



**Redeemer Lutheran Church
December 7, 2025
The Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 am Worship**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
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Pastor Anne Wickland
Organist: Claudine Hanson

God's Spirit Gathers Us

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting:

Hymn "Light One Candle" #240 v.1&2

Confession & Forgiveness

****Gathering Hymn** "Hark, the Glad Sound" #239

Greeting

Kyrie ELW p. 138

Canticle of Praise "Glory to God in the Highest" ELW P. 139-140

Prayer of the Day

God's Word Enlivens Us

Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Message – *Pastor Anne Wickland*

Sermon Hymn "On Jordan's Banks" #249

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of The People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn "He Came Down" #253, vs.1 & 2

Offertory Prayer

God's Meal Nourishes Us

The Great Thanksgiving – ELW Page 144

Holy, Holy, Holy – ELW Page 144

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer ELW Page 145

Lamb of God – ELW, Page 146

Distribution

Communion Music by Claudine Hanson

Post Communion Prayer

God's Spirit Sends Us

Blessing

****Sending Hymn** "Prepare the Royal Highway" #264

Dismissal

Prayers

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concerns: Clint Chadwick (Tom & Gayle Krueger's son-in-law); Bernie Spink; Nancy Drehmel; Kevin Stoddard; Justin Yonkie, relative of Helen Risgaard; June Bennett (friend of Barbara Nelson); Brian Von Ahsen (Barb Von Ahsen's son); Alfred and Barb Nelson; Nancy and Spencer Wescott; and Stewart Pribbenow.

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Community Caroling – TODAY! - Sunday, December 7

Meet at the parking lot of Living Gospel Church at 3 p.m. to leave for caroling at 3:15 p.m.

Wagons will transport you around the village and stop at several locations including our two senior communities.

Our final stop will be Depot Park to hold the annual tree lighting ceremony around 5 pm.

Sandwiches, soups and treats will be served after the tree lighting in the basement of the Living Gospel Church, 322 Lincoln Ave, provided by the Rio Community Club.

Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight to see song lyrics and a lot of Christmas Spirit!!!

If you know of someone who would be blessed by our carolers stopping by; please contact Karrie Landsverk 608-566-3936.

Music Sunday

Please be sure to join us on Sunday, December 21, as Redeemer's Senior and Handbell Choirs bring their talents to worship. All are welcome. Fellowship to follow.

***** Denotes Please Stand *****

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday, December 14</i>	Worship with Communion
<i>Sunday, December 21</i>	Worship – No Communion <i>Music Sunday</i>
Wednesday, December 24	Christmas Eve <i>Candlelight Service 4:00</i> No Communion
Sunday, December 28	Worship – No Communion

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent
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Sunday, December 21, 2025
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Music Sunday

Pastor: Anne Wickland

Pianist: Gayle Krueger

God's Spirit Gathers Us

Prelude – Combined Choirs – O Little Town of Bethlehem

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

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Hymn “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” #240 v.1,2,3,4

Confession & Forgiveness

****Gathering Hymn “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” #270**

Prayer of the Day

God's Word Enlivens Us

Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25

Message – Pastor Anne Wickland

Hymn “What Child is This?” #296

Bell Choir: Fum Fum Fum; We Three Kings

Apostle's Creed – ELW, Page 127

Flute Solo by Trish McNeill – Ave Maria

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Music – Combined Choirs – Away in a Manger

Offertory Prayer

Combined Choirs – Angels Singing, Bells Are Ringing

Were You There on That Christmas Night?

The Lord's Prayer ELW Page 145

God's Spirit Sends Us

Blessing

****Hymn “Joy to the World” #267**

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Annual Reports

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Annual Meeting – February 1, 2026

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled to take place on ***Sunday, February 1,*** right after worship.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 4:00 With Communion
Sunday, December 28	Worship – No Communion

***** Denotes "Please Stand"***

MUSIC SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS:

PIANIST: Gayle Krueger

FLUTE: Trish McNeill

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Geri Gorman

BELL CHOIR:

Bonnie Pribbenow-Paddock
Stephen Gilbert
Kathy Lueloff
Beth Laufenberg
Kristi Fehrman
Trish McNeill
Linda Olson
Debbie Reiersen
Hope Fenske
Joleen Frank
Melanie Gilbert

SENIOR CHOIR:

Bob Risgaard
Kurt Johnson
Stephen Gilbert
Trish McNeill
Nancy Washington
Wendy Minick
Debbie Reiersen
Renee Miles
Darlene Cutsforth

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<i>Sunday, December 28</i>	Worship – No Communion
<i>Sunday, January 4</i>	Worship with Communion
<i>Sunday, January 11</i>	Worship with Communion <i>Presentation by Ben Waldera</i> <i>Rio EMS Director</i>
<i>Sunday, January 18</i>	Worship with Communion
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The First Sunday of Christmas
Pastor Ken Schaub
Organist: Claudine Hanson

Prelude

Senior Choir – Sweet Little Child

Welcome and Announcements

Address Updates

Three friends from our congregation are currently residing at new locations (either temporarily or permanently). If you wish to send a card or letter, you may reach them at the following addresses:

Delores Erstad, 830 Poplar Street, West Bend, WI 53905

Bernie Spink, The Meadows of Fall River, 101 Hometown Avenue, Fall River, WI 53932

David Pryse, Our House, 2876 Village Road, Portage, WI 53901

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Presentation by Ben Waldera, RIO EMS Director

During our service on ***Sunday, January 11***, Ben Waldera, RIO EMS Director, will present Basic First Aid/Stop the Bleed Training and how to use our new AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Please consider joining us for this important information.

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ENTRANCE HYMN

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels:

Refrain

Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,
oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

CHRISTMAS DIALOG

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world!
He is the Light no darkness can overcome.

At darkest night we gather to celebrate the great light of our salvation.
With the heavenly host we sing, "Glory to God in the highest heaven."

In Christ, God's Word is made flesh and lives among us.
With the shepherds, we will tell of the wonders we have seen and heard.

HYMN

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

GREETING AND PRAYER

May the grace and truth of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Let us pray. *(A brief silence)* Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

**READING
HYMN**

**Titus 2:11-14
O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

**READING
HYMN**

**Luke 2:1-7
Away in a Manger**

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

**READING
HYMN**

**Luke 2:8-20
Angels We Have Heard on High**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

SERMON

Special Music by our Senior Choir:

Way Down Yonder in Bethlehem

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

What Child Is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping,
whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

So, bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

THE GOSPEL OF THE INCARNATION

John 1:1-14

THE PRAYERS

Wonderful Counselor, increase our joy as the church gathers on this holy night to sing of our dear Savior's birth. May the story of salvation live in the hearts of all who sing of its wonders. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Mighty God, you have broken the yoke of sin's burden through the birth of your Son. Comfort those whose burdens distract them from the deeper peace of this holy night and grant them a restful mind. God of peace,

Hear our prayer.

Everlasting Father, uphold all who are in sorrow or need of your divine goodness and mercy (*especially . . .*). We remember with thanksgiving all who have died and who now rest in your peaceful light. God of love,

Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, bathe us always in the light of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF LIGHT

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord at your birth.

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

May God, who has called you out of darkness to be servants of light, grant you the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

The candles are extinguished.

DEPARTURE HYMN

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.