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DECEMBER 15, 2019



REDEEMER

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## **REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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**WORSHIP...** All worship begins with God. He is our Creator and He desires us to be in relationship with Him. He reaches out to us, and, in worship, draws us closer to Him. Jesus whom we come to know through Word and Sacrament, is the way God reveals Himself to us. And more, it is in His name that we approach the throne of the Almighty. In worship the believer through Jesus Christ, reaches out to his heavenly Father. As the Holy Spirit works through Word and Sacrament, we become aware of our need for God, and seek fellowship with God in the company of fellow believers.

**LUTHERAN...** Originally a derogatory term for those who reminded the Church that it is **“by grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourself; it is a gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”** (*Ephesians 2:8-9*) Now, we embrace Lutheran to mean we are disciples of Jesus Christ who agree with Dr. Luther’s teaching from the Bible as summarized in his Small Catechism.

**...DECENTLY AND IN ORDER...** (*cf. 1 Corinthians 14:40*) Whether the service is closer to what some would call “traditional” or others “contemporary” - whether we are using hymns that may even pre-date the Reformation or music written in our lifetimes - there is an order to worship comprised of three parts: the Service of Preparation, the Service of the Word, and the Service of the Sacrament. Together, these three sections make up the whole worship order.

**HELP, HOPE, HOME, IN THE BODY OF CHRIST...** If you have no church home of your own, we encourage you to get to know us and we invite you to participate in the other activities here. And more, we cordially invite you to join God’s family here at Redeemer.

# Third Sunday in Advent

December 15, 2019



**INTROIT**      *Ps. 71:14–18; antiphon: Phil. 4:4*

Rejoice in the Lord | always;\*  
again I will say, | Rejoice.  
I will hope con- | tinually\*  
and will praise you yet | more and more.  
My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation | all the day,\*  
for their number is past my | knowledge.  
With the mighty deeds of the Lord God | I will come;\*  
I will remind them of your righteousness, | yours alone.  
O God, from my youth you have | taught me,\*  
and I still proclaim your | wondrous deeds.  
So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not for- | sake me,\*  
until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all | those to come.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
Rejoice in the Lord | always;\*  
again I will say, | Rejoice.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**GRADUAL**      *Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.\*  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.  
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.\*  
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

## DAILY READINGS

**December 15:** Is. 30:27–31:9; Rev. 3:1–22; **16:** Is. 32:1–20; Rev. 4:1–11; **17:** Is. 33:1–24; Rev. 5:1–14;  
**18:** Is. 34:1–2, 8–35:10; Rev. 6:1–17; **19:** Is. 40:1–17; Rev. 7:1–17; **20:** Is. 40:18–41:10; Rev. 8:1–13;  
**21:** Is. 42:1–25; Rev. 9:1–12.

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## READINGS OF THE DAY

### First Reading: Malachi 4:1-6

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

### Second Reading:

#### 2 Peter 1:16-19

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the

Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts...

### Holy Gospel: John 5:30-36

“I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me.

## Sunday Servant Team

**THIS WEEK - December 15, 2019**

<b>Altar Prep:</b>	<b>Sara Shaver</b>
<b>Communion:</b>	<b>Jim Siebel &amp; Kurt Dolph</b>
<b>Usher Team:</b>	<b>Phil Brooks &amp; Alex McLaughlin</b>
<b>Guest Connection:</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	<b>TEAM 4 (Blessing, Charnock, Giertz, Siebel)</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Ted Toler &amp; Sheri Moore</b>
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Leslie Koepsel</b>
<b>Clean Up:</b>	<b>Alex McLaughlin &amp; Mary Jo Hansen</b>
<b>A/V:</b>	<b>Phil Gaarenstroom &amp; Dan Mead</b>
<b>Prayer:</b>	<b>Dan Mead</b>

**NEXT WEEK - December 22, 2019**

<b>Altar Prep:</b>	<b>Diana St. Charles</b>
<b>Communion:</b>	<b>Mike Sisson &amp; Alex McLaughlin</b>
<b>Usher Team:</b>	<b>Judy Knox &amp; Dan Mead</b>
<b>Guest Connection:</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	<b>TEAM 5 (Boyd, Lilly, Mills)</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Alex McLaughlin &amp; Dan Mead</b>
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Clean Up:</b>	<b>J.K. Lilly &amp; Phil Brooks</b>
<b>A/V:</b>	<b>Mindy Simmons &amp; Ted Toler</b>
<b>Prayer:</b>	<b>J.K. Lilly</b>

Jane Charnock maintains the Sunday Servant Team schedule. If you have a change to communicate, you can reach out to Jane (304) 541-2554

### **Budget**

	<b>12/8/19</b>	<b>YTD</b>
General Fund Revenue	5,677.20	252,247.22
Budget	5,287.40	259,082.60
Difference (\$ / %)	389.80 / 7.4%	(6,835.38) / (2.6%)
General Fund Expenses		251,730.32*
Revenues less Expenses		516.90*
Worship Attendance	84	83

\* During the quarter, expenses fluctuate based on entry date. Quarter-end numbers are available through the Executive Leadership Team.

## Prayer List | December 15, 2019

**Sandy McKinney** (mother of Kelly Gray) will undergo a heart catheterization on Friday and must stop anticoagulants which poses a blood clot, afib, and stroke risk.

**Jim and Marlene Hanson** Jim is in rehab from a very serious bout of pneumonia; Marlene has been released from in-patient rehab and is continuing with in-home rehab.

**Young friend and her family** (friends of the Shavers) experiencing tough times and in need of clarity and peace.

**Terry** (friend of Marcia Schwalm) recovering from successful kidney surgery.

**Reid Strader** (friends of Rick and Sarah Shaver) recently moved into hospice care.

Others with health related issues or recovering from surgery, etc:

**Andrea Akers, Liz Albitz, Ed & Kim Booten, Pastor Joel and Amanda Brandt, Billie Brisendine, Cosette Dickenson, Becca Dolph, Ethan, Jim Farley, Gus Evans, Doris Gerke, Selena Heise, Roy "Hutch" Hutchison, Susan Hutchison, Ike Ingraham, Sue Kautz, Sherman Lineberg, Roy and Betty Lindmark, Marie Marcum, Marian and Deby, Jeanneane Maxon, Jada McCallister, Bob Mitchell, John and Lisa Nazzaro, Lori Nettles, Herb Pauley, Marian Pauley, Terry, Thresa Robinson, Donna Ruffatto, Stu and Marcia Schwalm, Richard Selmon, Carmella Shaver, Karl Shaver, Todd Turpin, Taegan Witcher**

All diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, and their caregivers; All diagnosed with any form of Cancer; All diagnosed with any incurable (even if treatable) disease.

**For our congregation** - that we would pursue God's will for us as His people gathered here to bring Him glory as we make disciples being help, hope, home in the body of Christ.

### Email Prayer Chain Ministry

***Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. -Galatians 6:2***

Currently 85 people are on the list. Many will pray for those in need.

**If you wish to participate in this ministry, please send an email or text to Nila Johnson, [nila.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:nila.johnson@gmail.com), or 304-553-6414**

## Readings for Next Sunday, December 22, 2019

Psalm 84:8-12

Daniel 12:1-3

1 Corinthians 15:42-49

Matthew 13:36-43



# Seven Questions with a Servant

**1. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?**

Ron Reimert

**2. WILL YOU PLEASE SHARE A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF?**

I'm from Reading, PA . Grew up in Brandon, FL. and after graduation went in the Marines.

After the military, in 1992, accepted a position in West Virginia. I've been in the insurance industry for 25 years.

I'm currently with Baltimore Life. Kelly and I have been married for 30 years. We used to live across the street from each other when we were in Junior High. We have two grown children, Cory and Kaitlin. Both are married. No grandchildren yet, we are patiently waiting.

We have three dogs – Bella , Izzy and the newest addition - Dutchess.

**3. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ATTENDING/SERVING AT REDEEMER?**

August 2015

**4. IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU OR HAVE YOU SERVE(D) AT REDEEMER AND WHICH IS/WAS YOUR FAVORITE WAY?**

Trustee

Usher

Delivery - Feed My Sheep

Grass cutting

VBS

I don't have a favorite because I enjoy serving in all of them.

**5. HOW HAS SERVING AT REDEEMER IMPACTED YOU?**

When we serve others, we are serving the Lord too!

**6. WHAT'S SOMETHING ABOUT YOU NOT MANY FOLKS KNOW?**

We lived in Hawaii for 1 1/2 years. I was stationed in Kaneohe Bay (Oahu). We lived off base in Kailua.

**7. WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT REDEEMER?**

How welcomed we felt when we came to Redeemer 4 years ago.

Everyone is friendly and the teaching of Gods word .



## **TODAY'S DEADLINES:**

**Sunday, December 15**

### **ANGEL TREE**

All Angel Tree gifts need to be at the church today. If you signed up to purchase gifts for a child and it is not yet at the church please let Barb Eckerd know. We want to make sure that each child's wishes are covered!

### **FOOD BASKETS AND TOWEL COLLECTION**

Sorting of food will take place following the worship service TODAY in the large classroom. Bagging food will happen Dec 18th at 10am. Volunteers are welcome.

Baskets, Angel Tree Gifts, and Towels will be handed out Sunday, December 22. If you would like to volunteer to help hand out the baskets or to deliver baskets to families who cannot come to Redeemer for pickup contact Barb Eckerd.

Coolers are also needed for the handout next Sunday.

**Thank you!**

**POINSETTIA SIGN UP DEADLINE IS ALSO DEC 15TH.**





### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers this week are given by Jeff & Tina Clark in memory of Tina's mother.



### **Offering Envelopes**

**2020 offering envelopes will be issued soon.**

If you are currently assigned envelopes you will automatically receive envelopes for 2020. Please see or email Teresa Siebel if you would like to be added to or taken off the list.

**Her email is [teresasieb@gmail.com](mailto:teresasieb@gmail.com).**

## This Week at Redeemer

### **SUNDAY, 12/15**

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9:30 a.m.	Sunday Study (Adult study on hiatus)	Various classrooms
10 a.m.	Redeemer's Refuge	WCHS 580
10:45 a.m.	Divine Worship	Sanctuary

### **MONDAY, 12/16**

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6:30 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study	J.K. Lilly & Dan Mead	Large Classroom A
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### **TUESDAY, 12/17**

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6:30 p.m.	Siebel Share Group	Jim or Teresa Siebel	Church
6:30 p.m.	Lilly Bible Study	Patricia Lilly	Lilly Home

### **WEDNESDAY, 12/18**

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8 a.m.	Men's Share Group	Dan Mead	304.541.3221
3:30 p.m.	Announcement Deadline	commdirector@redeemerwv.org	
7 p.m.	Dolph Share Group	Kurt or Jackie Dolph	Dolph Home

### **THURSDAY, 12/19**

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6 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting
7 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
7:17 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

### **SATURDAY, 12/21**

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10 a.m.	Community Care Meeting
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### **SUNDAY, 12/22**

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9:30 a.m.	Sunday Study (Adult study on hiatus)	Various classrooms
10 a.m.	Redeemer's Refuge	WCHS 580
10:45 a.m.	Divine Worship	Sanctuary

**To have your announcement or church-associated event added to the calendar or revised, please email the church office by Wednesday at 3:30 commdirector@redeemerwv.org**

# On-going Reminders

## DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

12/2 Rod Hackman  
12/2 Marilyn Henstock  
12/8 Liz Giertz  
12/10 Michael Loos  
12/14 Kris Kampsnyder  
12/16 Sarah Shaver

12/19 Judy Knox  
12/21 Melody Trierwiler  
12/22 Teresa Robinson  
12/23 Tina Clark  
12/27 Jim Smallridge

### Anniversaries

12/2 J.K. & Patricia Lilly  
12/3 Steve & Janet Winans

### DID WE MISS SOMEONE?

*Please contact the church office with any changes or omissions*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The Flower Chart is in the office for those who would like to sign up to fund the flowers for Sunday morning. The cost is \$25 per vase and we encourage you to note any special celebration or 'in memory of' designation.

## LOVE FUND & PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Please consider in your giving, these two funds. Redeemer's Love Fund helps those within our congregation, as Scripture says: "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10) The Pastor's Discretionary Fund supports ad hoc ministry needs and the needs of the greater community. You can find envelopes for your contributions in the Connection Center.

## DECEMBER MARTHA MINISTRY TEAM

**Leaders: Emily and Dan Mead – 304.951.8047**

Jane Charnock – 304.342.3711      Sarah Shaver – 304.419.3808

## ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Assistive listening devices for use during the service are available at the media booth at the back of the church.

## GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS & GRAPE JUICE

Both are available for communion. Check with an elder or the pastor.

**NOTE: A portion of today's service may be broadcast or streamed live or shown via recording. By entering the area, your consent is given to be photographed, filmed or otherwise recorded. The cameras are expected to capture most activities within the sanctuary space.**

### IN AN EMERGENCY:

Pastor Frank Ruffatto	c: 704-608-4200	Jim Siebel, Elder	c: 304-541-3441
Don King, Elder	c: 304-421-2064	Mike Sisson, Elder	c: 304-550-3578
J.K. Lilly, Elder	c: 304-545-7668	Steve Winans, Elder	p: 304-757-3008

## **Concerning the Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper was commanded by Jesus Himself. (**1 Corinthians 11:23-25**) It is celebrated at this altar 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 to 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 in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. We are also called upon to examine ourselves before participating in this holy meal. (**Cf. 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-29; Mathew 26:28; John 6:53-58**)

Q. Do you acknowledge your sins and are you willing to turn from them with the aid and assistance of the Holy Spirit?

**A. Yes, I acknowledge my sin and seek the Lord's mercy. (1 John 1:8-9)**

Q. Do you believe that God, for Jesus' sake, has forgiven you all your sins?

**A. Yes, Christ died for me and suffered the punishment that I deserved. (Isaiah 53:4-6; Romans 6:21-23)**

Q. Do you believe that the Lord offers Christians His body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and the wine for the strengthening of faith and the forgiveness of sins?

**A. Yes, I believe the Scripture which teaches, "Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?" (2 Corinthians 10:16)**

Q. Why did Jesus willingly sacrifice Himself on behalf of lost and condemned sinners like us?

**A. For His great love for the Father and for me and other sinners as it is revealed in John 3, John 11, Romans 5, and 1 John 3.**

Q. Should Christians with weak faith receive the sacrament?

**A. The Sacrament is especially offered for those of weak faith. (Isaiah 42:3; John 6:37)**

Q. What conditions should cause a Christian to refrain from receiving the Sacrament?

**A. Disbelief (Hebrews 11:6), unwillingness to forgive another (Matthew 6:14-15), hatred (John 4:19-21), a refusal to repent (Acts 17:30), and refusal to recognize the body and blood of the Lord in the Sacrament. (1 Corinthians 11:28-29)**

Q. How then, does the Christian live?

**A. The entirety of the Christian's life is offered to the Lord as a "living sacrifice." (Romans 12:1-2)**

*Members of the LCMS and Redeemer Lutheran Church believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and affirm the statements above. If you agree, without reservation, to these statements above, you are invited to come to His Table. If you do not agree with one or more of these statements, please refrain from participating in Holy Communion. Our communion practice is not intended to offend or exclude, but is an expression of our concern for people and our high regard for the Sacrament as Christ instituted it. We encourage you to speak with our Pastor or Elders about any statement(s) of disagreement and/or regarding the Holy Supper and the process of joining our congregation.*

**Gluten-free communion wafers and grape juice are available. Speak with the pastor.**