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to hallelujah!

November 24, 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) or Pastor D directly (dhilken@redeemerbythesea.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org

Nov. 27th	5:30pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Dec. 6th	9:00am	Decorating the Church
Dec. 7th	9:00am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Dec. 7th	1:00pm	Drop and Shop
Dec. 8th		Angel Tree Gifts Deadline
Dec. 10th	6:00pm	LWM Christmas Party
Dec. 14th		Holy Hackers
Dec. 15th	9:45am	Voter's Meeting
Dec. 20th	5:00pm	Women's Friday Fellowship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

LSB 394



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, alt. Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93 Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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)

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: 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 of you, your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

All: Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

GREET ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE THE PEACE OF GOD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:2-6 (ESV)

²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord.

⁵"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20 (ESV)

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: 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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are written below the notes.

HOLY Gospel

Luke 2:1-7 (ESV)

Pastor: The Gospel reading today comes from Luke chapter 2.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Pastor: 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.

MESSAGE

"A Christmas You'll Never Regret"

Pastor D.R. Hilken

HYMN OF PRAISE "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" LSB 348



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phunt breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.

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.

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

"Hark the Glad Sound"

LSB 349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51 Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820 Text and tune: Public domain

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sinfonia from Cantata BWV 29 “We Thank Thee, God”

J.S. Bach/Arr. by Hal H. Hopson

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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 these options are on our website:



www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: 90 shoeboxes which 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!

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE: Please join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship with communion on **Wed. Nov. 27th at 5:30pm**. Please note that this service will not be live-streamed or recorded. **PLEASE NOTE:** The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thurs. Nov. 28th and Fri. Nov. 29th.

ANGEL TREE IN THE LOBBY: We are thrilled to share that RBTS will once again be providing \$25 gift cards to children of active-duty Marines at Camp Pendleton. *Here's what's new:* You have several ways to sponsor a child: 1) make a check payable to RBTS, pay cash in the church lobby or purchase online and we will pick up a gift card for you. 2) Buy a \$25 gift card on your own from Amazon, Walmart or Target and return it to the church by **Sun. Dec. 8th (The date has been corrected)**. *After you have purchased your gift,* you may select a handmade Angel Ornament to keep. We sincerely thank you for your faithful service and generosity. Questions? Email Stepholivero@san.rr.com.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: On **Fri. Dec. 6th at 9:30am** come and help decorate the church for the upcoming Christmas season. Many helpers are needed, especially to get on ladders. Please email BJ – bjclahr@cox.net if you can help.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Sat. Dec. 7th from 9:00am-10:45am. Join us for a time of fellowship and men's study. Register online to select a breakfast burrito from Valerie's Tacos.

DROP AND SHOP SERVE TEAM NEEDED: If you are high school-aged and above, willing to give your time to the children at Drop and Shop on **Sat. Dec. 7th** from 12:30-5:30pm, please sign up online or Contact Rhonda: **Rhonda@redeemerbythesea.org.**

Register your child(ren) to do your Christmas shopping while the kids enjoy crafts, decorating cookies, playtime and a movie! Cost is \$25/child (ages 1-9 years old) and the hours are from 1pm-5pm. Space is limited so sign-up today on our website.

LWML CHRISTMAS PARTY: The theme is "A Long Time Ago and A Little Retro" on **Tues. Dec. 10th at 6:00pm.** Everyone is asked to bring an appetizer that serves 6-8 to share. Christmas cheer will be provided – including singing carols and a gift exchange (\$20 limit). Invite a friend. Email BJ – **bjclahr@cox.net** to RSVP or with any questions.

HOLY HACKERS: The next golf outing will be on **Sat. Dec. 14th.** We play best ball so all levels of golfers are welcome to join. To play, contact Rhonda – **rhonda@redeemerbythesea.org.**

POINSETTIAS FOR OUR SANCTUARY: Help decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. The cost is \$11.00 each and can be purchased under donate on our website. If you would prefer to pay by check, please sign up online, click pay later, and then drop your check into the offering box. Your poinsettias may be taken home after Christmas. Thank you!

VOTER'S MEETING - SUN DEC. 15TH AT 9:45am. Elections for Treasurer and Evangelism Chair. (Fellowship and Education Chairs are also still vacant.) If you are interested in more information about serving in these roles, please email Kim Glassman: – **president@redeemerbythesea.org** or Dan Bitner: – **vicepresident@redeemerbythesea.org.** Please join us in the Fellowship Hall.

WOMEN'S FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP: Dec. 20th at 5:30pm. Women start your weekend out right with Happy Hour and Bible Study with friends from RBTS. Hors'D provided, BYOB. Please RSVP online for details and the host's address will be emailed with your confirmation. Hope to see you there!



A Christmas You'll Never Regret

November 24, 2024

Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"

Christmas is a time of _____ ?

Recognize the _____

What crowds Christ from my Christmas? ~ The Lord is ...

- A) ...left out through _____
- B) ...crowded out by _____
- C) ...shut out by pain

To experience a Christmas I'll never regret
I will make room for Jesus by choosing to ...

- A) ...learn / remember _____ He came
- B) ...notice and guide my schedule
- C) ...let this Christmas tale _____ and _____
- D) ..._____ and allow the light of Christ