

December 21, 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

The blind receive their sight!

R: When Mary was engaged to Joseph, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

C: **An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.**

She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

R: All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us.”

We light the first 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.)

The third Advent candle reminds us of the good news that the blind can see and the lame can walk.

(Pause while the third candle is lit.)

R/C: **We light the fourth Advent candle to remind us that God is with us!**

Gathering: The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came (ELW #265)

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before prayer.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading: **Romans 1:1-7**

R: ¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,
⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

(LCOOR VII Alleluia)

Gospel:

Matthew 1:18-25

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew in the 1st Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

- ¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit.
- ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly.
- ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
- ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."
- ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
- ²³ "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."
- ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife
- ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

L: This is the gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Tim Pompey

Hymn of the Day: Savior of the Nations Come
(ELW #263, vv. 1,2,6)

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 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

fighting cancer; 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).

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

Julie Jensen

Ushers

Teddy Ipock, Robin Tribbitt, Lloyd Tribbitt

We have a YouTube Page.
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Re-watch a missed worship service.



Scan below to see this week's grace

