

# Redeemer Lutheran Church

## Our Mission

### *Inspire*

*We believe that Jesus has called us to Inspire faith in others.*

*Psalm 119:105*

### *Grow*

*We seek to Grow followers of Jesus.*

*Matthew 28:19-20*

### *Change*

*We follow our mission to allow Him to Change the world!*

*Acts 2:42-47*

## Our Vision

*Redeemer Lutheran Church is fully committed to meeting the needs of families with young children in our neighborhood.*

*We know that, "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to Me." (Matt. 25:40) We are called to nurture children inside our Little Steps Daycare ministry and Lincoln Elementary, providing social and spiritual support systems.*

*Our ambition is to be a church where children's lives are elevated through ministries that support parents, teachers and education programs.*

**For Communion**, we believe that when Jesus said, "this is My Body," and "this is My Blood," we are actually receiving Him in the bread and wine. Please see the pew book, or seek out Pastor, for further explanation. There is non-alcoholic wine in the center of the trays for those who would prefer.

*All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity..*

### **New Year's Eve Service Update**

Per Elders Board, we will not be having a New Year's Eve Service. Questions-please see an Elder. Thank you--

### **Women's Bible Study**

Will resume on January 6, 6:30pm in the Narthex. Study will be based on Ephesians, a letter from Paul. Questions-see Kellee Skaggs.

## **Week of December 15**

Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Saturday 21	Sunday 22
10 <sup>am</sup> Knitters Group 7 <sup>pm</sup> The Gathering	6:30 <sup>pm</sup> Praise Band Practice	Noon Bible Study 6 <sup>pm</sup> Advent Dinner 7 <sup>pm</sup> Advent Service			9 <sup>am</sup> Christmas Eve Practice	9 <sup>am</sup> Traditional Service 10:15 <sup>am</sup> Bible Study & Sunday School 11:15 <sup>am</sup> Casual Service



## **Today's Theme: Joy in the Desert**

The world is seeking the kind of joy God promises in Jesus. His Joy is a deeper joy than just saying, "Don't worry, be happy!"

Matthew 11:2-15



# Redeemer Lutheran Church

A Member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
**Third Sunday in Advent**

## 9am Service

**+ DIVINE SERVICE + SETTING 4 + Welcome**

**Hymn** ~ *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* (338)

**Forgiveness** ~ (LSB 203 {right})

**Introit** ~ *Introit (Psalm 71:14–18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4)*

**Kyrie** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy* (LSB 204)

**Prayer** ~ *Collect*

**Readings** ~ *Isaiah 35:1–10, James 5:7–11, Matthew 11:2–15, (Common Alleluia LSB 205)*

**Confession of Faith** ~ *Nicene Creed*

**Children's Message** ~ *Have You Ever Been Told, "Just behave?"*

**Hymn** ~ *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding* (345)

**Sermon** ~ *Joy in the Desert*

**Offering** ~ *Place alms and prayer requests in the offering plate as it is passed.*

**Offertory** ~ (LSB 192)

**Prayers of the People** ~ *Sung Response* (LSB 249)

## Service of the Sacrament

**Preface**

**Sanctus** ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy* (LSB 208)

**Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Our Lord**

**Agnus Dei** ~ *Lamb of God*

**Hymn** ~ *The Gifts Christ Freely Gives* (602)

**Hymn** ~ *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* (334)

**Nunc Dimittis** ~ *Song of Simeon* (LSB 211)

**Blessing** ~ *Benediction*

**Hymn** ~ *Hark the Glad Sound* (349)

**Announcements**

## 11:15am Service

**+ PRAISE SERVICE + Welcome**

**Invocation** ~ *Matthew 11:2-3*

**Song** ~ *O Come, All Ye Faithful Casting Crowns*

**Reading** ~ *Matthew 11:2–15*

**Moment of Accountability**

**Song** ~ *Joy To The World Chris Tomlin*

**Confession of Faith** ~ *Nicene Creed*

**Children's Message** ~ *Have You Ever Been Told, "Just behave?"*

**Sermon** ~ *Joy in the Desert*

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering** ~ *Collection of tithes and offerings during video.*

**Communion**

**Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Distribution** ~ *[Communion Video]*

**Post-Communion Collect**

**Benediction** ~ *Blessings*

**Song** ~ *Angels We Have Heard On High*

**Announcements**

*Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.*

-Matthew 11:10b

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## Stewardship

*"Say to those who have an anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.'"*

-Isaiah 35:4

The return of our Lord at the Last Day is a cause of joy and anticipation for us believers. We know our Lord and His love, and we look forward to His Second Advent. Indeed, how we live our lives here and now flows from our certain hope of resurrection and eternal life.

## Last Week

Attendance: 125

Giving: \$11,192.40

## Serving Today December 15

### 9am Service

**Pastor** ~ Rev. Mike Mueller

**Organist** ~ Cherylyn Trier

**Trumpet** ~ Eric Peckenpaugh

**Acolyte** ~ Kaitlyn O'Dell

**Ushers** ~ Brent Beery, Aaron Boutcher, Mike Embury, Eric Gilbert

**Elder** ~ Jacob Macke

**Reader** ~ Wini Barnett

**Greeters** ~ The Beery Family

### Bible Study

**Adult Study** ~ Rev. Mike Mueller

**Youth Group** ~ Hallie & Billy

**Sunday School** ~ Christmas Eve Practice

**Coffee Hour** ~ Karen Schroeder

### 11:15am Service

**Pastor** ~ Rev. Mike Mueller

**Elder** ~ Jacob Macke

**Acolyte** ~ Jonah Brinkerhuff

**Ushers** ~ Lenord McCreery

**Impact for Kids** ~ Christmas Eve Practice

**Music** ~ Bill Alberding, Jonah Brinkerhuff, Adriana McCreery, Raeann Rice, Trey Skaggs

**Greeters** ~ Kathy Hoover

## Serving Next Week December 22

### 9am Service

**Pastor** ~ Rev. Mike Mueller

**Organist** ~ Cherylyn Trier

**Acolyte** ~ Kevin Fouts

**Ushers** ~ Brent Beery, Aaron Boutcher, Mike Embury, Eric Gilbert

**Elder** ~ Adam Esterline

**Reader** ~ Kevin Fouts

**Greeters** ~ Sue & Bob Conley

### Bible Study

**Adult Study** ~ Rev. Mike Mueller

**Youth Group** ~ Hallie & Billy

**Sunday School** ~ Christmas Eve Practice

**Coffee Hour** ~ Sue & Bob Conley

### 11:15am Service

**Pastor** ~ Rev. Mike Mueller

**Elder** ~ Adam Esterline

**Acolyte** ~ Kaylee Weeks

**Ushers** ~ Lenord McCreery

**Impact for Kids** ~ Christmas Eve Practice

**Music** ~ Bill Alberding, Jonah Brinkerhuff, Adriana McCreery, Raeann Rice, Trey Skaggs

**Greeters** ~ Jeanne Mueller

## Flowers Dedicated by

Lisa & Greg Fouts  
in loving celebration of Kevin's  
17th birthday

## To serve you better:

please record your information in the pew book. We ask that you print all requested information. Please return the book to the center aisle. Note the names of others in your pew, so you may greet each other by name after service.

## Need a quiet place:

the Narthex is available at every service. Just stop by with your child and you can still hear the whole service through our AV system.

## Hearing assistance:

available at the back of the church for those who would prefer it. Just pick up a headset, or see an usher for assistance.