
Advent
GIFTS

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME! Thank you for joining us for worship today. At Redeemer we believe that the gospel message, the good news that Jesus has won for us forgiveness and eternal life, is more than just words. It's the power God uses to create and strengthen faith in our hearts. Our worship focuses on the proclamation of this life-saving message as we respond with our prayers, praise, and thanksgiving. May you be richly blessed as we worship together!

VISITOR CARDS are located in the card rack on the pew in front of you. If you are a guest with us today, please take a moment to fill out a card and hand it to either an usher or pastor or place it in the offering plate or the box in the gathering area.

PARENTS' ROOM If you have a young child or nursing infant and you find yourself in need of stepping out for a moment, a parents' room is located in the rear of the sanctuary.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEETS as well as a collection of Arch books and doodle pads are available to keep little hands busy during worship. You'll find them on a corner shelf in the gathering area.

RESTROOMS are located in the gathering area. A family restroom is immediately to your right as you exit through the double doors in the rear of the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS can be found in your church bulletin box, in the literature rack on the rear wall of the sanctuary, or in the visitor card slots on the back of each pew.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers in the rear of the sanctuary. If you would like more information about Redeemer, please feel free to speak with one of our pastors or any one of the members after the service. You may also contact us anytime using the information below.

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THE ADVENT SEASON

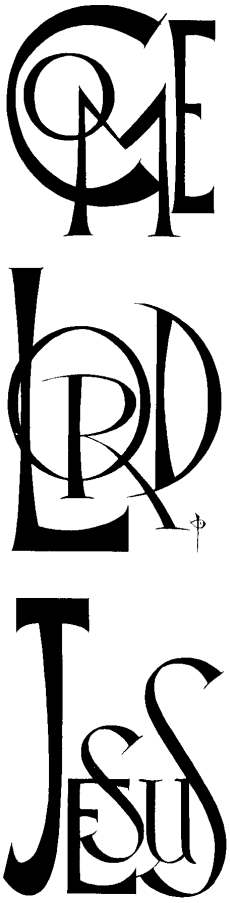
November 29/30, 2026

SERIES THEME: *LORD JESUS, BRING YOUR GIFTS*

The Lord Jesus arrives with gifts. At Christmas, we remember how he came in the flesh, born of Mary, true God and true man, bringing us the gift of salvation. The Lord Jesus also arrives with gifts every time we gather for worship. Through his Word and sacraments, he is present with his gifts of grace today. And he will arrive again with gifts. The same Jesus who ascended will return in glory with his eternal gifts for all who believe in him. On that day, faith will become sight, and every promise will be fulfilled. So we live between his arrivals, remembering his birth, receiving his grace, and waiting with confidence.

We pray with joy, "*Lord Jesus, bring your gifts!*"

November 29 .....Salvation
December 6.....Readiness
December 13.....New Identity
December 20.....Fulfillment



TODAY'S FOCUS: *SALVATION*

In many cultures, it is customary to bring along a gift when you visit. Whether it is flowers or wine or toys for the kids, such presents are welcome. They are highly appreciated when they meet a great need in the household and poignant when the gift giver sacrifices to make the gift. Our own households have a great need. But the Lord Jesus is about to arrive with gifts and he does not come empty-handed. He brings salvation, won by his holy life and innocent sacrificial death, freely given to sinners who could never earn it.

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates* | **305:1-4**

INVOCATION & OPENING VERSES

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son ✙ and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen.**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

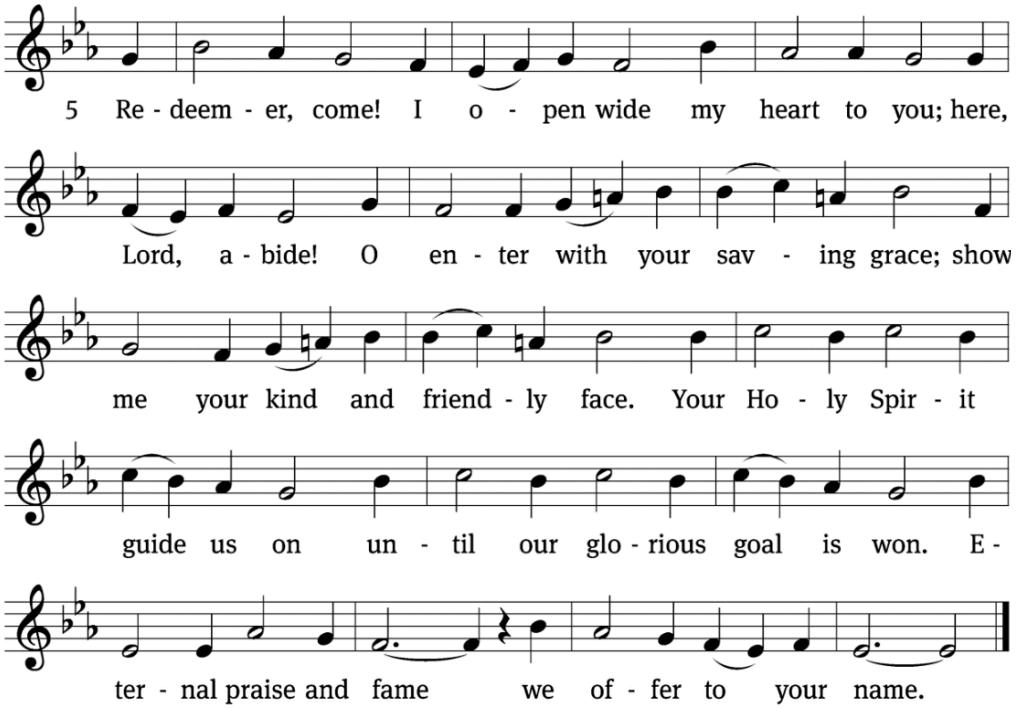
As we eagerly await our Savior's coming, let us confess our sins to the Lord and confidently seek his forgiveness.

Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates* | **305:5**

The first Advent candle is lit as the Song of Praise is sung.

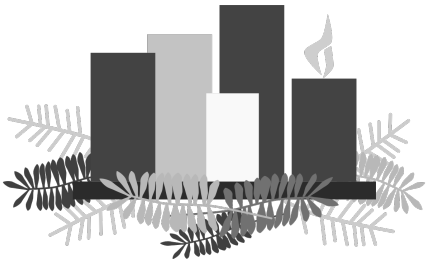


THE PROPHECY CANDLE

The Prophecy Candle symbolizes the beginning of the period of waiting for the promised Messiah. Shortly after the fall into sin, God gave to Adam and Eve the very first promise of salvation. From Eve's offspring a Savior would be born, who would crush the serpent's head and win forgiveness and eternal life for all people.

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

- Genesis 3:15





THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 64:1-9*

1 Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!
2 As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!
3 For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.
4 Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.
5 You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways.
But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry.
How then can we be saved?
6 All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.
7 No one calls on your name
or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have given us over to our sins.

All of us have become unclean, tainted by sin. We need someone to save us.

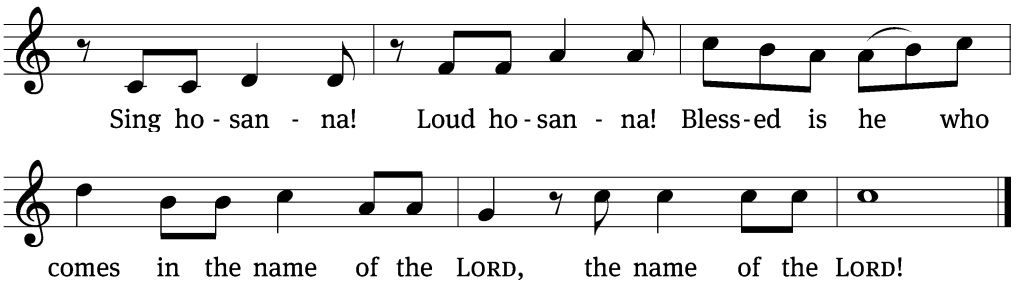
8 Yet you, Lord, are our Father.
We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord;
do not remember our sins forever.
Oh, look on us, we pray,
for we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY *Psalm 24*

The congregation sings the refrain. The cantor sings the verses.

Refrain



The earth is the LORD's, and every- / thing in it,
the world, and all who / live in it;
for he founded it / on the seas
and established it on the / waters.

Who may ascend the mountain / of the LORD?
Who may stand in his / holy place?
The one who has clean hands and a / pure heart,
they will receive blessing from God their / Savior. *Refrain*

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you / ancient doors,
that the King of glory / may come in.
Who is this King of / glory?
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in / battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you / ancient doors,
that the King of glory / may come in.
Who is he, this King of / glory?
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of / glory. *Refrain*

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SECOND LESSON *1 Corinthians 1b:1-9*

1 To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his
holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ—their Lord and ours:

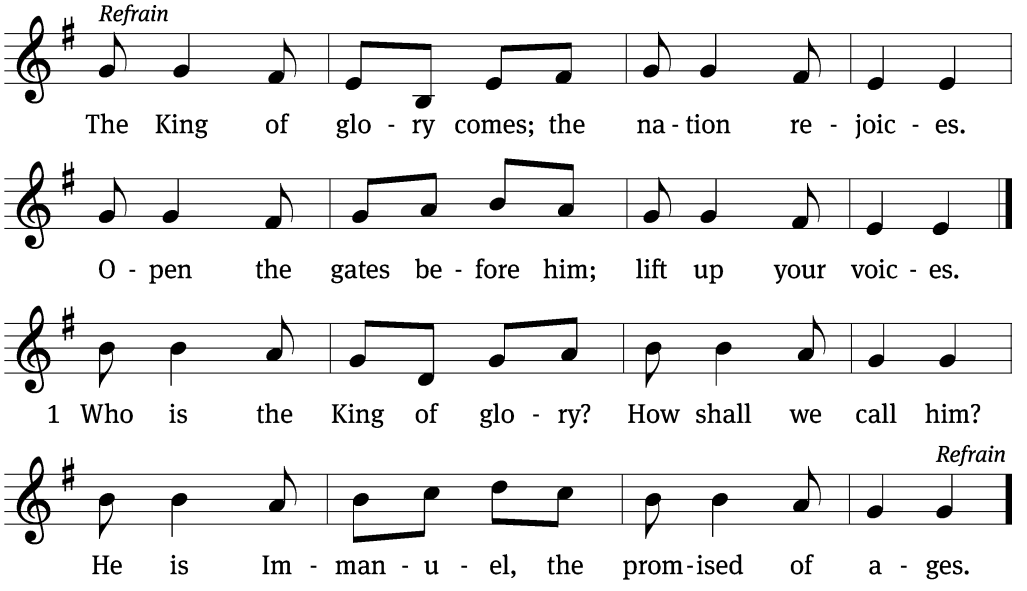
Our faithful God graciously blesses us with many gifts, including the gift of salvation.

3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

4 I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in
Christ Jesus. 5 For in him you have been enriched in every way—with
all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—6 God thus confirming our testimony about
Christ among you. 7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our
Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. 8 He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will
be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, who has called you
into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *The King of Glory Comes* | **548:1**



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GOSPEL *Mark 11:1-11*

1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of
Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you,
and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one
has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone asks you,
'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it
back here shortly.' "

When Jesus rides into Jerusalem, the crowd shouts, "Hosanna!" which means "Save us!"

4 They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a
doorway. As they untied it, 5 some people standing there asked,
"What are you doing, untying that colt?" 6 They answered as Jesus had told them to, and
the people let them go. 7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks
over it, he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread
branches they had cut in the fields. 9 Those who went ahead and those who followed
shouted,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

10 "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at
everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Children are invited to come forward and gather on the steps in the front of the sanctuary for a lesson with the pastor.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Savior of the Nations, Come* | **301**

SERMON **LORD JESUS, BRING YOUR GIFTS: SALVATION**

1 Corinthians 1:1b-9

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANK OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✙ give you peace.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* | **927**

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WE GATHER, GROW, AND GO