

# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pastor Dave Weber

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## Third Sunday in Advent

8:30 Worship

December 11, 2022

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## Welcome All Who Worship Here

### Call to Worship

Welcome

Pastor Dave Weber

### Opening Hymn

**“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”**

*Hymnal 341, verses 1,2,4*

### Confession and Absolution

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Congregation: Amen.**

*Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained*

*servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Please be seated . . .**

**Introit**

**Psalm 146**

*Pastor: Praise the Lord!*

**Congregation: Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

*Pastor: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;*

**Congregation: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

*Pastor: Put not your trust in princes,*

**Congregation: in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

*Pastor: When his breath departs he returns to the earth;*

**Congregation: on that very day his plans perish.**

*Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,*

**Congregation: whose hope is in the Lord his God.**

*Pastor: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,*

**Congregation: who keeps faith forever;**

*Pastor: who executes justice for the oppressed,*

**Congregation: who gives food to the hungry.**

*Pastor: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.*

**Congregation: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

*Pastor: The Lord watched over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,*

**Congregation: but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

*Pastor: The Lord will reign forever,*

**Congregation: Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!**

*Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

**Congregation: and to the Holy Spirit;**

*Pastor: as it was in the beginning,*

**Congregation: is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Kyrie** (Lord Have Mercy) Page 152

*Cantor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.*

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

*Cantor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord*

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

*Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

*Cantor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.*

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

*Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**Congregation: Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis** (Glory to God in the Highest) Page 154

*Cantor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.*

**Congregation: Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord You alone are the most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you. Congregation: And also with you.*

**Prayer of the Day**

*Pastor: Together we pray...*

**Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 35:1-10**

***The wilderness will rejoice and blossom.***

*†The desert and the parched land will be glad;  
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.*

Like the crocus, <sup>2</sup> it will burst into bloom;  
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,  
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;  
they will see the glory of the LORD,  
the splendor of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the feeble hands,  
steady the knees that give way;

<sup>4</sup> say to those with fearful hearts,  
"Be strong, do not fear;

your God will come,  
he will come with vengeance;  
with divine retribution  
he will come to save you.

<sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

<sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer,  
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness  
and streams in the desert.

<sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool,  
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.  
In the haunts where jackals once lay,  
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

<sup>8</sup> And a highway will be there;  
it will be called the Way of Holiness;  
it will be for those who walk on that Way.

The unclean will not journey on it;  
wicked fools will not go about on it.

<sup>9</sup> No lion will be there,  
nor any ravenous beast;  
they will not be found there.

But only the redeemed will walk there,

<sup>10</sup> and those the LORD has rescued will return.

They will enter Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy will crown their heads.

Gladness and joy will overtake them,

and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

**“Bethlehem Hallelu”  
Choir**

**Epistle Reading**

**James 5:7-11**

***“Be patient...until the coming of the Lord.”***

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. <sup>8</sup>You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near. <sup>9</sup>Don’t grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

<sup>10</sup>Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**We rise for the reading of God’s Holy Gospel...**

**Congregation: Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Pastor: The Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the eleventh chapter.*

**Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord!**

**Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 11:2-11**

***Jesus speaks regarding John the Baptist.***

<sup>2</sup>When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples <sup>3</sup>to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

<sup>4</sup>Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. <sup>6</sup>Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

<sup>7</sup>As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? <sup>8</sup>If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings’ palaces. <sup>9</sup>Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

*Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ**

## **We Proclaim Our Faith**

## **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was  
made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Please be seated . . .**

**Sermon Hymn**

*Hymnal 763, verses 1-4*

**“When Peace, like a River”**

**Morning Message**

**Pastor Dave Weber**

**“Is It Okay To Doubt?”**

**Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory / Offertory Response**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me  
Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**Please be seated . . .**

**Prayers** *Pastor: Lord in Your mercy. Congregation: Hear our prayer.*

## **Lord's Prayer (We sing together...Please Rise)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Please be seated . . .**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you,*

**Congregation: And also with you;**

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts,*

**Congregation: We lift them to the Lord;**

*Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,*

**Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Pastor: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times  
and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father,  
almighty, everlasting God: Therefore with angels and  
archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and  
magnify Thy glorious name*

**Congregation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had  
mercy on us children of men and given Your only-begotten  
Son that whosoever believe in Him should not perish but have  
eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption You have  
prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may  
establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him who  
comes to us in His body and blood.*

**Congregation: Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

*Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always*

**Congregation: and also with you.**

**We sing . . .**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

**Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**At the closing of communion, we sing...Please stand...**

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.**

**He recalls His promises and leads his people forth in joy**

**With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.**

*Pastor: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**All: Amen.**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

**“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”**

*Hymnal 386, verses 1,2,3*

**Informal Moments**

**A special thank you to David Conant for serving as a Lay Reader and Carl McCullough for serving as a Cantor.**