



# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**WELCOME** to worship at Redeemer Church.

All who are baptized and believe the following are invited to **commune**. Luther's Small Catechism says that the Sacrament of the Altar is "the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and drink." "...forgiveness of sin, life and salvation are given to us in the sacrament..."

Children and all who are not yet communing are invited to the table for a blessing. Ushers will guide you. White grape juice is available at your request.

Please fill out the attendance folder.

**Guests**, please include your address and telephone number (and home church on the back). Please introduce yourself to the Pastor and take a guest packet.

A **nursery** is available where preschool children can stretch.

## Serving Today

Assisting Ministers: Karen Rieker  
Cantor: George Behrend  
Acolytes: Megan Kish & Shannon Kreidler  
Greeters: Kreidler Family  
Altar Care: Diann Long & Kristi Little  
Nursery: Audrey Meier  
Ushers: *Thanks!*

## Serving Sunday Dec 7

Mark Clark  
Chris Weber & Garrett Witzke  
Ann Cassese  
Decorate the Church  
Amy Millet

Offering Counters: Virginia Lindamood, Cindy Osadczuk, Pat Andrukut,  
Katy Murphy, Mary Jean Howell and Dot Zimmerman

## REDEEMER CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Michael D. Oakley

Pastor

Gail Young

Organist and Choir Director

Kathy Walker

Secretary

*Redeemer Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

# First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 30, 2008

## Golden Jubilee of the Signing of the Charter of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Brook Park Ohio.



*Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADVENT CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:*

(Presiding Minister    Congregation    Assisting Minister)

**Po**     Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who is the light and life of all the ages  
**C Amen.**

Trusting in Jesus Christ,  
who came to share our humanity  
and bring light to this broken world,  
let us come before God without fear to make our confession.  
*All may kneel or remain seated. Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**Po**     Comforting God,  
**C**     we confess before you and in the presence of one another  
that we are sinners who fail to live as you desire.  
So often we place our trust in ourselves and not in you.  
We do not love each other as you have commanded.  
Because of us, your whole creation suffers.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us.  
In your boundless patience and mercy,  
lead us to live by faith in your promise.    **Amen.**

**Po**     God's love for us is greater than all our sins.  
God promises full pardon and complete forgiveness to all who turn from sin

and place their trust in Christ, the light of the world.  
Hear and believe the good news that all your sins are forgiven.  
With God nothing is impossible. **C Amen.**

*Sit*

*The service continues with the prelude by the UMCBP Bell Choir, "Agape" by D. Estep  
Hymn music may be found in the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.*

## GATHERING

*Stand*

**GATHERING HYMN**                      *Hark the Glad Sound*                      *ELW 239*

- 1 Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
the Savior promised long;  
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
and ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,  
in Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,  
the bleeding soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of his grace  
to enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,  
your welcome shall proclaim,  
and heav'n's eternal arches ring  
with your beloved name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

## ADVENT GREETING

**PE** Grace and peace be with you in the name of the Triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C** **And also with you.**

## KYRIE .

*The Kyrie is sung in dialogue between an assisting minister and the assembly.*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



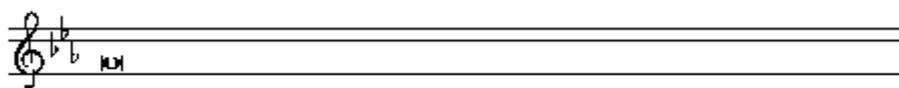
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



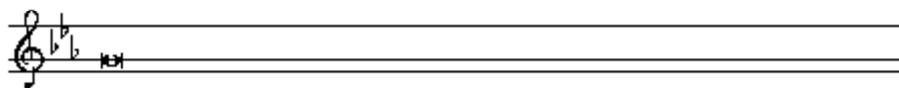
For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



**live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**PE** Gracious God, you have called this congregation into being as an assembly of believers among whom the gospel of Christ is faithfully preached and the sacraments of grace are administered. Bless us as we celebrate our Fiftieth Anniversary.

**C** **Look with favor upon our membership and our mission, and keep us ever faithful to the one who has called us to discipleship, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Sit*

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S SERMON ◦

#### FIRST READING **Isaiah 64:1–9**

*This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40-55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past*

**A** A reading from Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,

so that the mountains would quake at your presence —

<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood

and the fire causes water to boil —

to make your name known to your adversaries,

so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,

you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard,

no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,

who works for those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right,

those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we transgressed.

<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,

and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name,

or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,

and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

<sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people

**A** The word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 80:1–7, 16–18**

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph<sup>1</sup> like a flock;\*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned up-<sup>1</sup> on the cherubim.

**<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin,<sup>1</sup> and Manasseh,\*  
stir up your strength and<sup>1</sup> come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O<sup>1</sup> God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance, and we<sup>1</sup> shall be saved.

**<sup>4</sup>O LORD<sup>1</sup> God of hosts,\*  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers<sup>1</sup> of your people?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the<sup>1</sup> bread of tears;\*  
you have given them bowls of<sup>1</sup> tears to drink.

**<sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision<sup>1</sup> of our neighbors,\*  
and our enemies laugh<sup>1</sup> us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O<sup>1</sup> God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance, and we<sup>1</sup> shall be saved.

**<sup>16</sup>Let your hand be upon the man of<sup>1</sup> your right hand,\*  
the son of man you have made so strong<sup>1</sup> for yourself.**

<sup>17</sup>And so will we never turn a-<sup>1</sup> way from you;\*  
give us life, that we may call up-<sup>1</sup> on your name.

**<sup>18</sup>Restore us, O LORD<sup>1</sup> God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance, and we<sup>1</sup> shall be saved.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

*As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.*

**A** A reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Church in Corinth

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on

the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A** The word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Stand*

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

**GOSPEL** Mark 13:24–37

*In today's reading, Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering. In today's reading, Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.*

**PE** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

<sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four

winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see

these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken

place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not

know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands

the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**SERMON** *The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Bishop  
of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

*Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *We All Are One in Mission* *ELW 576*

- 1 We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.
- 2 We all are called to service,  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different;  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 Now let us be united,  
and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

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## **PRAYERS**

**A** In hope and expectation, let us pray for restoration and peace, light and life.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Come down, O God, and bless us as we walk forward in faith. Help us, to preserve the best of our past and be open to what the future holds. Sustain us in our baptismal calling. Keep us ever mindful that we are the body of Christ, sent forth to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in and for the world. Stir up your power, O God; **C stir up your power and come.**

**A** Come down, O God, and give life to the nations of the world, that where there is strife and warfare, your peace will prevail, and where there is hatred and mistrust, your presence will restore. Stir up your power, O God; **C stir up your power and come.**

**A** Come down, O God, and give life to your church. Let the light of your holy word awaken your people to deeds of love and mercy, that all may know you are near. Stir up your power, O God; **C stir up your power and come.**

**A** Come down, O God, and give life to creation. May your handiwork in the heavens and the earth proclaim your glory even as we your creatures care for all that you have made. Stir up your power, O God; **C stir up your power and come.**

**A** Come down, O God, and give life to those who live in fear. For those whose strength is fading, who cannot sleep, and who struggle with chronic pain, \* draw near with your healing light. Stir up your power, O God; **C stir up your power and come.**

**A** Come down, O God, and give life to the ministries of this congregation. Keep us alert to the needs of the community beyond these walls, that with thankful hearts we would be strengthened to serve anyone in any need. Stir up your power, O God; **C stir up your power and come.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Come down, O God, and give life to all who grieve. Comfort those whose sorrows are deep, and reveal yourself to them through the care of friends and neighbors, that with Andrew your apostle and all the saints we may all be gathered at your table of eternal grace. Stir up your power, O God; **C stir up your power and come**

**PE** You are with us, O God, and our spirits rejoice in your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C Amen.**



*Sit*

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM BY THE ASSEMBLY**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly in these or similar words:*

**Po** Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ. *The presiding minister may note briefly the occasion for this affirmation, the Golden Jubilee of the signing of the charter that created Redeemer Lutheran Church, Brook Park Ohio.*

**Stand** *Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

**Po** Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith.

**C** **Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

**PE** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C** **I renounce them.**

**PE** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C** **I renounce them.**

**PE** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C** **I renounce them.**

**PE** Do you believe in God the Father?

**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**PE** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C** **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**PE** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **COMMITMENT**

**PE** You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:  
to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*The assembly makes affirmation:*

**C** **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

**PE** People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**C** **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

### **PRAYER OF BLESSING**

*The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.*

**PE** Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*A hymn, song, or psalm may be sung, and may be accompanied by a reminder of baptism, sprinkling of the assembly.*

### **HYMN OF AFFIRMATION**     *As We Walk in Faith*

1. On this day we sing and give praise  
to the Lord who guides our way.  
He is ever vigilant here

as we walk in faith.

### **Refrain**

**As we walk in faith  
and we trust His grace;  
and in faith we take His hand.  
He is here with us.  
He is blessing us as we walk in faith.**

2. Through the years we've grown  
and we've shared  
Our Redeemer's love and care.  
We are blessed and full of His grace.  
As we walk in faith. **Refrain**

### **Refrain**

**As we walk in faith  
and we trust His grace;  
and in faith we take His hand.  
He is here with us.  
He is blessing us as we walk in faith**

3. Praise the Father, Praise the  
Son  
and the Spirit, Three in One  
This forever still is our song;  
As we walk in faith. **Refrain**

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## **MEAL**

### **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

### **Sit**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

*The Offering is gathered as the Lord's table is prepared.*

### **RLC CHOIR ANTHEM**

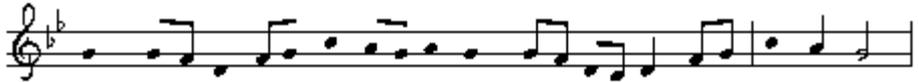
"Come Build a Church" By Ken Medema

### **UMCBP BELL CHOIR ANTHEM**

"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hyfrydol

*The congregation may sing the following offering song, or an appropriate hymn or psalm may be sung: ELW 254*

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art.  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts u - lone;



dear de - sire of ev 'ry na - tion, joy of ev 'ry long - ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walter, *Standard Hymns*, 1935

### ADVENT OFFERING PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. God of faithfulness, we bring before you the precious gifts of your creation, and with them our very lives.

**C** Teach us patience and hope as we care for those in need and prepare for your Son's advent into our hearts. Amen.

### DIALOGUE

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### ADVENT PREFACE

**PE** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **ADVENT THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**PE** Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**PE** Let us pray with confidence in the words our savior gave us.

**C** **Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen

**ADVENT COMMUNION**

*The bread may be broken for distribution with these words:*

**PE** Come, the table is ready. These are God's gifts for God's people.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Sit*

*As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: Amen*

*As the people commune, hymns and other music may be used, and may include the following:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**SOLO**

*My Redeemer in Me*

Dan D'Alessandro

**Refrain**

**My Lord, what a morning;  
my Lord, what a morning;  
oh, my Lord, what a morning,  
when the stars begin to fall.**

- 1 You will hear the trumpet sound,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right han

when the stars begin to fall. **Refrain**

- 2 You will hear the sinner cry,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall. **Refrain**

- 3 You will hear the Christian shout,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall. **Refrain**

Text: African American spiritual

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.  
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one body.  
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.  
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.
- 4 Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.  
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Text: Geon-yong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope

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*Lamb of God (above) may be repeated as time allows.*

**Stand**

*After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.*

**PE** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C Amen**

### CANTICLE AFTER COMMUNION



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev 'ry peo ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

### ADVENT PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray. God for whom we wait, we give you thanks for this meal of life that you have set before us.

**C** **May our sharing of this heavenly food, in which you are present even now, nourish our faith, strengthen us for service, and deepen our hunger for the coming of your reign on earth as in heaven. Amen.**

### SENDING

#### ADVENT BLESSING

**PE** God our Father fill you with the light of divine love. **C Amen.**  
Jesus, our Emmanuel, bring you assurance he will come again. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit lead you until the dawning of the new day. **Amen.**  
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* **ELW 436**

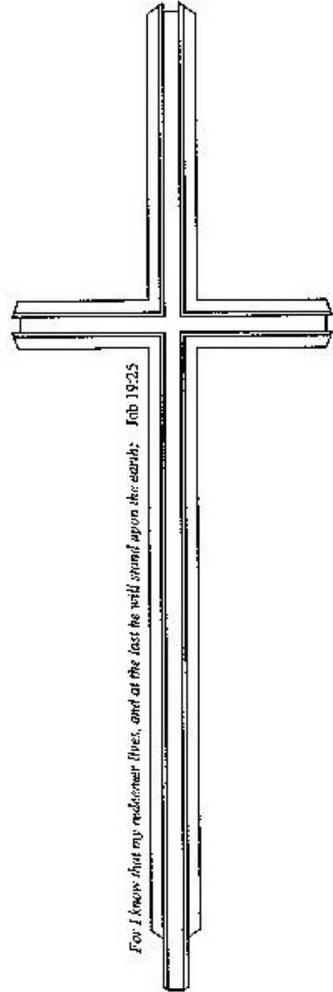
1 Wake, awake, for night is flying,  
the watchmen on the heights are crying;

awake, Jerusalem, at last.  
Midnight hears the welcome voices,

and at the thrilling cry rejoices:  
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.  
The bridegroom comes! Awake;  
your lamps with gladness take!"  
Alleluia!  
Rise and prepare the feast to share;  
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws  
near.

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,  
and all her heart with joy is  
springing.  
She wakes, she rises from her  
gloom.  
Her dear friend comes down, all  
glorious,  
the strong in grace, in truth  
victorious:  
her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
Now come, O Blessed One,  
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.  
*Sing hosanna!*  
Oh, hear the call! Come one, come  
all,  
and follow to the banquet hall.

3 Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!  
Let saints and angels sing before  
you,  
with harp and cymbal's clearest  
tone.  
Gates of pearl, twelve portals  
gleaming,  
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,  
with angel choirs around your  
throne.  
No eye has caught the light,  
no ear the thund'ring might  
of such glory.  
There we will go: what joy we'll



know!

There sweet delight will ever flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. composite  
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### **ADVENT DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

*In the next three minutes, talk with one or more of your fellow worshippers who you do not already know.*

### **POSTLUDE**

#### **THE GOLDEN JUBILEE BRUNCH**

is being served in the RLC Fellowship Hall following the worship service. Everyone is welcome. Please take this pamphlet with you so that you can join in singing the prayer.

#### **BRUNCH TABLE PRAYER** *Tune: Edelweiss*

*Bless our friends; bless our food  
come, O Lord, and sit with us.  
May our hearts grow in peace.  
May your love surround us.  
Friendship and love,  
may they bloom and grow,  
bloom and grow forever.  
Bless our friends; bless our food;  
bless your children forever.*

**THANKS TO THE BELL CHOIR OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BROOK PARK** and director Beth Craig. Thanks for welcoming some RLC members into the choir and taking time from your worship to celebrate with us. *We are neighbors by location, family by faith.*

**THE FINAL OFFERING** for the ELCA NEW MISSION START FUND, the recipient of our Golden Jubilee benevolence project, will be received today. We have surpassed our goal of \$2,500 with a current balance of \$2,650.96 - - - can we reach \$3,000? Please designate your gift as "Mission Start" on your offering envelope.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE PHOTO ALBUM ON CD** Plans are to add pictures from the celebration in August and the upcoming celebration in November to the CD that was projected during the August Golden Jubilee Homecoming Dinner. Copies should then be available shortly after that if anybody wants one. Also, if anyone has photos of RLC events that they want to share, they can email them to Carl Meyer at [meinc@aol.com](mailto:meinc@aol.com) or paper copies can be given or sent to Linda Meyer.

**THE REV. ELIZABETH AMY EATON** was elected as bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on December 2, 2006. Her six-year term began February 1, 2007.

Eaton, born in Cleveland, Ohio was ordained in 1981 and began her ministry as pastor at All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington, Ohio. She served as interim pastor at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Youngstown, Ohio from 1990-91. In 1991 she accepted a call to become pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Ashtabula, Ohio where she served until her election as bishop.

**Education** In 1977 Bishop Eaton received her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from The College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. She received her Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1980.

**Other Activities** Eaton previously served on the Northeastern Ohio Synod Council and as a member of its Executive Committee. She was also a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Church Council. Community activities include the boards of the Community Care Ambulance Network and Samaritan House Homeless Shelter, working with the High School Consolidation Effort and as a basketball referee. She was co-founder of Imagine Ashtabula, and also received the NAACP President's Award.

**Family** Rev. Eaton's husband, the Rev. Conrad Selnick, is an Episcopal priest serving St. Christopher's-by-the-River, Gates Mills, Ohio and a management consultant. Their daughter, Rebeckah, attends John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio and daughter, Susannah, attends Case Western Reserve University, also in Cleveland.

## FROM THE HISTORY

### OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, BROOK PARK OHIO.

*"Needless to say, at our first Thanksgiving Service on November 26, we shared our many blessings by helping a needy family in Brook Park with \$21.00 in cash and a basket of food.*

*We were officially organized as Redeemer Lutheran Church by the [American Lutheran Church, Ohio] District President, The Rev. Kenneth Priebe, on November 30, 1958. The installation of the following members as our first church council were as follows: Paul Bricker, Leland Smith, Norman Simmonds, Fred Lane, John Gouch, Raymond Saylor, Donald Mercer, James George, Ronald Meermans, Richard Treharne, Edward Pintner, John Slenkovich.*

*By early December, Miss Dorothy Cronrath, Parish Mission Worker, was sent to assist us. She was an inspiration to all who worked with her. In the short two months she was here, she worked diligently in organizing the choir and Sunday School, and was fundamental in training our Evangelism Committee. This group of twenty-one people, inspired by her guidance, made over three hundred survey calls in January of 1959.*

*On December 28, 1958, twenty-one people were received into membership. These new members were given the privilege of becoming*

*charter members along with the first group received November 30, Organizational Sunday. Their names are as follows: [See list.]*

*A total of ninety-five confirmed, and one hundred and eighty-nine baptized members."*

## Charter Members of Redeemer Lutheran Church

Cloyd & Betty Biddle	Sue Montz
Richard Biddle	Ruth Paduch
Paul & Marcella Bricker	Clarence & Dorothy Pintner
Wayne & Zoe Campbell	Edward & Bernice Pintner
Alfred & Joan Clark	Carol Repella
Charlotte Eberhardt	Ira & Alice Richardson
Kenneth & Virginia Erdner	Arthur & Helen Reimann
Edward & Shirley Fegan	Raymond & Barbara Riemer
Harry & Barbara Fowler	Raymond & Lila Saylor
James & Virginia George	Julius Schaaf
Lucille Gilpin	Edward & Doralynne Schultz
William & June Good	Edwin H. Scrivens
John & Bobette Gouch	Robert Sedlack
John & Louise Graff	Susan Sedlack
Harriet Herndon	Norman & Bernice Simmonds
Don & Nancy Holztrager	John & Jean Slenkovich
Nellie Hugo	Christine Smith
Dorothy Kolesar	Leland & Alice Smith
Fred Lane	Glen & Carole Smith
Rev. Charles Lindamood	Elbert & Noreen Squires
Maiden & Virginia Lindamood	Norma Stoessner
Donald & Mary Ellen Mainzer	Robert & Mitzi Straub
Don & Opal Mayer	Violet Susaneck
Ronald & Evelyn Meermans	Richard & Elizabeth Treharne
Donald & Lois Mercer	Gilbert & Bess Walter
George, Jr. & Edith Meyer	Fred & Mildred Youngblood
David & Arlene Mikol	Hilda Ziegenrucker
Rev. Norman & Joanne Minich	Kurt & Herta Ziegenrucker
Robert and Elsie Montz	

## Pastors of Redeemer Lutheran Church

Rev. Norman Minich	November 1958 – January 1971
Rev. Clyde Miller	June 1971 – August 1976
Rev. Wayne Hoedt	April 1977 – September 1981
Rev. Andrew Wilch	June 1982 – January 1987

Rev. Christopher Bartholomew  
Rev. Michael Oakley

November 1988 – April 2003  
March 2004 – present

## Presidents of Redeemer Lutheran Church

Ronald A. Meermans	November 1958 – June 1963
Burdette R. Theophilus	June 1963 – December 1963
Charles L. Hovey	January 1964 – June 1969
Clarence Pintner	June 1969 – June 1970
Maiden Lindamood	June 1970 – June 1972
Alva Stone	June 1972 – June 1975
John R. Urbansky	June 1975 – June 1979
Rae Abels	June 1979 – June 1981
Alva Stone	June 1981 – June 1983
Clarence Pintner	June 1983 – June 1987
Norm Simmonds	June 1987 – September 1988
George D. Behrend	September 1988 - June 1993
Emil Gerbershagen	June 1993 – January 1996
David Osadcuk	February 1996 – January 2004
Donna M. Behrend	February 2004 – present

## RLC Golden Jubilee Planning Team

George Behrend	Linda Meyer
Jane Claycomb	Rev. Michael Oakley
Jane Kaufman	Cindy Osadcuk
Jan Korman	Nancy Stone
Scott Kreidler	Dorothy Wolf
Donna Behrend, Chair	

**CHURCH HOMEBOUND** include; Dee Brunner, Alice Richardson and Robert Urbansky. Please remember them in your prayers. The shut-ins always appreciate personal notes or telephone calls.

**WE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING** members and friends in our prayers today. Today's ELCA Cleve. West Conference prayer partner is Puritas, Cleveland.

**MILITARY PERSONNEL** Please keep the following military personnel in your prayers as they serve our country: Gary Arnold, Vincent Cassese, Justin Clark, Patrick Cole, Chaz Gustkey, Jeff Mason, David Palmer, Timothy Sansbury, Jr. and Mark Weinschreider.

*They remembered  
that God was their  
rock, the Most High  
God their redeemer.  
Psalm 78:35*



Helen Sommer. An offering will be received at the concert to assist the chorus in fulfilling its mission. Come for an evening of joyous song, fellowship and refreshments.

**THE PARKING LOT AND SIDEWALK PROJECT IS COMPLETE.** The official fundraising project has begun, your donations are welcome. Please mark your offering envelope *Parking Lot*.

**INTERESTED IN RLC MEMBERSHIP?**

**THE LUTHERAN COURSE IS BEING PLANNED FOR JANUARY** for potential new members and RLC members desiring a refresher for their faith. You need not commit to become a member until after you have taken the course. Please talk to pastor if you are interested.

**RLC WOMEN CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be this Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 6 pm at Marcal's Restaurant, Pearl Road, across from Southland Shopping Center. Tickets are \$24.00. Tickets are on sale in the narthex or see Cindy Osadczuk.

Brought back by popular demand, we will be bidding on baskets donated by our guilds or by church members. This year's donations will go to the Women's Re-Entry Network (WREN). WREN is a community-based organization that serves approximately 1,000 women each year and assists these women in getting their lives back together through its network of mental health, social services, educational programs and peer-support services.

**ELCA GOOD GIFT CATALOGS** are available again this year. Forget the tie and slippers routine: give the special people on your list gift donations to ELCA World Hunger Appeal, Stand with Africa, ELCA Disaster Response, and other ministries. Also see [www.elca.org/goodgifts](http://www.elca.org/goodgifts).

**EQUAL EXCHANGE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF COFFEE PROJECT**

RLC offers coffee and other products at cost. See the **new display with fresh supplies** in the library hall or stop in the church office during business hours to purchase or order products. We currently have Café Salvador, Tanzanian and Decaf Colombian and decaf tea. A list is available in the church office for additional orders. LWR receives a benefit from these sales, RLC does not.

**THE RLC NOMINATING COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!** Two endowment committee members need to be elected for three year terms. Chairs (who are also council members) of the following committees need to be elected for two year terms: Vice President, Evangelism, Education, Resource and Management. Think and pray about which of these positions you are called to and let the nominating committee know your interest.

**BROOK PARK SCOUT TROOP 610** would like to assist members of our community this winter. Troop members are willing to shovel snow or do small outside projects for elderly BP residents and members of Redeemer Lutheran

Church. Please contact Scott Makselan at 216.362.8627 or Kathy at the church office.

**CELEBRATE A GERMAN ADVENT CHRISTMAS SERVICE** December 7, 3:00 pm at Divinity Lutheran Church, 11877 Blossom Avenue, Parma Heights. The Rev. John Hoyer will preside over the traditional German liturgy and present the sermon in German. Traditional German Advent and Christmas hymns will be sung along with the Christmas Story read in German. A light reception of German pastries and fellowship will follow the service.

**RLC HOSTED THE BROOK PARK COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP** last Sunday evening. 147 attended from the five congregations and were warmly welcomed by our excellent hosts. \$525 was given for Brook Park R.E.A.C.H. The community choir was excellent thanks to RLC's Gail Young. Thanks to Shannon Kreidler and Brandy Russo for serving as acolyte and crucifer. The fellowship following worship was excellent because of wonderful planners, bakers, servers, and crews who set up and cleaned up. It was an excellent evening of thankfulness!

**RLC IS NEWS!** (Nurtured and Empowered to Witness and Serve)

**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

**Today** *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of RLC Charter Meeting*  
9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
10:45 A.M. Worship - Bishop Eaton, Guest  
Noon Golden Jubilee Brunch  
11A.M. & 6P.M. Ukrainian Worship Services

**Monday**  
7:00 P.M. Education Committee

**Tuesday**  
5:30 P.M. Confirmation Program  
7:00 P.M. Worship Committee  
7:00 P.M. Ukrainian Worship Service

**Wednesday**  
6:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 1718  
6:30 P.M. Stewardship Committee  
7:15 P.M. Choir Practice

**Thursday**  
6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 1149  
7:00 P.M. Resource & Management Committee  
8:00 P.M. Recovery

*For I know that  
my redeemer lives,  
and at the last he  
will stand upon the  
earth; . Job 19:25*

**Friday**

6:00 P.M.

RLC Women Christmas Party

7:00 P.M.

Cub Scout Pack 780

**Saturday**

9:00 A.M.

Decorate

7:00 P.M.

Ukrainian Worship Service

**Next Sunday***Second in Advent*

9:30 A.M.

Sunday School

10:45 A.M.

Worship

Noon

Nominating Committee

11A.M. &amp; 6P.M.

Ukrainian Worship Services