

Redeemer Lutheran Church and School



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Welcome to worship with the Redeemer family on the Second Sunday in Advent, December 8! 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.

We welcome Pastor Ken Susskraut back to Redeemer today and thank him for preaching, leading worship, and his service to Redeemer and the Lord throughout the last few months.

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 – 5th 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 next Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 15 between services!

School Christmas Services: Don't miss these fun, heartwarming services!

K-4th grades: *Good News Ahead...Signs of Christmas:* **Wed., December 11 at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

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

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.

Volunteer Judges Needed for the Science Fair **Thursday, December 12, 12:30-2:00 p.m.** Judges will review student projects and ask students (5th & 8th graders) clarifying questions based on a rubric. Science backgrounds would be helpful! Contact Miss Hughes (jhughes@rlcsrms.com) to say you'll help!



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 by **December 15**. 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!

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 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.

Please Join Us for Worship

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!

✠ ✠ ✠ **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; Ashley family; Diane Holbrook; Karen Scherer; Linda Sydiski

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) Tim Mirly (11:00) Debbie Fowler
Lay Assistants: (8:30) Jim FitzGerald, Lisa Mirly, Jenny Norman, Jakie Reisig (11:00) Jim FitzGerald, Jennifer Heath, Rick & Madlynn Sedotto
Crucifers: (8:30) Zach Buys (11:00) **NEED 1**
Acolytes: (8:30) William Ridgway, Faith Beurrier (11:00) Luka Heath, **NEED 1**

Ushers: (8:30) John Ford, Michael Hellyer, Matt Grubb, Russ Reaver (11:00) Cathy Mitsch, George Sweeney, John Ford, Buck Buesking
Greeters: (8:30) Ridgway family, Pat Risser (11:00) Flo Owens, Barb Gendron
Projection: (8:30) Daren Hamberger (11:00) Katie Wenger
Sound: (8:30 & 11:00) Grant Hundertmark
Nursery: Samantha Ridgway

✝ ✝ ✝ This Week at Redeemer ✝ ✝ ✝

Sunday, December 8

Worship with communion (S)	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship & Bible Class (AH)	9:45 a.m.
Confirmation (CR)	9:45 a.m.

Monday, December 9

Basketball (Gym)	4:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, December 10

Men's Bible Study (Morning Glory Café)	7:00 a.m.
Quilters (AH)	9:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study (CR)	1:30 p.m.
Basketball (Gym)	4:00 p.m.
School Board (CR)	5:30 p.m.
Cantata Rehearsal (S)	6:00 p.m.
Women's Ensemble (MR)	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11

Coffee in the Courtyard/Chapel (S)	8:30/9:00 a.m.
K-4 th Grade Advent Service (S)	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 12

Science Fair Judging (AH)	12:30 p.m.
Basketball (Gym)	3:30 p.m.
His Servants' Place (CFC)	5:00 p.m.

Friday, December 13

PTO Meeting (CR)	8:30 a.m.
Café Conversations with Pastor Stan (Bagel Break)	10:00 a.m.

The flowers today have been given to the glory of God by the West family in loving memory of Sharon Krenzer.

✠ ✠ ✠ **Order of Worship** ✠ ✠ ✠

Pre-Service Music

“’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”
“O Come Little Children”

Geschke – Bells of Praise
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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

“Come Thou Fount”
“Come O Precious Ransom”

Crowder/Wyeth/Robinson
hymn #24 st. 1 & 4

Invocation, Confession and Absolution

LSB p. 203

Wreath Lighting

“Advent’s Holy Light”

Raney

Advent Litany (The first and second candles are lit.)

The First & Second Readings

Micah 4:1-4; Romans 12:3, 9-21 ESV

The Gospel Reading

John 16:20-23, 33 ESV

Children’s Message

“Giving and Getting”

Sermon Song of Praise

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

Longfellow/Calkin

Message

“And Peace on Earth!”

Hymn

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Miller/Jackson

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Eithun – Bells of Praise

The Words of Institution

Distribution Songs of Praise

“Lamb of God”
“All Is Well”
“Even So Come”
“Emmanuel”
“Lamb of God”
“Prepare the Royal Highway”

Marty Haugen
Kirkpatrick/Smith
Tomlin
Morgan
LSB p. 210
hymn #26

The Communion Blessing

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Benediction

Closing Song of Praise

“Forever”
“Fling Wide the Door”

Chris Tomlin
hymn #32 st. 1 & 4