

# Redeemer Lutheran Church and School

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**Welcome to worship with the Redeemer family on the Third Sunday in Advent, December 15!** In ministry since 1955, Redeemer is a Christ-centered church that prepares, equips, and motivates adults and children to serve God while leading others to know and love Jesus Christ. If you would like to know more about our church and school, we would like to meet you. If children become restless during worship, quiet bags for use during church services are available by the rear sanctuary door and nursery care for infants-3-year-olds is available in the Parent's Room during 8:30 worship. Restrooms are located in both rooms in the narthex. Gluten-free communion wafers are available; please tell a pastor if you require one. We pray you are blessed by today's worship.

**Sunday Bible classes meet between services** as follows:

Adult Bible class (*Romans*) meets in Albracht Hall.

Women's Bible study (*The Chosen*) meets in the church office.

**Kids' Connection (Sunday School)** for 4-yr-olds – 5<sup>th</sup> grade meets during the latter part of the early service. Children will be dismissed immediately after the children's message to the Conference Room for Bible lessons, games, crafts, and fun! Parents, meet your children in the courtyard after worship.

**Don't miss the Congregational Meeting TODAY between services!**

## *Please Join Us for Worship*

Preschool Program: *Say Cheese for Christmas* Friday, December 20 @ 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Cantata: Sunday, December 22 @ 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve: 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 29: 9:45 a.m. with potluck immediately following

**The church office will be closed Wednesday- Friday, December 25 – 27. Blessed Christmas!**

**Retirement Celebration!** Redeemer is pleased to share that after 36 years of faithful service, our maintenance/custodial coordinator, Jerome Ruiz, is retiring. Please join us on **Sunday, December 29 at the potluck luncheon** following 9:45 a.m. worship for a time to honor his service to Redeemer and celebrate with him. Cards may be brought to the luncheon or mailed to the church office attn: Jerome.

**Advent Food Drive:** Once again, let's be a blessing to others! Take a bag located at the sanctuary exits and add one item to the bag each day throughout Advent. Return your full bags on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to be given to the House of Hope.

**Giving Tree:** This year we will bless CareNet, Mary's Home, Volunteers in Medicine, Guardian ad Litem, and Safe Space with gift cards that they can use to bless those they serve or use them to purchase much-needed items. Please take an envelope from the tree located in the rear of the sanctuary (next week ☺) and return your gift card **TODAY!** Suggestions for cards (\$10 or \$25) include Publix, Walmart, Target, Amazon, etc. Be creative and bless your neighbor!



**Roof Update:** Praise the Lord we have fully funded the roof! Please be aware that any future gifts earmarked for the roof will go into our property improvement fund. Thanks for your generosity!

**Redeemer's Men's Group** will sponsor a presentation led by Pastor Stan Allen. Join us **Monday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m.** Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you!

*Thank you to those who so faithfully serve each week and/or month to keep Redeemer running smoothly. You are a blessing!* Contact the church office if you'd like to help:

- **Kids Connection:** Lead games, stories, and songs with our kids during 8:30 worship. All curriculum and resources are provided.
- **Usher:** at both services. Families with children are welcome and encouraged to serve!
- **Soup Kitchen Cooks:** You would be responsible for planning and preparing a meal for approximately 150 people on a Thursday. Shopping can be completed for you.
- **Tech Team:** Training will be provided to help with screens or sound during either service.



**Altar Guild Volunteers:** It is now time to sign up in the Sacristy to serve our Lord preparing His altar for worship in 2025. No experience is necessary; you will be scheduled with an experienced team who will lovingly guide you through the weekly routine. You will experience how rewarding this act of service to our Church family and our Lord will be for you. Please prayerfully consider serving. Contact **Debbie Fowler (486-1669)** with questions.

**Additional Altar Guild help** is needed for the holiday services. Please contact **Debbie Fowler (772-486-1669)** if you are able to help with one or two services throughout December.

**It's easy to forget cash or your checkbook.** Even if you've left both behind you can still support Redeemer by using your smartphone. Simply scan the code or visit [www.redeemerstuart.com/church](http://www.redeemerstuart.com/church) and click "online giving" to donate using your credit or debit card or download the Vanco mobile app to give anytime on the go!



**2025 Offering envelopes** are available in the rear of the sanctuary. If you have switched to online giving and no longer require envelopes or if you do not have envelopes and would like them, please contact the **church office (286-0911)**.

***If you have envelopes from previous years, please discontinue use. Numbers have been reassigned and you may not get credit for your giving.*** Contact the church office with questions.



**The Biggest Little Thing You Can Do:** Every member who shows up for worship on Sundays should show up with a "mission". We are not here on Sundays only for ourselves but to serve God and others! How? A small but important job for every worshipper is simply to greet the people you see. Whether you know the people around you or not, be sure just to say "hi!" You may not know how much it means to the person you greet.

### ✠ ✠ ✠ **Weekday Bible Studies, Etc.** ✠ ✠ ✠

- **Men's Tuesday Bible Study:** Morning Glory Café, **Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m.**
- **Women's Tuesday Bible Study:** Conference Room, **Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.**
- **Wednesday Intro to the Bible Study** will break until **January 8**. See you next year!
- **Café Conversations with Pastor Stan:** Bagel Break, **Fridays at 10:00 a.m.**

## ✠ ✠ ✠ In Our Prayers ✠ ✠ ✠

### Hospitalized, Ill, or Special Requests:

2024-2025 School year; military personnel & their families; Senior Pastor Call process

### Homebound or in Nursing Homes:

Charlene Bradley, Carol Codet, Dave Guanzini, Ellen Hamann, Bob Jacobi, George Krawczyk, Carol Novak, Bev Rahlfs, Karen Schlamp, Herb & Ruth Utgard

## ✠ ✠ ✠ In His Service ✠ ✠ ✠

**Lectors:** (8:30) Debi Stroik (11:00) Malissa Bossio-Haines

**Lay Assistants:** (8:30) Matt Grubb, Al Ejups, Lori Barger, Shanda Barger (11:00) Jeff Banks, Jenny Norman, Kathy LaBar, Ken Lawson

**Crucifers:** (8:30) Jacob Satterfield (11:00) Ross White

**Acolytes:** (8:30) Kensington Jones, Noah West (11:00) Wyatt Andre, **NEED 1**

**Ushers:** (8:30) John Ford, Jay Lavallata, Caleb Lavallata, Cody Hughes, Susie Murray (11:00) Cathy Mitsch, John Niemeyer, John Ford, Buck Buesking

**Greeters:** (8:30) Linda Young, Sharon Lemieux (11:00) Linda Young, Sue Mutchler

**Projection:** (8:30) Randy Sroczynski (11:00) Daren Hamberger

**Sound:** (8:30) Jim Beurrier (11:00) Katie Wenger  
**Nursery:** Priscilla Council

## ✠ ✠ ✠ This Week at Redeemer ✠ ✠ ✠

### **Sunday, December 15**

**Worship with communion (S)**  
Congregational Meeting (AH)

**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**  
9:45 a.m.

### **Monday, December 16**

### **Tuesday, December 17**

Men's Bible Study (Morning Glory Café)  
Quilters (AH)  
Women's Bible Study (CR)  
Cantata Rehearsal (S)  
Women's Ensemble (MR)

7:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
1:30 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, December 18**

Coffee in the Courtyard/Chapel (S)

8:30/9:00 a.m.

### **Thursday, December 19**

Basketball (Gym)  
Finance Committee (CR)  
His Servants' Place (CFC)  
Adult Handbells (MR)

4:00 p.m.  
4:30 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

### **Friday, December 20**

Preschool Christmas Program (S)  
Café Conversations with Pastor Stan (Bagel Break)

9:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.

*May we truly be blessed as we celebrate the coming of our Lord in the birth of His Son, Christ Jesus. May His peace and joy surround you this season!*

✠ ✠ ✠ **Order of Worship** ✠ ✠ ✠

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship*

“Joy to the World”  
“Hark the Glad Sound”

Watts/Handel  
hymn #35 st. 1 & 4

*Invocation, Confession and Absolution*

LSB p. 203

*Wreath Lighting*

“Advent’s Holy Light”

Raney

*Advent Litany*

*The Scripture Readings*

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 55:12-13; Luke 1:46-55 ESV

*Children’s Message*

*Sermon Song of Praise*

“Joy Has Dawned”  
“Joy to the World”

Townend/Getty  
hymn #39 st 1 & 2

*Message*

“Joy”

*The Nicene Creed*

*Prayers of the People*

*The Lord’s Prayer*

*Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings*

“Even So Come”

Tomlin

*The Offering Prayer*

*The Service of the Sacrament*

LSB pp. 208

*The Words of Institution*

*Distribution Songs of Praise*

“Lamb of God”  
“Behold the Savior”  
“Wonderful Merciful Savior”  
“Lamb of God”  
“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”

Marty Haugen  
Andrews  
Rodgers/Wyse  
LSB p. 210  
hymn #25 st. 1 & 2 (sung to #389)

*The Communion Blessing*

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*The Benediction*

*Closing Song of Praise*

“There Is Joy in the Lord”  
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Cheri Keaggy  
hymn #551