



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Jackson, Minnesota
“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”
The Second Sunday in Advent
December 10, 2023

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 “Arise, O Christian People” **354**

Confession and Absolution **184-185**

Introit **Ps. 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: 80:3**

[P] Restore us, O God;

[C] **let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

[P] Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

[C] **You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

[P] You brought a vine out of Egypt;

[C] **it took deep root and filled the land.**

[P] Restore us, O God of hosts;

[C] **let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

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] Restore us, O God;

[C] **let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Kyrie **186**

Hymn of Anticipation **357 vv. 1, 4, 5**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

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 40:1–11 ESV

- ¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
- ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.
- ³ A voice cries:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
- ⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."
- ⁶ A voice says, "Cry!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
- ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.
- ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.
- ⁹ Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God!”

- ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
- ¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

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 Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

C From the house of the LORD we bless you.

Epistle

2 Peter 3:8–14 ESV

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

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

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

St. Mark 1:1–8 ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,

³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’ ”

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C (*sung*) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed

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Hymn “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

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Sermon “All in God’s Time”

2 Peter 3:8–14

Offertory and Offering

192–193

Prayer of the Church

Ruth Polz, Kristi Ledin, Carol Kolander, Linda Shiets, Pam Kemp, Kathy Miller (Neil’s, Susan’s, and Patti’s sister-in-law), Ken Temple, Karen Temple, Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travus Mekosch.

Petitions conclude:

P . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Final petition:

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

Hymn “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” **347**

The Lord’s Prayer

Collect

Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction **201-202**

Hymn “Hark the Glad Sound” **349**

Postlude

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