



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Jackson, Minnesota
“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”
The First Sunday after Christmas
December 31, 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 “From East to West” **385**

Confession and Absolution **184-185**

Introit **Ps. 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10**

- [P]** The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
[C] and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
[P] Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
[C] His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
[P] The LORD has made known his salvation;
[C] he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
[P] He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
[C] All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
[P] Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
[C] break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
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] The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
[C] and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis **186-189**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. **C** *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through 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 61:10—62:3 ESV

- ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful
headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.
- ^{62:1} For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
- ² The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

Gradual

Isaiah 9:6; Ps. 98:1a

P To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

C **and the government shall be upon his shoulder.**

P And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

C **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P Sing to the Lord a new song,

C **for he has done marvelous things!**

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

St. Luke 2:22–40 ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.

³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a

widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed **191**

Hymn “Go Tell It on the Mountain” **388**

Sermon “Born to Redeem Us” **Galatians 4:4–7**

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 concludes:

P . . . for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament **194-202**

Distribution Hymns **621, 374, 389**

Closing Hymn “Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn” **391**

Postlude

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