

**2**<sup>nd</sup> **Sunday of Advent** December 11, 2024

# Redeemer Lutheran Church

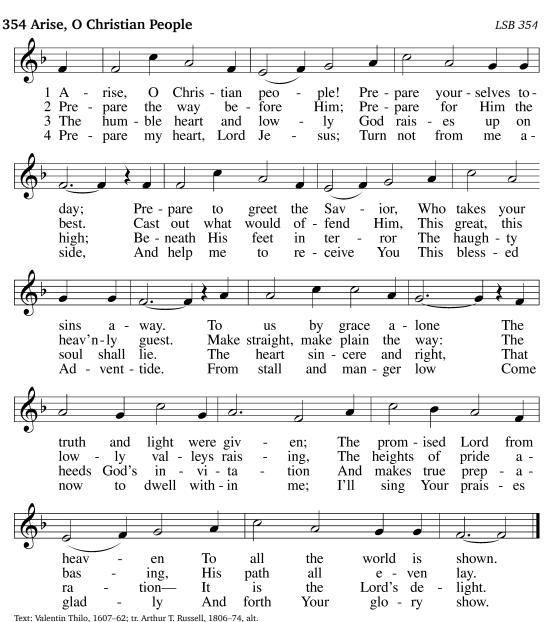
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# Confession and Absolution



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- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

#### Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## Service of the Word

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The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:*

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight."

Hear, O my people, while I ad- | monish you!*

O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!

I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.*

Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.

But my people did not listen | to my voice;*

Israel would not sub- | mit to me.

Oh, that my people would lis- | ten to me,*

that Israel would walk | in my ways!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

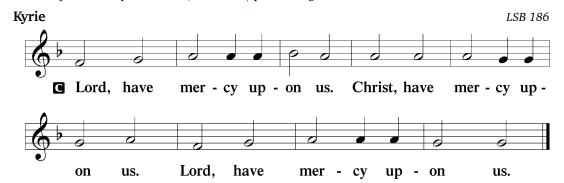
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:\*

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight."



Salutation and Collect of the Day

Advent 2



P The Lord be with you.





P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### **Old Testament Reading**

Malachi 3:1-7b

"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.\*

Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*

righteous and having sal- | vation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.\*

From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

**Epistle** Philippians 1:2–11

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. A This is the Word of the Lord.

#### C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse of the Day Verse

Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Luke 3:1–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.



In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher,

what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

#### P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



# Apostles' Creed

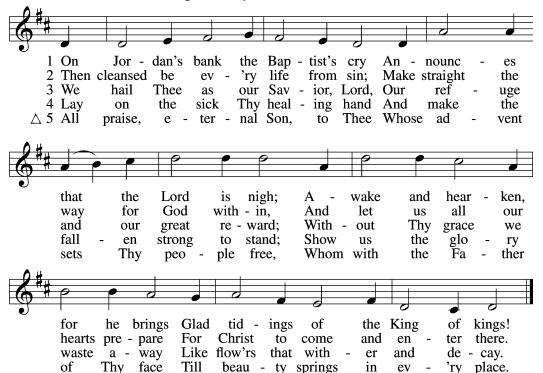
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,



LSB 344



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#### Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

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C Amen.

#### Stand

Offertory LSB 192

C 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.

### Offering



# Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven . . . and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

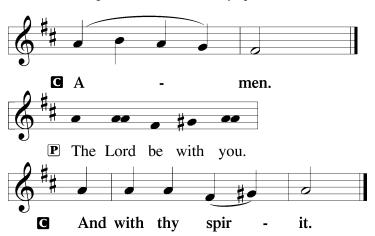


A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

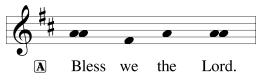


#### A Let us pray.

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.



Benedicamus LSB 202





Benediction LSB 202

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.

  The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

  The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.
- C Amen, amen, amen.



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# Last Week's Attendance and Offerings

Attendance 12/1

Offering 11/28 GF \$190.00 CP \$100.00

# Weekly Schedule for December 08 - December 15, 2024

08 Today	Sunday School Adult Class Divine Service Potluck Voters Meeting Member Class	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall Pastor's Office
09 Monday	Quilters Final Men's Book Club – Overcoming Life's Sorrows – Jeremiah.	9:00 a.m. 6:30	Fellowship Hall Pelican Brewing
10 Tuesday			
11 Wednesday	Men's breakfast Soup Supper <b>Advent Mid Service</b>	8:00 a.m. 5:30 6:30 p.m.	Denny's Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
12 Thursday	Bible Class 5 Rivers Bible Class Confirmation	1:00 pm 1:30 pm 6:30 pm	Fellowship Hall 5 Rivers Fellowship Hall
13 Friday			
14 Saturday	<b>Ashley Guillory Party</b>		Fellowship Hall
15 Next Sunday	Sunday School Adult Bible Class Divine Service <b>Member Class</b>	9.30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 01:00 pm.	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Sanctuary Pastor's Office

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Luke 21:28 – "Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." When the world starts to fall apart, when things go badly, when nation rises against nation, Jesus tells us to lift up our heads

because redemption is nigh. What a wonderful reminder that we Christians really do have nothing to fear! Jesus has conquered and He will deliver the full victory to us in His second Advent. Therefore we are free to live godly, generous, faithful lives here and now, for we have nothing to be afraid of.