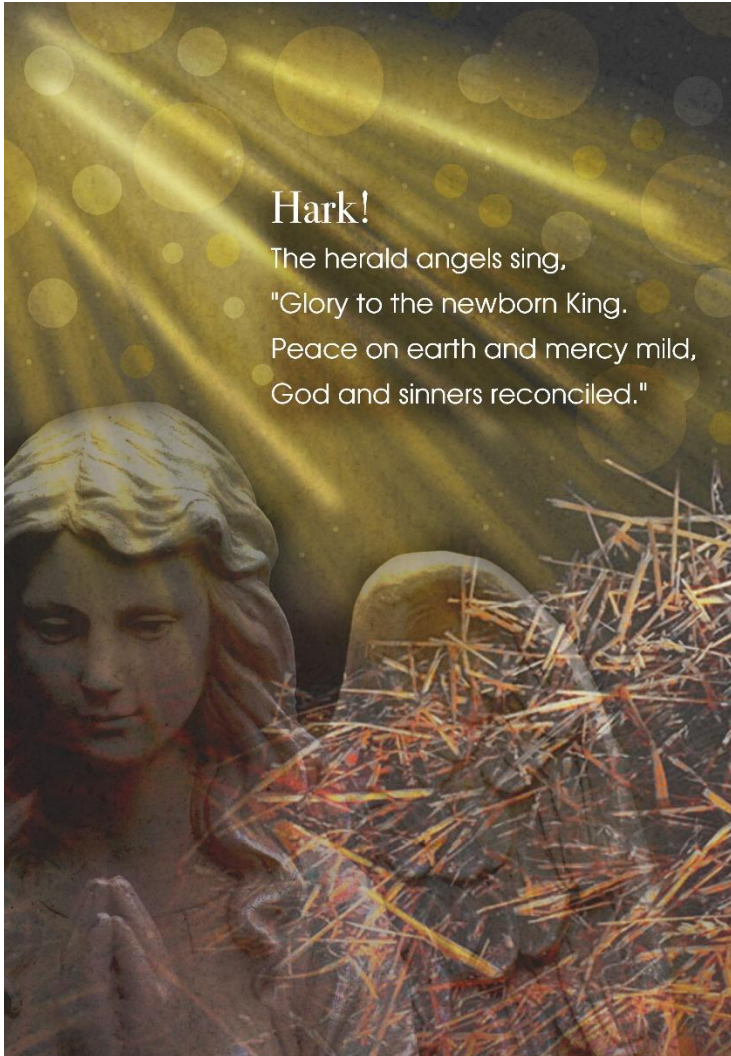


REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Advent



Hark!

The herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn King.

Peace on earth and mercy mild,

God and sinners reconciled."



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Pre-Service Meditation:

Luke 2:14 ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, fill us with Your glory this Advent and Christmas season. Aide our hearts and minds to see Your great love and grace towards us in sending Your Son to be our Savior from sin. Help us learn the wondrous story of our Redeemer's birth. Enable us to spread the brightness of His glory, till it covers all the earth. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Opening:

WS 711 See in Yonder Manger Low

Confession and Absolution:

[P]: Dearly beloved! We have come together today to thank God for His Gift of love which He presented to the world in the person of His Son Jesus Christ, born at Bethlehem as our Savior. We also want to prepare ourselves for Jesus' Second Coming into the world on the Last Day. Oh, come let us worship Him! Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker! As we come into God's presence to worship and hear His Word, let us also join in making confession of our sins and then receive forgiveness from God's abundant mercy.

[C]: Almighty God, merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy Law. We have done those things which we should not have done. We have left undone those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and returning Lord. Amen.

[P]: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven you all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His beloved child. Children of God, your sins are forgiven you. Go and sin no more.

[C]: Amen.

♪ Hosanna to the living Lord!
Hosanna to the Incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King,
Let earth, let heaven, hosanna sing.

The Responsory

[P]: Behold, your King is coming to you.

[C]: "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am in the midst of them."

[P]: "If anyone loves me He will keep My Word and My Father will love him,

[C]: And We will come to him and make Our home with him."

P: Behold, He shall come, says the LORD of Hosts.

**O Savior with protecting care
Abide in this Your house of prayer,
Where we Your parting promise claim,
Assembled in Your holy Name.**

P: Behold, your King is coming to you.

Even the Messenger of the Covenant, Whom you delight in,

C: **For we have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Cornerstone,**

P: In Whom the whole building, being joined together,
grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

C: **In whom we also are being built together
for a habitation of God in the Spirit.**

P: Behold, He shall come, says the LORD of Hosts.

**O Advent King, our sins forgive;
Come in our lives and hearts to live,
And let our humble souls become
A temple worthy of Your name.**

P: Behold, your King is coming to you.

C: **All things were made by Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.**

P: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

C: **And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.**

P: Behold, He shall come, says the LORD of Hosts.

**So in the last and dreadful Day,
When earth and heaven shall melt away,
Thy flock, redeemed from sinful stain,
Shall swell the sound of praise again.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray... Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; Through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-3

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Epistle Lesson:

Ephesians 2:1-11 NKJV

¹ Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh-- who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands-- ¹² that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, ¹⁶ and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. ¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through

Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Confession of Faith:

Apostles Creed

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

**And 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.**

Hymn:

LSB 366 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Sermon

Luke 2:8-14

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly

host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

The Angel's Song: Amazing Glory

Offertory: **TLH 73 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

Redeemer, come! I open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord,
abide! Let me Thy inner presence feel, Thy grace and love in me
reveal; Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.

Hymn: **TLH 76 A Great and Mighty Wonder**

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

C Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen

Benediction

C Amen.

Hymn: **TLH 83 Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices**

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Upcoming Events:

- **Special Services Upcoming:** Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24th at 4pm.

Call News:

- Pastor Cory Drehle of Berea Lutheran in Sioux Falls, SD ***has received the call*** to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.
- Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY ***is considering the call*** to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI
- Pastor Dave Naumann of St. John's Lutheran in Clarkston, WA and Peace Lutheran in Orofino, ID ***has returned the call to*** Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA
- Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN ***has received the call to*** Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ

Around the CLC:

- **National Women's Retreat Coming in January!**
 - **What:** Press Pause for the National Women's (Virtual) Retreat
 - **When:** Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026 // 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (PT)

- **How:** Join us virtually via Zoom
- **Register now:** <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause26>
- **Cost:** It's Free!

2026 CLC Mission Helper Trip: The CLC Mission Helper Program is making preparations for another Mission Trip to Africa for the summer of 2026. The main focus of this trip will be presenting the Gospel, through a series of child evangelism lessons, to member and non-member children in village congregations. Possible areas of evangelism include the CLC–Tanzania, CLC–Kenya, CLC–Zambia, and CLC–Uganda. CLC members are welcome and encouraged to apply. For more information and to apply, visit www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.

Upcoming Schedule:

Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 pm

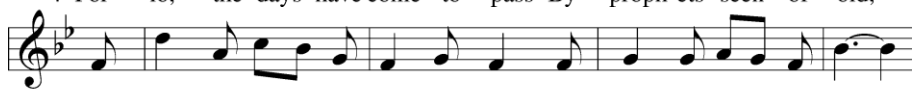
Sunday, December 28th Redemption Sunday Service at 9 am

Sunday, January 5th Redemption Sunday Service at 9 am

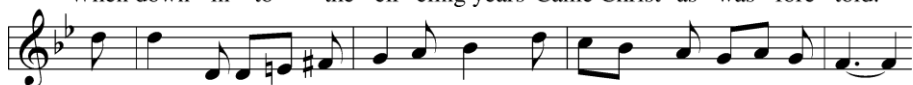
366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,
 3 All you, be-neath your heav-y load, By care and guilt bent low,
 4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
 And still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world.
 Who toil a-long a drea-ry way With pain-ful steps and slow:
 When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all-gra-cious king."
 A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-'ring wing,
 Look up, for gold-en is the hour, Come swift-ly on the wing,
 His word of peace shall to the earth God's an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.
 And ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.
 The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an-gels sing.
 And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

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