



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Jackson, Minnesota
“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
December 28, 2025

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! The Herald Angels Sing” **380**

Confession and Absolution **184-185**

Introit **Ps. 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b**

[P] These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

[C] They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

[P] In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

[C] in your righteousness deliver me.

[P] For you are my rock and my fortress;

[C] and for your name’s sake you lead me and guide me.

[P] Into your hand I commit my spirit;

[C] you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

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.

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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. Almighty God, the martyred innocents of Bethlehem showed forth Your praise not by speaking but by dying. Put to death in us all that is in conflict with Your will that our lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips; 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

Jeremiah 31:15–17 ESV

¹⁵ Thus says the LORD:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.”

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD:

“Keep your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears,
for there is a reward for your work,
declares the LORD,
and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

¹⁷ There is hope for your future,

declares the LORD,
and your children shall come back to their own country.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 71:4a, 5a, 6a, b, 8

P Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked.

C **For you, O Lord, are my hope.**

P Upon you have I leaned from before my birth;

C **you are he who took me from my mother’s womb.**

P My mouth is filled with your praise,

C **and with your glory all the day,**

Epistle

Revelation 14:1–5 ESV

¹ Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, ³ and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. ⁴ It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, ⁵ and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

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

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 2:13–18 ESV

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

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

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.

¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

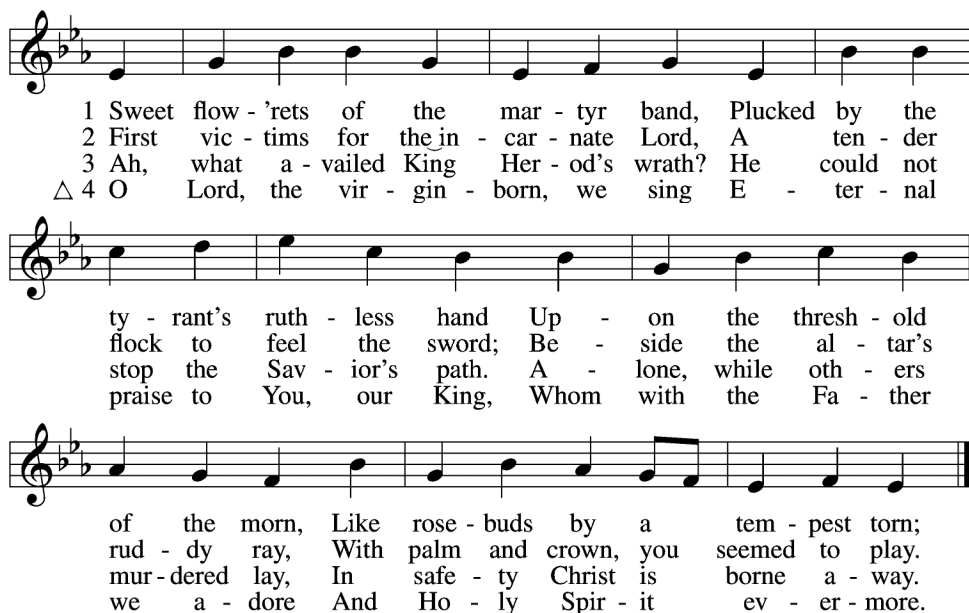
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Hymn

“Sweet Flowerets of the Martyr Band”

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1 Sweet flow - 'rets of the mar - tyr band, Plucked by the
 2 First vic - tims for the in - car - nate Lord, A ten - der
 3 Ah, what a - vailed King Her - od's wrath? He could not
 Δ 4 O Lord, the vir - gin - born, we sing E - ter - nal

ty - rant's ruth - less hand Up - on the thresh - old
 flock to feel the sword; Be - side the al - tar's
 stop the Sav - ior's path. A - lone, while oth - ers
 praise to You, our King, Whom with the Fa - ther

of the morn, Like rose - buds by a tem - pest torn;
 rud - dy ray, With palm and crown, you seemed to play.
 mur - dered lay, In safe - ty Christ is borne a - way.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, 348–c. 413; tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.

Tune: Daniel Vetter, d. 1721

Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon

“For Such Times”

St. Matthew 2:13–18

Offertory and Offering

192-193

Prayer of the Church

Shirley Hakes (Craig Hakes's mother), Sharon Busch (Shirley Eggimann's sister), Joann Neuenschwander, Helen Mekosch, Mary Allen, Monica Gee, Evelyn Lucht, Vern Hansen, Ann Olson, Richard Hample, Lynn Propp (Dee Kloos's brother), Warren Schaefer (Mary Muir's cousin), Neil Miller, Karen Temple, Bonnie Temple (Ken and Karen Temple's daughter-in-law), Matt Nielsen (Karilyn Richard's son), Ron Sinn, Ron Kloos, Travus Mekosch.

Petitions conclude:

P . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Final petition:

P O Lord, grant that we may remain steadfast and immovable in faith, and that we may endure to the day of Christ's coming. Reunite us with those who have gone before us and now rest from their labors, and grant that we may live in Your eternal presence and sing Your

praise without end; 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 **375, 382, 358**

Closing Hymn **391**

“Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn”

Postlude

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