

December 7, 2025



**Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
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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

Repent! Change your ways, be baptized!

R: John the Baptist proclaimed, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

C: **And the people went out to him and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.**

R: And John said, "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals.

C: **He will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire."**

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

(Pause while the first candle is lit.)

R: We light the second Advent candle to remind us to change our ways.

Gathering: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (ELW #254)

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before prayer.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.

By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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:

Isaiah 11:1-10

R: ¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear,

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

Romans 15:4-13

R: ⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors

⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name";

¹⁰ and again he says, "Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people";

¹¹ and again, "Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";

¹² and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope."

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

(LCOOR VII Alleluia)

Gospel:

Matthew 3:1-12

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew in the 3rd Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,

² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him,

⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance,

⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

L: This is the gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Tim Pompey

Hymn of the Day: Blessed Be the God of Israel

(ELW #250)

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: Abba, Abba, Hear Us

(ACS #1072)

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 hospitalized; Jack, diagnosed with terminal 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

fighting cancer; Sharon is dealing with MS.

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

† Nation and World: the end of war; for 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, 5 pm Dinner Church/Hanging of the Greens

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

Reader

Linda Lefler

Ushers

Teddy Ipock, Robin Tribbitt, Lloyd Tribbitt

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Re-watch a missed worship service.



Scan below to see this week's grace

