



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*The Kingdom of Peace Is Here and Now*

Thursday & Sunday, December 1 & 4, 2022

## As We Gather

In the opening verses of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, John greets the readers of his epistle in this singular way: "Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come" (Revelation 1:4). John is confident that God's grace is readily available for the readers of his letter who are scattered in many Christian gatherings across the area of Asia. And he is certain that the peace of God can reach to all of his readers in their very different and individual situations. The Advent season brings us the assurance that God's plan is still unfolding and that we continue to abide in His peace. In this season of busyness, we can be peaceful and peaceable people by God's grace!

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**10:45 AM Pre-Service Song** "He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)"

**6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Hymn** "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" *LSB 336*

**10:45 AM Opening Song** "Joy To The World (Casting Crowns)"

### Invocation

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

### Opening Sentences

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

**C: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P: Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see.

**C: But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand, the son of man whom You have made strong for Yourself!**

P: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

**C: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

### Confession and Absolution

P: O God, our Father, You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. We acknowledge our sinful nature and confess our sinful thoughts, words, and deed. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.**

P: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your

sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace. **C: Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

**Prayer of the Day**

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

*During the singing of the hymn, two candles on the Advent wreath are lighted.*

**6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of Praise** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
LSB 357; stz. 1, 3, 6

**10:45 AM Song of Praise** "Jesus Light Of The World"

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 11:1–10*

*(after the reading)...*

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

**Epistle** *Romans 15:4–13*

*(after the reading)...*

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Amen.**

**Gradual and Verse**

**C: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

*Women: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.*

*Men: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless You.*

**C: Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.**

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

**Holy Gospel** *Matthew 3:1–12*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third 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** "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LSB 344

## 10:45 AM Sermon Song “What Child Is This”

### Sermon

#### Creed *The Second Article*

P: In the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed, echoing the proclamation of John the Baptist, we confess Jesus to be the Savior, the One who fulfills God’s promises.

**C: I believe 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.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

#### Prayer of the Church

P: (*after each petition*)... With hope we pray: **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

#### Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards

**6:30 PM & 815 AM Offertory** “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” *LSB 782*

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

#### Preface 2 *Timothy 4:22*

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

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We bless You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to give Himself as a perfect sacrifice for us so that our lives may know true peace and

endless joy. Invited by Your grace, we come to Your Table with thankful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we may continue as the people of Your kingdom of peace, awaiting the eternal feast in glory everlasting. **C: Amen.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

### **Lord's Prayer**

#### **Pax Domini**

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

### **Distribution**

**6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Distribution Hymns** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" *LSB 338* and "Arise, O Christian People" *LSB 354*

**10:45 AM Communion Hymns** "Your Name (Christmas Version) and "Shoulders"

### **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have again welcomed us at Your Table and have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. Grant that the body and blood of our Lord now within us keep us joy-filled and secure in Your love. Bless us through this divine gift that we may live with assurance and confidence, even in times of earthly sadness and sorrow. Grant that Your Holy Spirit enlighten us with His gifts that we be people who rejoice in Your promises and live to Your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

### **Benedicamus and Benediction**

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be and remain with you always. **C: Amen.**

**6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Closing Hymn** "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" *LSB 358*; vrs. 1, 3, 5, 15

**10:45 AM Closing Song** "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at Redeemer in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that we may show forth His death until He comes. We ask visitors who are in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, to first speak with a pastor.

**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 *sympathy card* for Shirley Barth on the loss of her husband Jerry.

**Altar Flowers** are given by Ron Holtzen in memory of wife Jane.

*We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, well wishes, and cards during Tom's illness and time away from friends and loved ones. We are so thankful to be a part of the Redeemer family. - Tom and Cindy Klunker*

*Thank you to my Redeemer friends for their prayers, cards, and well wishes during my stay in the hospital and care center after my fall. Thank God for a caring congregation! ~~ Ruth Simon*

**Our Annual Voters meeting** will be December 4 at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Our current candidates are *Jim Arends, Michelle Callahan, Steve Dirks, Steve Ebsen, Mike Koehler, Pam Limoges, and Bob Wilcke*. 2023 Budgets are available at the back of church. Please plan to attend and enjoy the pie and ice cream.

**This year the Silent Basket Youth Auction Fundraiser** will run Thursday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, through Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Baskets/items for the auction can be dropped off during the month of November. See Tara VanMeter with any questions.

**Rehearsals** for this year's Children's Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and 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.

**Lamplighters** are meeting at *Faith* on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM.

**Join us, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM & 7 PM,** for the *Be Born in Us Today* special service for the Second Midweek of Advent, a season when we are reminded of the birth of Christ. In this service, we remember that the prophet Isaiah declared that a Holy One from God would be born into this world to bring renewal to all the faint and weary. That Holy One was Jesus. And he is born in us today.

**Redeemer's Family Advent Service takes place at the 7:00 Service on December 7.** There will be special music from our Rock Wednesday, Rock Sunday, and Confirmation students. The 11:30 Advent service will be traditional. A chicken strip meal will be served at Noon & 5-7 with free-will donations going to the JJ Wolf missionary family in Africa. Our Confirmation students will supply the meal ingredients and a Thrivent Aktion Team card will be used to buy the chicken strips.

**Leadership Council:** We have a regularly scheduled meeting this coming Thursday (Dec. 8) at 7:30 pm. This is a good meeting for both the outgoing and incoming members to attend.

**Red M&Ms:** We have our morning Bible study this coming Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at 7:30 and Bible study at 8 a.m.

**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.

**Middle School and High School Christmas Party, December 11th, 6pm.** The Middle Schoolers will meet on the lower level of the church. Bring a gift for the "white elephant" exchange.

**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!**

**Redeemer's ConnecTeam** would like to help celebrate the birthdays of our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders, as well as our confirmed High School youth members. Each youth will receive a 12" decorated cookie. This project is funded with the help of a Thrivent Action Team Card. For the month of December, we want to wish a very Happy Birthday to **Tanner Siepker**

**(12-7), Adrian Lieber (12-19), Alyssa Urban (12-19), Landen Runge-Dill (12-21), Vance Magnuson (12-22), and Addison Hildman (12-31).**

**High School Highlight:** David is the son of Pastor Russ and Angela Senstad. He has two older siblings, Jacob & Elizabeth, and a dog named Sandy. David is a junior at East High where he is involved in golf, choir, show choir, speech, and chamber choir. David's favorite holiday is Christmas and summer is his favorite season. His favorite class at school is anything math-related like college physics and stats. His favorite food is cheesy potatoes, and his favorite restaurant is Taco Bell. David performed at the Iowa All-State Music Festival. A potential college area of study would be either engineering, math, or computer science. Bible Verse: *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding" Proverbs 3:5*

**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 [tvmrdh@gmail.com](mailto:tvmrdh@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***

✧ ***Hone***

**New Horizon's Band 2022 Christmas Concerts will be given:**

Sunday, December 4 - Lewis & Clark Encounter Center - 2:00 PM

Tuesday, December 6 - Whispering Creek Retirement - 3:30 PM

Wednesday, December 7 - Morningside Lutheran Church - 12:30 PM

Thank you - Dr. Lou Rossman, Director

**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.

If you have “new” flats (lids) and/or new/used canning rings (narrow or wide), you no longer need, we would gladly accept your donation. Just put in a sack or box and place outside Pastor Zirpels door. Canning jars, especially 8 oz (narrow) and 16 oz (narrow) jars, also accepted. ~~Thank You!

**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 4<sup>th</sup> airing-** This is the Life – “Stable Boy” – A manger scene comes to life and tells the story of the first Christmas. Worship Service – Rev. James Travis of Calvary Lutheran Church in Sioux City, IA, delivers the message “Stump Theology” based on Isaiah 11:1-11. 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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**SERVING THIS WEEK- (December 1 & 4, 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-** *Bruce & Roberta Timmons*; **10:45 AM-** *Shirley Stokes*. **ACOLYTES: Sunday 8:15 AM-** *Jonathan Wittman*; **10:45 AM-** *Zac Marlow & Xavier Young*.

**TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30 PM-** *TBD*; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** *Hannah Koeler*;

**10:45 AM-** *TBD*. **COUNTING TEAM: 3** (*Bobolz's & Schmith's*). **COFFEE**

**& ROLL SERVERS: Youth**

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE (December 7, 2022): USHERS: 7:00**

**PM- Team 3** (*Gary Flammang, Mitchel Bauman, Gary Bumsted, Alex Erickson, Paul Fleckenstein, Bob Naylor*). **GREETERS: 7:00 PM-** *Gale & Carol Bobolz*; **ACOLYTES:** *Jesse Jessen & Abby Peters*. **Technologist:** *11:30 AM- Gary Judd; 6:30 PM-TBD*

**SERVING NEXT WEEK- (December 8 & 11, 2022): USHERS: same as**

**last week.** **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-** *TBD*. **COUNTING TEAM: 4** (*Fink & TBD*). **COFFEE &**

**ROLL SERVERS: John & Anita Stansell**

**Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending November 27, 2022**

Worship Attendance: Sunday, 131+124=255 (20%)

Adult Bible Study: 28; ROCK Sun: N/A; ROCK Wed: 17  
Sudanese: 6

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
Nov. 27, 2022	\$16,397	\$14,306	115%
Year-to-date	\$663,448	\$686,691	97%

**Building Fund Income:**

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Total
\$12,578	\$30	\$12,608

**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

**Sunday, December 4, 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  
1:00-2 PM Christmas Program  
Practice  
2:00 PM Voter's Meeting  
*\*Youth Silent Auction*

**Monday, December 5, 2022**

11:30 AM Members Luncheon  
at Red Lobster  
5:30 PM Adult Fitness  
*\*Youth Silent Auction*

**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

*\*Youth Silent Auction*

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**

9:30 AM Lamplighters Mtg at *Faith Lutheran*  
11:30 AM Advent Service  
12:00 PM *Chicken Strip* Meal  
1:30 PM Staff Bible Study/Mtg  
5-5:40 PM Advent Meal- *Chicken Strips*  
5:00- 7 PM Midweek  
5:00- 7 PM ROCK Wednesday  
6:00 PM Handbell Practice

7:00 PM Family Advent Service  
*\*Youth Silent Auction*

**Thursday, December 8, 2022**

5:30 PM Adult Fitness  
6:30 PM Worship Service  
7:30 PM Leadership Council Mtg  
*\*Youth Silent Auction*

**Friday, December 9, 2022**

9:00 – Noon Food Shelf  
*\*Youth Silent Auction*

**Saturday, December 10, 2022**

7:30 AM Red M&M's Bible Study & Breakfast  
*\*Youth Silent Auction*

**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- 5 PM Family Christmas Party  
6:00 PM Middle School & High  
School Christmas Party  
*\*Youth Silent Auction Ends Noon*

## *December Worship Schedule*

Sunday Worship Services: Dec. 4 - 8:15 & 10:45 AM

Wednesday Advent Worship Services: Dec. 7 - 11:30 AM

Family Advent Service: December 7 - 7 PM

Wednesday Advent Worship Services: Dec. 14 - 11:30 AM

Christmas Cantata: December 14 - 7 PM

Thursday Worship Services: December 15- 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship Services: Dec. 18 - 8:15 & 10:45 AM

Preschool Christmas Program: December 18 - 1 PM

Children's Christmas Program: December 18- 4 PM

Wednesday Advent Worship Services: Dec. 21 - 11:30 AM & 7 PM

Christmas Eve Traditional Services: December 24

Candlelight Worship Services - 11:30 AM, 4 & 11 PM

Christmas Eve Contemporary Service: December 24 - 7 PM

Christmas Day Worship Service: December 25 - 8:15 & 10:45 AM

New Year's Eve Worship Service: December 31 - 11:30 & 6 PM

