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Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Long-expected God,

C: **We confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide.**

We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.

We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.

Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised.

Amen.

L: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness.

☩ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

C: Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting

The blind receive their sight!

R: John asked Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?”

C: Jesus said, “The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear.

R: The dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. Blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.

C: Truly I tell you, no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

We light the first Advent candle to remind us to keep awake and be ready.

(Pause while the first candle is lit.)

The second Advent candle reminds us to change our ways.

(Pause while the second candle is lit.)

We light the third Advent candle to remind us of the good news that the blind can see and the lame can walk.

Gathering:

Jesus, What a Wonderful Child

(ELW #297)

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before prayer.

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever..

C: Amen.

First Reading:**James 5:7-10****(Bruce)**

R: ⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:**(LCOOR VII Alleluia)****Gospel:****Matthew 11:2-11**

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew in the 11th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴ Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written,
‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

L: This is the gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Arlin Scott

Hymn of the Day: Joy to the World (ELW #267)

Hanging Of the Greens Starts

L: For Christmas, we enjoy decorating our homes with lights, wreaths, nativity scenes, a Christmas tree and other decorations which bring to life the wonderful message of the birth of the Savior. Here at Our Redeemer, our church family also enjoys making the sanctuary ready for the birth of Jesus. Today all of you will help

Christmas Tree Lighting and Ornaments

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (Juanita)

But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Music

Christ Be Our Light

(ELW p. 715, v. 1, 5)

Wreaths, and Garland

Isaiah 60:13-14

(Jennifer)

The glory of Lebanon will come to you, the pine, the fir and the cypress together, to adorn the place of My sanctuary; and I will glorify the place of My feet.

The sons of your oppressors will come bowing before you; all who despise you will bow down at your feet and will call you the City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Poinsettias

Isaiah 40:6-8

(Sierra)

A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."

Music

Away in a Manger

(ELW p 277 v. 1, 3)

Creche

Luke 2:8-12

(Linda)

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Music

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(ELW p. 254)

Prayers of Intercession.

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Peace.

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory:

He Came Down

(ELW #253)

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Nourishing God,

You are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

Through this meal, satisfy our parched places that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy:

(LCOOR VII Holy, Holy)

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen

Lamb of God

(LCOOR VII Lamb of God)

Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray,

God our host,

At this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.

Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

L: May God who comes among us, Father, [☩] Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

C: Amen.

Sending: **Soon and Very Soon** **(ELW #439)**

Sending

L: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

Arlin Scott is authorized to preside over Holy Communion at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer by permission of Bishop Brenda Bos of the Southwest California Synod.



†Health Concerns:

Gail Tenbus is recovering from a fall; Jack passed away from lung cancer (Donna's brother-in-law); Susan Rosewasser (Julie's friend); Alex Callahan; Godwin family dealing with Larry's Parkinson's diagnosis; Lupe and Dale Dean; Darcy Ludwig Sharon is dealing with MS.

[†] All those who do not have shelter, and have food insecurities.

[†] Nation and World: the end of war: an end to gun violence.

What's happening this week at Our Redeemer

Monday, 5 pm Stretch & Prayer.

Wednesday, 9 am Quilting and fellowship with The Love Ladies (and gents).

Saturday December 20th 9 am Annual Breakfast Sock exchange

Wednesday, December 24th 6 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We are thankful for those helping with worship today

Worship Leader

Arlin Scott

Music

Tim Pompey, Jennifer Guzzo Lowry

Ushers

Teddy Ipock, Robin Tribbitt, Lloyd Tribbitt

We have a YouTube Page.

Scan the Qr code below to

Re-watch a missed worship service.

Scan below to see this week's grace

