:00 am
10:45 am Kaitlyn Hartson
Elder:
8:00 am Randy Hellickson
10:45 am Jeff Ihrke
Greeters:
8:00 am **Volunteer Needed**
10:45 am Lois Norby
Lay Readers:
8:00 am Julie Gehrking
10:45 am June Storma
Technology:
8:00 am Heidi Diercks
10:45 am Delores McGillivray
Ushers:
8:00 am ... Mike Sonnabend/Andrew Sonnabend
Karlynn Gustafson
10:45 am Mark Fister/ Carole Sorenson/
Nathan Meyer



WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE FOR RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

The Friendship Team and Sunday School are partnering to collect kids WINTER coats, boots, snow-pants, hats, mittens and gloves for the Resource Room at Riverside Elementary. **Kids' sizes 6-16, New or gently used, (please look for waterproof mittens!)** Look for the collection box in the Narthex.

