

from humbug to hallelujah!

December 22, 2024 ~ 10:15am

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

Dec. 24th	3:00pm	Contemporary Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
	5:00pm	Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
Dec. 25th		Church Office will be closed
Jan. 1st		Church Office will be closed
Jan. 4th	9:00am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Jan. 11th	9:00am	Christmas Decoration Take Down
Jan. 11th		Holy Hackers
Jan. 14th	9:30am	LWM – Serving RBTS Preschool Staff & Students

OPENING SONG

“Christmas Hallelujah”

“Revelation Song”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET AND GREET

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE / DISMISS TO KIDZONE

A READING FROM ISAIAH 9:1-7 (NLT).

Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory. ² The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. ³ You will enlarge the nation of Israel, and its people will rejoice. They will rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest and like warriors dividing the plunder. ⁴ For you will break the yoke of their slavery and lift the heavy burden from their shoulders. You will break the oppressor’s rod, just as you did when you destroyed the army of Midian. ⁵ The boots of the warrior and the uniforms bloodstained by war will all be burned. They will be fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies will make this happen!

A READING FROM MATTHEW 2:1-15 (ESV).

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

MESSAGE

"Writing a New Ending to Your Story"

Pastor D. R. Hilken

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"Believer"

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/**



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Sat. Jan. 4th from **9:00am -10:45am**. Join us for a time of fellowship and men's study. Register ONLINE to RSVP and select your (optional) breakfast sandwich from Inglorious Bagels.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES On **Sun. Jan 5th** Artis Purins and his wife Inga. will join us at Redeemer by the Sea. They will share what God is doing through Lutheran Hour Ministries in Latvia. Join us for this unique opportunity to hear about outreach in another culture. To learn more, visit 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. Write this on your calendar and join us.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION – SERVING OTHERS: On **Jan. 14th 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.

Today's altar flowers donated in celebration of
Jo Voertman's 90th birthday from her East Coast family.

Writing A New Ending To Your Story

December 22, 2024 - Matthew 2:1-15

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“a time for finding yourself a year older and not an hour richer”

Is there _____ to change my future?

Humbug moments

you can't keep them from _____

you can keep them from _____

“Lord, help me to find hallelujah in this humbug situation.”

Four important steps to hope:

- 1) Accepting the truth about life and about ourselves
- 2) Accepting the truth about _____
- 3) Learn to pay attention to God
- 4) Following will demand _____

“(the wise men) they went home another way”

Matthew 2:12

“severe mercy” — C.S. Lewis