



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**Jackson, Minnesota**  
***“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”***  
**The Second Sunday in Advent**  
**December 4, 2022**

**Welcome** to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.

**Communion Policy:** In the Lord’s Supper, the Risen Christ gives us His true Body & Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we participate in the Lord’s Supper we declare doctrinal unity. Therefore we ask guests who are not members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to speak with Pastor before communing with us.



**Prelude and Ringing of the Bell**

**Hymn**                    “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”                    **345**

**Confession and Absolution**                    **184-185**

**Introit**                    **Ps. 81:8, 10-11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b**

- [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,**  
**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.**

**Kyrie**

**186**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** (*sung*) And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** (*sung*) Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1–10 ESV

- <sup>1</sup> “There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- <sup>2</sup> And 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.
- <sup>3</sup> And 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,
- <sup>4</sup> but 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.
- <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- <sup>6</sup> The 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.
- <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder’s den.
- <sup>9</sup> They 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.

<sup>10</sup> In 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.

**Gradual**

**Zechariah 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.**

**P** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

**C** Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

**P** Behold, your king is coming to you;

**C** righteous and having salvation.

**P** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**C** From the house of the LORD we bless you.

**Epistle**

**Romans 15:4–13 ESV**

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

<sup>8</sup> For 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, <sup>9</sup> and 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.”

<sup>10</sup> And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup> And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup> May 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.

**Alleluia**

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**Holy Gospel**

**St. Matthew 3:1–12** **ESV**

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

**C** (*sung*) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup> For 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.’ ”

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

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

<sup>9</sup> And 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. <sup>10</sup> Even 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.

<sup>11</sup> “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 fire. <sup>12</sup> His 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** (*sung*) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

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**Hymn**

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

**344**

**Sermon**

“The Root of Our Hope”

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

**Prayer of the Church**

*Sharon Kelley (Susan Place's mother), Caleb Thurmer, Karen Temple, Keaton Clipperton, Dave Lappe, Mark Oeltjenbruns, Gen Rehne, Evelyn Lucht, Robert Pohlman, Tyler King (Carol Henning's friend's nephew), Diann Johnson (Bernie Stubbe's sister), Deb Sundahl, Sharon Henning, Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travis Mekosch.*

*Petitions conclude:*

**P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,                      **C** **hear our prayer.**

*Final petition:*

**P** Heavenly Father, grant that we may be kept in joy and sustained in hope through every trouble and trial of this mortal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Service of the Sacrament**

**194-202**

**Distribution Hymns**

**341, 627**

**Closing Hymn**    “Savior of the Nations, Come”                      **332 vv. 7, 8**

**Postlude**



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