



# *Where Do We Go From Here?*

December 29, 2024 ~ 8:30am

## **REDEEMER BY THE SEA ~ "A PLACE TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN"**

We are honored to recognize our niche in God's Kingdom work. Here we will faithfully worship and teach in alignment with God's Word and we're a small enough fellowship where you can know and be known by most of the people around you if that's your desire. Here you will be missed if you're gone and prayed for when you have needs. You are welcome to contact the office ([kay@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:kay@redeemerbythesea.org)) or Pastor D directly ([dhilken@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:dhilken@redeemerbythesea.org)).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS: [www.RedeemerbytheSea.org](http://www.RedeemerbytheSea.org)**

<b>Jan. 1<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>Church Office will be closed</b>
<b>Jan. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Men's Fellowship Breakfast</b>
<b>Jan. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Christmas Undecorating</b>
<b>Jan. 11<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Holy Hackers</b>
<b>Jan 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:45am</b>	<b>Sunday Fellowship Coffee Meeting</b>
<b>Jan. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>LWM – Serving RBTS Preschool Staff &amp; Students</b>
<b>Jan. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Birthday Club</b>
<b>Jan. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>San Diego Walk for Life</b>



## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN

### “Let All Together Praise Our God”

LSB 389



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.

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### INVOCATION

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

**People:** **Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:** **who made heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**People:** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**Pastor:** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

*(silence for further personal reflection and specific confession)*

Pastor: Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**CREATE IN ME**

**LSB 192**

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases ending in a fermata. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. A square box containing a 'C' symbol is placed above the first note of the second staff.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Pastor: For you who believe and trust that Jesus is God and Savior, through Him and for His sake God has heard our prayer. The Father sent His Son into our world, to die for us and to rise again that we may have new life. As a called and ordained servant of the word, and at the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I announce the grace of God unto all you, your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**All: O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

**Colossians 3:12-17 (ESV)**

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<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40 (ESV)

Reader: The Holy Gospel today comes from Luke chapter 2.

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

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<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup> "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

<sup>36</sup> And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup> and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **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.**

**And 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.**





1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and  
 △ 8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,  
 Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.  
 Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546; (sts. 1–2): tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76; (sts. 4, 8): tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913–2001 Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter Text (sts. 4, 8): © 1978 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110016216 Text (sts. 1–2) and tune: Public domain

## MESSAGE

## "Where Do We Go from Here"

Chaplain Erik Neider

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: *(concluding each petition)* Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING GOD'S PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER

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

People: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI (*You May Be Seated*)

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.  
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.  
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky \_\_\_\_\_ looked down where He lay,  
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

Text (sts. 1–2): Little Children’s Book, 1885, Philadelphia; (st. 3): Vineyard Songs, 1892, Louisville, alt. Tune: James R. Murray, 1841–1905 Text and tune: Public domain

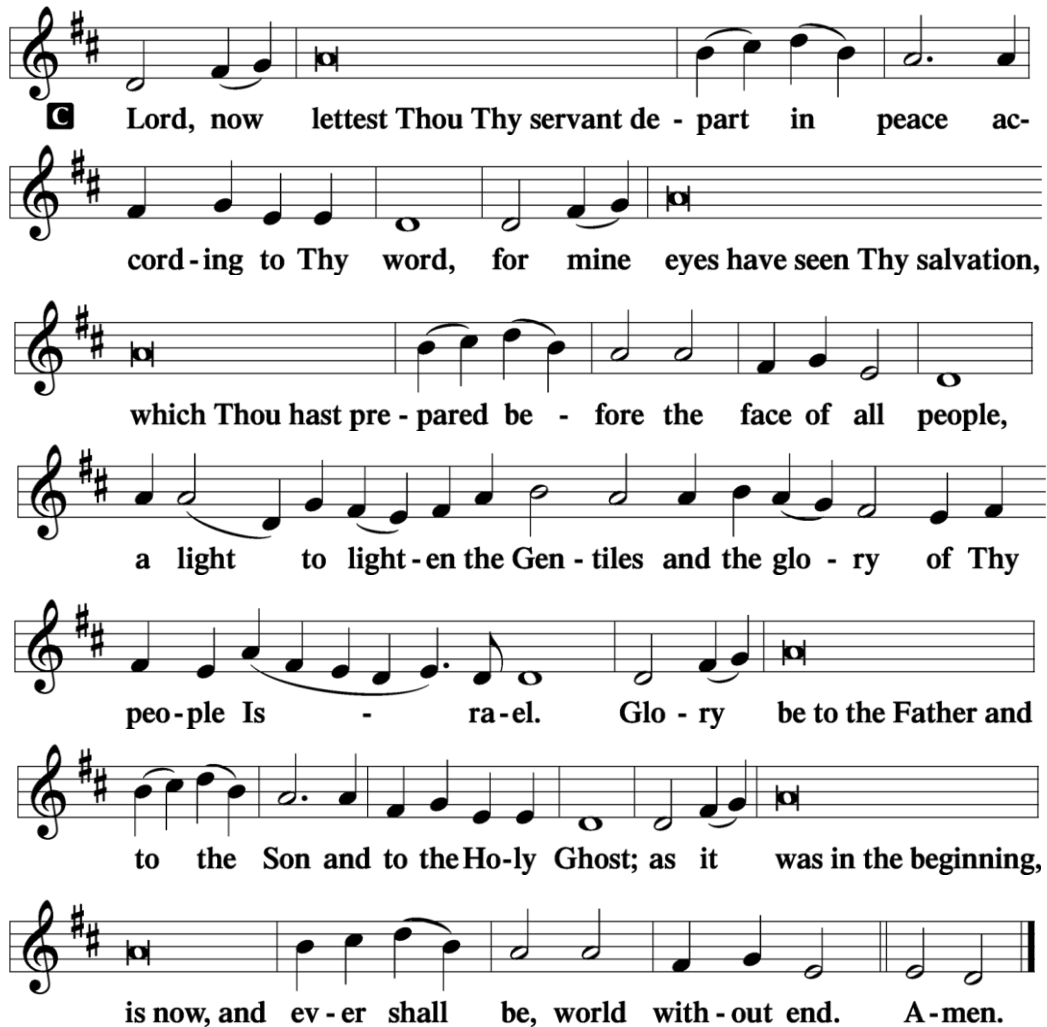
**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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.

**People: Amen.**

# NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN****“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”****LSB 924**

1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's  
 3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion  
 pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;  
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
 Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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**SENDING**

**Pastor:** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE****“Tocatta on “Regent Square”**

by Lani Smith

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# WORSHIP | GROW | SERVE

**OFFERINGS:** *Visitors: please consider yourselves our guests and do not feel obligated to participate in the offering.* In

faithful obedience and joyful response to God's grace in our lives, we humbly and gratefully bring our tithes (a regular first portion percentage of our income) and offerings (gifts over and above our tithes for other kingdom work). You may deposit your envelope, check, or cash in the box next to the exit; give online with your phone using the QR code at right or text "GIVE" to 442-222-2448. All of these options are on our website:



[www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/](http://www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/).

**WELCOME CHAPLAIN ERIK NEIDER:** Chaplain Erik Neider and Joelle, his wife, were born Wisconsin and raised in the Midwest. They lived in the Northeast from 2000-2005 while he served in the Navy's Submarine Service. He attended Concordia Seminary St. Louis from 2005-2010, taking a one-year sabbatical in 2007 to deploy to Kuwait. From 2010-2015 he was Associate Pastor of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church and School in Crystal Lake, IL. In 2017 Erik returned to active service as a Navy Chaplain with the US Coast Guard in Northern California. 2020-2022 The Neiders lived in Sasebo, Japan, where Erik served on USS AMERICA. Since August 2022 they have lived in San Clemente while Erik serves the Marines and Sailors of 1st Marine Division.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Sat. Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-10:45am.** Join us for a time of fellowship and men's study. Register online to select a (optional) bagel from Inglorious Bagels.

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES** On **Sun. Jan 5<sup>th</sup>** between services in the Fellowship Hall, come meet Artis Purins and his wife Inga. Artis will share what God is doing through Lutheran Hour Ministries sharing the Gospel in Latvia. Join us for this unique opportunity to hear about outreach in another culture. For more information visit: [www.LHM.org/global](http://www.LHM.org/global).

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKE DOWN** – Time to take down our Christmas decorations. Plan to come and help - **Sat, Jan. 11th at 9:00am** Remember we need you – short, tall, young and old...to do the job quickly.

**HOLY HACKERS:** The next golf outing will be on **Sat. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>**. We play best ball, so all levels of golfers are welcome to join. Email Rhonda (missrhonda@redeemerbythesea.org) to play.

**SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** On **Sun. Jan 12<sup>th</sup>** between services in the Fellowship Hall, there will be a meeting for the fabulous Coffee Fellowship Team. We are always looking for more hands, so if you are interested in learning more about serving in this role, please attend this meeting. Contact Mary Meyer (jmeyer10010@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION – SERVING OTHERS:** On **Tues. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> following the 9:30am business meeting**, we will serve our own Redeemer by the Sea Preschool's staff and students. Projects include story time, preparing teaching materials and serving staff lunch. "Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descent like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants." Deuteronomy 32:2 (NIV)

**REDEEMER BIRTHDAY CLUB** will be celebrating Oct. Nov. and Dec. birthdays on **Fri. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm** at Dini's in Carlsbad. In lieu of cards, a freewill donation will be collected and the recipient to be determine by the group. RSVP **ONLINE** so we can let the restaurant know how many will attend.

**JOIN OUR FREE TO BE FAITHFUL GROUP AT THE 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SAN DIEGO WALK FOR LIFE** on **Sat. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-12:00pm** at Waterfront Park. The day will include Ramona Trevino as the Keynote speaker, Music by Carlos de Alba, raffles, exhibitors, activities for children, live entertainment and a coffee truck. For carpooling options, contact Dan Bitner: **bitnerdr@gmail.com** or Jerry Meyer: **jmeyer10010@yahoo.com**. For more information about this event: **<https://sdcatholic.org/event/13th-annual-san-diego-walk-for-life/>**

**CLOTHING RECYCLING BIN:** Redeemer by the Sea is partnering with Good Use Clothing and Shoes to recycle old clothing, shoes, accessories, and linens. This family business services the bins weekly, sorts the textiles to send items either to local thrift shops, or to be reused for rags, insulation, etc. The goal is to keep textiles out of landfills and raise funds for RBTS. The bin is across from the preschool gate, so clean out your closets!

**SERMON NOTES**

**Date** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Series/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

**MAIN POINTS:**

**ACTION/REFLECTION/PRAYER:**