



# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Vengeance and Joy*

Thursday & Sunday, December 8 & 11, 2022

## **As We Gather**

The prophet Isaiah encourages his people by assuring them that God will bring about justice to His enemies. “Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you” (Isaiah 35:4). The heart of Isaiah’s promise is that through His justice, God will save us. God alone knows what is appropriate for each situation and what each person truly deserves. And ultimately, Christ’s coming will make all things right again.

## ✘ PREPARATION ✘

**10:45 AM Pre-Service Song** “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Hymn** “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”  
*LSB 515; to the Tune LSB 527*

**10:45 AM Opening Song** “Rise Up Shepherd (Rise Up Shepherd  
And Follow)”

### **Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

### **Opening Sentences**

P: This is the day that the LORD has made;

**C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**C: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence  
with singing!**

P: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we  
are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

**C: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!**

P: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

**C: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,  
and His faithfulness to all generations.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

P: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

**C: Merciful Father, our Lord and King, we have sinned against  
You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those  
things we ought to have done; we have done those things  
we ought not to have done. We have not always made Your  
kingdom of first importance in our lives. We sincerely  
repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and  
forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the  
Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that  
each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to  
the glory of Your holy name.**

P: God is gracious and forgiving. He shows His kingly power in  
ways that are merciful. To each of us, our Lord says, “Fear  
not!” and promises pardon, life, and salvation. As a called and  
ordained servant of Christ, I announce to you the forgiveness  
of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and  
of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be. **C: Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

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

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

*Women: I will hope continually and will praise You yet more and more.*

*Men: My mouth will tell of Your righteous acts, of Your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.*

*Women: With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come; I will remind them of Your righteousness, Yours alone.*

*Men: O God, from my youth You have taught me, and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds.*

**C: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim Your might to another generation, Your power to all those to come. 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. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.**

**Salutation**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, Your kingdom is everlasting and Your promises are sure. Grant us grace to live with unflinching confidence, knowing that You will bring about that time when all of Your enemies are defeated and all of creation truly is at peace. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and our King. **C: Amen.**

*During the singing of the hymn, three candles on the Advent wreath are lit.*

**Hymn** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” LSB 357; sts. 1–2, 5: LSB 357

**10:45 AM Song of Praise** “Jesus Name Above All Names”

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 35:1–10*

*(after the reading)...*

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** *Psalm 146*

**C: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

*Women: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

*Men: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.*

*Women: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.*

*Men: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.*

*Women: The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.*

*Men: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!*

**C: 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** *James 5:7–11*  
*(after the reading)...*

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music** “Still, Still, Still” Austrian Carol. Arr. by Sandra Eithun. Performed by Handbells.

L: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

**Holy Gospel** *Matthew 11:2–15*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.** *(after the reading)...*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Children’s Message & Celebrate Song** 🎵

**6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of the Day** “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” *LSB 345; to the Tune LSB 427*

**10:45 AM Sermon Song** “Still Still Still”

**Sermon**

**CREED** *The Third Article*

P: The Third Sunday in Advent is a joy-filled Sunday in which we can thank God for His gracious plan for our salvation and for the Holy Spirit, who guides our lives of faith and joins us together in the community of the Church. We speak the words of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed with joyful confidence:

**C: 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.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

P: *(after each petition)*... Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

### **Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards**

**Offertory** "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" *LSB* 806

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Benediction**

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.**

**6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Closing Hymn** "Hark the Glad Sound" *LSB* 349

**10:45 AM Closing Song** "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

## *Today we welcome Redeemer's newest member:*

✠ By Private Baptism, **Waylen Michael Dean Trapp**. Parents are Jordan Trapp & Graicee Fiscus. Sponsors are Kelsey Rielly and Kyle Rielly.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome!** A cordial welcome to everyone worshipping with us today. We are happy to have you share the joy of this Lord's Day with us. A special welcome to those worshipping with us for the first time. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know more about our congregation, please speak to a pastor after service or call the church at 712.276.1125.

**Our worship services** will continue to be available, traditional &/or contemporary, on our website: [www.redeemersiouxcity.com](http://www.redeemersiouxcity.com) or you can like us on Facebook or find us on YouTube.

**Children's Bulletins and Quiet Bags** are in the back of the church. Please place the Quiet Bags in the plastic container (next to the bags) when finished. Thank You!

**Large-Print Bulletins** and hearing devices are available from Ushers.

**Prayer requests** may be shared with the Prayer Leader in the Choir Loft after service. We also welcome prayer requests through our church e-mail: [redemerchurchsc@gmail.com](mailto:redemerchurchsc@gmail.com). You don't have to be a member to request prayers.

**Please stop by Care Corner** to sign an *anniversary card* for Mike & Linda Albright celebrating 40 years together.

**Altar Flowers** are given by Ruby Kahler in memory of Art.

**This year the Silent Basket Youth Auction Fundraiser** will run Thursday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, through Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Special door offering for the JJ Wolf Family** is taken this week. We are in our 8<sup>th</sup> year of support for this family. John, retired military, is in charge of LC-MS mercy projects in Africa. Thanks for your ongoing support!

**Christmas Bake Sale:** Order your pies, cakes, and cookies now for Christmas! Proceeds from the bake sale will go to support the JJ Wolf Missionary Family in Africa. **Please order by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.** The baked goods can be picked up Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, the 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Pastor Zirpel at 712-253-8751 if you need an alternate date for pick-up. **Extra forms are at the back of the church!**

**Rehearsals** for this year's Children's Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 2pm and Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

from 10am to Noon. The Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

**Family Christmas Party** for all ages will take place on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 5pm** Please join us for our Family Christmas party where we will have a Christmas craft, play Bingo for prizes, a Movie, Scavenger hunt, and take a picture with Santa! Please bring a new toy to donate for the Omaha Children's Hospital.

**ATTENTION Middle Schoolers:** Middle School Christmas Party Dec. 11th from 5:30-7 in the lower level center room. Decorate gingerbread houses (prize for most unique), dinner provided (QDoba/ChikFila), and bring a 5-10\$ gift for a "white elephant" exchange.

**ATTENTION High Schoolers:** High School Christmas Party Dec. 11th from 5:30-7 in the Parish Hall. Decorate gingerbread houses (prize for most unique), dinner provided (QDoba/ChikFila), and bring a 5-10\$ gift for a "white elephant". If time allows a game. Wear your favorite flannel or Christmas attire!

**Our Pastors will be at Faith Lutheran Church** for the monthly circuit meeting Tuesday morning. Their phones are on if you need to reach them.

**Join us, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM**, for the *Be Born in Us Today* special service for the Third Week of Advent, a season when we are reminded of the birth of Christ. In this service, we remember that we have a clear path to the promised land of heaven through him who is the Way. Jesus is the Way. And he is born in us today.

**CANTATA next Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.** Once again we offer our world class cantata this coming Wednesday at 7:00 pm with cookies and fellowship following the cantata. This is a great event to invite friends and family to join you.

**Esther/Lydia Circle Christmas Party**, Thursday, Dec. 15, 11:30 AM. Luncheon at *East Side Perkins*. Please RSVP to Karen Grieme or Jackie Krueger if you plan to attend.

**Ruth/Naomi Circle Christmas Party** on Monday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, in the Parish Hall. Bring a \$5.00 gift exchange and 'meat' food for the Food Pantry at Redeemer.

**A Christmas Brunch** will be served on Christmas morning from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. We will be serving an egg bake/hashbrown dish, rolls, fruit and beverage. We are in need of volunteers to serve at the brunch. Please contact the office or Pastor Zirpel if you are able to volunteer to help with the Christmas brunch.

**A fundraiser for Tom Klunker** will be held on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the new community center in Lawton. A spaghetti dinner is being planned as well as a bake sale and silent auction. We will be needing volunteers to secure items for the silent auction, workers to prepare and serve the dinner, and people to supply baked goods for the bake sale. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

**A special door offering will be taken for Bibi's Hope Orphanage**, located in Bamako, Mali, West Africa. The monetary goal this year is for playground equipment, etc. A few members of Bibi's Hope committee, here at Redeemer, will be traveling to the orphanage in February of 2023. Thanks for your ongoing support!

**Free-will offering for coffee and donuts** on Sunday mornings will go towards the putting-up and taking-down of the outdoor Christmas lights. Thanks to Thrivent Financial for a Thrivent Action grant to purchase the donuts and to those volunteers serving on Sunday morning.

**Christmas Eve offerings** will go to support missionaries Pastor Adam and Christine Lehman serving in Puerto Rico, and missionaries John and Jenn Wolf serving in Kenya, Africa.

**Church Mailboxes:** The results from our survey done earlier this year showed that there are people who value a mailbox. The Leadership Council has decided to continue to provide mailboxes for those who'd like one. We would like to start the New Year out with a clear idea of how many mailboxes to provide, so a sign-up sheet has been placed in the back of the church for those wishing to keep their mailbox.

**Your 2023 Offering Envelopes are here.** Please check your mailbox in the Parish Hall. If you don't know your mailbox numbers there is a list at the end of each set of mailboxes. Please check your mailbox every time you come to church. Please stop into the church office or call (712) 276-1125 if you need help finding your mailbox or envelopes, or if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

**Have an interest in assisting our young members of our congregation?** ROCK Wednesday has a place for you. We are in need of more adult volunteers to help. If you would like to help, please contact Christy at 712-899-2064 or come check us out on a Wednesday night downstairs at the church 5:45 – 6:45 PM.

**We are in need of a Sunday School Teacher** for grades 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:30-10:30 AM. If you are interested, please contact Tara Van Meter 712-389-4182 or email [tvmrhd@gmail.com](mailto:tvmrhd@gmail.com).

**Mom's Day Out:** We are still looking to start this program up again after Covid. It is on Monday & Wednesday from 8:45-11:30 AM for children 2 ½



years of age up. Please talk to Tara Vander Weil if you'd like more info.

**Scan the QR code** with your phone to access REDEEMER KIDS on Facebook! This is for Redeemer families of children PreK-5th grade or for those who would like to keep informed on what we are up to in kid's ministry! This is a great resource where we will post events, updates, pictures, and more!



**Scan the QR code** with your phone to access the REDEEMER YOUTH Facebook page! This is for Redeemer Middle/High School youth & families and/or anyone who would like to keep informed on what we are up to in youth ministry! This is a great resource where we will post events, updates, pictures, and more!



**Saving Hy-Vee Receipts (August 2022- April 2023):** Time to start saving your Hy-Vee receipts for KinderCottage Preschool!! All receipts from Sioux City or South Sioux City stores are eligible for the School Bucks program. The preschool receives \$1 for every \$100 of receipts we turn in. This is an easy way for anyone to support the preschool. Please place any receipts in the basket located in the main office marked for Hy-Vee receipts.

**We have those New York strip steaks everyone has been asking about:** 2 for \$15 (same price as year's past). Available after church services or during the week – in our kitchen freezer. Talk to either pastor, or during the week ask at the office. ~~Pastor Zirpel

**We have “Fields of Honey”** from Loren & Lenore Field, who live just north on Hamilton Blvd. And of course, we still have many flavors of jams and jellies – 5 for \$25 or \$6 a jar! Also, we have quarts of dill & hamburger sweet dills - \$8, and pints of sweet pickles (refrigerate) at \$6 each. All for mission projects! December sales will go to the JJ Wolf missionary family who reside in Africa! Thanks for your support!

***Aronia Jam***

***Aronia Jelly***

***Aronia Berry Jelly***

***Aronia Jalapeno Jam***

***Mixed Berry Jam***

***Elderberry Jelly***

✧ ***Elderberry Pancake Syrup***

***Wild Grape Jelly***

***Choke Cherry Jelly***

***Current Jelly***

***Red Current Jelly***

***Red Raspberry Jam***

***Wild Raspberry Jam***

***Wild Plum Jelly***

***Plum Jam***

***Pear Jam***

***Gooseberry Jam***

***Mixed Fruit Jelly***

***Rhubarb Ginger Lime Jam***

***Strawberry Jam***

***Strawberry Jalapeno Jam***

***Blackberry Jam***

✧ ***Sweet Pickles***

✧ ***Dill Pickles***

✧ ***Hamburger Sweet Dill Pickles***

✧ ***Honey***

**Recently, we collected Mites** for special LWML projects in the US and around the world. If you didn't have the opportunity to give, there are "LWML" mite boxes at the north and south entrances. Please give generously.

**Used Eyeglasses:** Make a positive difference. Donate your usable eyeglasses and help someone see better. Donation goes to the Lions Club. Donation box is in the office. Thanks for your help!

**Additional Listening on Sundays:**

1. Good Shepherd Hour- 8:00 AM KSCJ
2. Lutheran Hour- 8:30 AM KSCJ
3. Main Street Living- 10:00 AM KCAU, Channel 9.

**December 11 airing** - This is the Life – "Red Boots Christmas" – A shoemaker learns the true meaning of Christmas. Worship Service – Rev. Benjamin Perkins of Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church in Sergeant Bluff, IA, delivers the message "A Sight to See" based on Matthew 11:2-15. If you would like to watch **Main Street Living** at a different time other than Sunday morning, 10:30, you can log on to the website ([www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)). Just hit "Sioux City."

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**Always clearly mark your "special" offerings**, so that the office can make sure that you are credited properly. Missionary support is always sent to Mission Central (Gary Thies, Mapleton, IA) through Redeemer Lutheran Church. Your quarterly statements will reflect your "special" offerings if clearly marked.

**Redeemer's Missionaries** of the year for 2022 are the Adam Lehman Family and the JJ Wolf Family. Contributions may be made to their accounts to Redeemer Lutheran and earmarked as such at any time. Contributions are then sent through Mission Central (Gary Thies, Mapleton) by Redeemer. Thanks for your consideration!

**Building Healthy Families:** Someone once said, "Marriage is not just spiritual communion, it is also remembering to take out the trash." What have you done lately to show your spouse how much you appreciate them? During these busy days of preparation for your coming Christmas celebrations, a handwritten note, an unexpected and gentle physical touch, affirming words, preparing a favorite meal or joyfully helping with household responsibilities (...*take out the trash!*) can be simple but

powerful ways to let your spouse know just how much they mean to you.  
**Lutheran Family Service - [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org).**

**SERVING THIS WEEK- (December 8 & 11, 2022): USHERS:**

**Sunday 8:15 AM Team 1** (Mark Benson, Kelly Bucy, Larry Nelson, Jerry Van Peurse). **10:45 AM Team 5-** (Mark Boyd, Loren Field, Rick Lieber, Kevin Schlombaum); **GREETERS: Sunday 8:15 AM-** Dave & Lori Albrecht; **10:45 AM-** Gale & Carol Bobolz. **ACOLYTES: Sunday 8:15 AM-** Erik Koehler & Keely Derochie; **10:45 AM-** Zac Marlow & Leland David. **TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30 PM-** TBD; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** Hannah Koehler; **10:45 AM-** Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM: 4** (Fink & TBD). **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** John & Anita Stansell

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE (December 14, 2022): USHERS: 7:00 PM-**  
**Team 4** (Gary Kitzmann, Dave Albrecht, Dick Braun, Dale Henningsen, Doug Stucky, James Bailey). **GREETERS: 7:00 PM-** Scott & Beth Bowman; **ACOLYTES:** Jesse Jessen & Abby Peters. **Technologist:** 11:30 AM- Gary Judd; **6:30 PM-TBD**

**SERVING NEXT WEEK- (December 15 & 18, 2022): USHERS: same as last week.** **GREETERS: Sunday 8:15 AM-** Aaron & Tawnya Becker; **10:45 AM-** Scott & Beth Bowman. **ACOLYTES: Sunday 8:15 AM-** Zac Marlow & Keely Derochie; **10:45 AM-** Emma DuBois & Addison Hildman. **TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30 PM-** TBD; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** Hannah Koehler; **10:45 AM-** TBD. **COUNTING TEAM: 1** (Lessmann & TBD). **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** Bruce & Roberta Timmons

**Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending Dec. 4, 2022**

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 33+65+106=204 (16%)  
Adult Bible Study: 27; ROCK Sun: 42; ROCK Wed: 17  
Sudanese: 8; Nov. 30 Worship Attendance: 30 A.M.; 56 P.M.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
Dec. 4, 2022	\$19,830	\$14,306	139%
Year-to-date	\$683,294	\$700,997	97%

**Building Fund Income:**

	<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
Year-to-date	\$150	\$12,758

**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

**Sunday, December 11, 2022**

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services  
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study  
9:30 AM ROCK Sunday  
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation

1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship  
1:00-2 PM Christmas Program Practice  
3:00- 5 PM Family Christmas Party  
6:00 PM Middle School & High School Christmas Party  
*\*Youth Silent Auction Ends Noon*

**Monday, December 12, 2022**

11:00 AM Altar Guild  
5:30 PM Adult Fitness

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022**

5:00 PM Aktion  
6:30 PM Cantata Dress Rehearsal

**Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

11:30 AM Advent Service  
1:30 PM Staff Bible Study/Mtg  
5-5:40 PM Midweek Meal- *Chili and Cinnamon Rolls*  
5:00- 7 PM Midweek / ROCK Wednesday Servant Event  
6:00 PM Handbell & Choir Dress Rehearsal  
7:00 PM Cantata Service

**Thursday, December 15, 2022**

9:15 AM Siouxland MOMS Group  
10:00 AM Thrivent Choice  
11:30 AM Esther/Lydia Christmas Celebration- *East Side Perkins*  
5:30 PM Adult Fitness  
6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion

**Friday, December 16, 2022**

9:00 – Noon Food Shelf

**Saturday, December 17, 2022**

10:00 AM- Noon Christmas Program Practice- Final Rehearsal

**Sunday, December 18, 2022**

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship w/Holy Communion  
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study  
9:30 AM ROCK Sunday  
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation  
1:00-3 PM Sudanese Worship  
1:00 PM Preschool Christmas Program  
4:00 PM Children's Christmas Program