



"Watching for the Light at the End of Times"

Pastor John Fiene

November 30, 2025 ~ 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).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

www.RedeemerbytheSea.org/announcements

Nov. 27-28th

Church Office will be closed

Nov. 30th

12:00pm

Voter's Meeting –Call Service

Dec. 3rd

5:30pm

Midweek Advent Worship

Dec. 6th

9:00am

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Dec. 6th

10:00am

Decorate Redeemer for Christmas

Dec. 7th

12:00pm

Drop –N- Shop

WELCOME

OPENING

Luther's Catechism on Baptism

People: What is Baptism?

Pastor: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

People: What is that word of God?

Pastor: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

OPENING HYMN

"The Advent of Our King"

LSB 331



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

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

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

(silence for further personal reflection and specific confession)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: 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.

People: Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 2:1-12

Pastor: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

People: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

Pastor: "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

People: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

Pastor: Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

People: "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

Pastor: I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

People: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Pastor: You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

People: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Pastor: Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

People: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE GOD'S PEACE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 12:1-4

"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. ⁴But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 22:1-21

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God

of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

⁷ "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, ⁹ but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

¹⁰ And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹ Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

¹² "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:15-25 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Revelation, the 21st chapter:

People: Glory to you, O Lord._

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

²⁰ Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" ²¹ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" ²² Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" ²³ So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

²⁴ This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

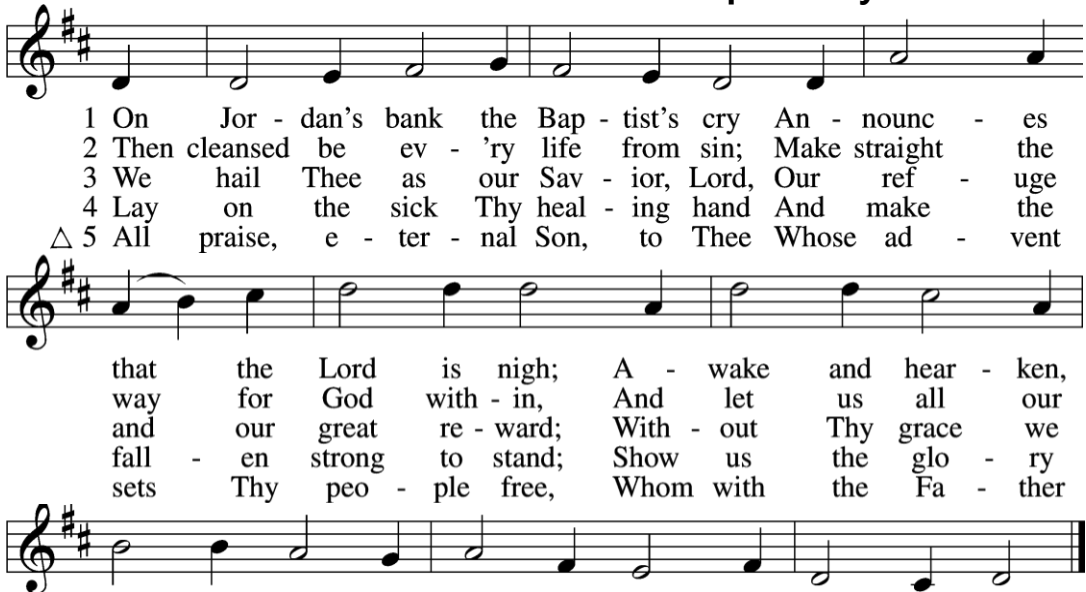
**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

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, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MESSAGE HYMN**"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"****LSB 344**

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent
that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther
for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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MESSAGE**"Watching for the Light at the End of Times"**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER**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

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

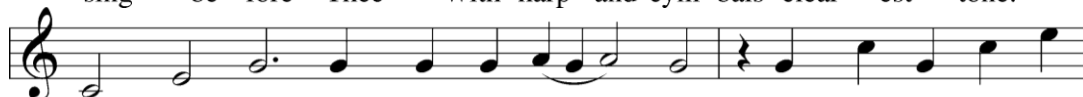
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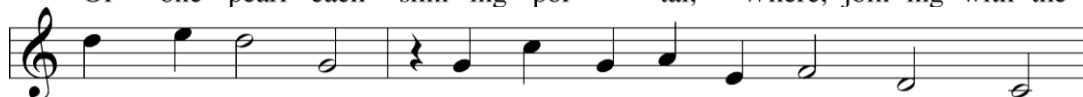
1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord with joy;

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Paeon on "Wachet auf"

by David Lasky

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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, or text "GIVE" to 442-222-2448. All of these options are also available on our **website:** www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/



CALL COMMITTEE/COUNCIL UPDATE

The call committee and council have voted unanimously to move forward in our call process. Therefore, the council is calling a

CALL SERVICE VOTER'S MEETING

Sun, Nov. 30th at 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The agenda is to prayerfully deliberate issuing a call to Pastor Eli Thomas to be Redeemer's next Senior Pastor. Voters of Redeemer by the Sea will be voting on the call, and *a quorum is required*. It's an important time to pause and come together as a community of believers so everyone is welcome to attend. If you need childcare during this special meeting/service, please email: [**Kerry@redeemerbythesea.org**](mailto:Kerry@redeemerbythesea.org) in the church office as we are happy to provide it.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: 91 shoeboxes were delivered to Operation Christmas Child this week. These gifts bring joy to children around the world and helps spread the love of Jesus! Thank you for your generosity, Redeemer by the Sea Church and Preschool!

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM STARTS SUN. NOV. 23RD. Support local military families by donating a \$25 gift card from Amazon, Target or Walmart. Gift cards can also be purchased through Redeemer online. The deadline is Dec. 14th. In return, you'll receive an angel ornament with a child's name on it to pray for during the holiday season. This program helps Camp Pendleton Marines and their families in San Diego. Thank you!



ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP: During this busy Advent season, take a moment to reflect on this special season of light by worshiping with us on **Wednesdays at 5:30pm**. The Evening Prayer Service will begin on **Dec. 3rd at 5:30pm** in the Sanctuary. *These services will not be live-streamed.*

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: **Sat. Dec. 6th at 9:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP ONLINE and choose your optional breakfast from Panera then join us for a time of fellowship and a men's study. Following breakfast, please stay and help decorate Redeemer for Christmas!

DECORATE REDEEMER FOR CHRISTMAS: On **Sat. Dec. 6th at 10:00am** help decorate the church for the upcoming Christmas season. Many hands are needed for this task.

DROP AND SHOP: Will be on **Sun. Dec. 7th from 12pm-3pm**. This is a chance for parents to do their Christmas shopping while the kids enjoy crafts, activities, playtime and lunch! Cost is \$25/child. Space is limited so sign-up your children online (ages 1-9 years old).

SERVE TEAM NEEDED: If you are high school-aged and above, willing to give your time to the children attending this event, please sign up online. Hours are 11:15am-3:45pm to help set up and clean up. Email **Shauna - shauna841505@yahoo.com**

LWM ANGELS ON HIGH CHRISTMAS PARTY: **Tue, Dec. 9th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall! Invite a friend and come enjoy some Christmas cheer. Please bring a hot or cold appetizer to share—desserts and extra holiday treats will be provided. The evening will include festive carol singing and a fun gift exchange (limit \$20).

HOLY HACKERS: Our next golf event will be **Sat. Dec. 13th**. This outing follows a scramble format, making it fun and accessible for golfers of all skill levels. To sign-up, please email Rhonda at **Rhonda@redeemerbythesea.org**.

POINSETTIAS FOR OUR SANCTUARY: Help decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. The cost is \$13.00 each and is available on our website. Your poinsettias may be taken home after Christmas.