

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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December 1st, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
631 N. 19th Street,
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PRELUDE

OPENING SONG "Creator of the Stars of Night" *Red Book 245 v. 1*

GUIDED MEDITATION

REPRISE & CANDLE LIGHTING "Creator of the Stars of Night" *Red Book 245 v. 5*
The first Advent candle, for hope, is lit by Selah Bray

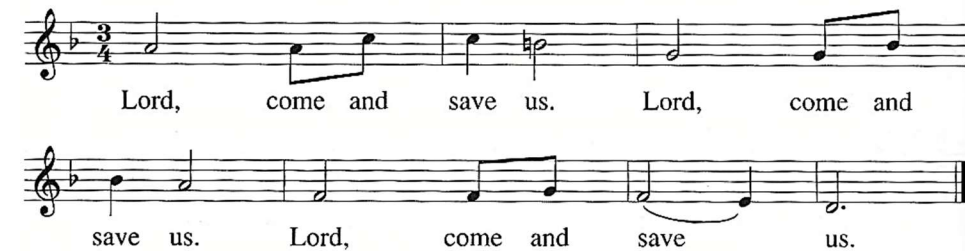
WELCOME

SONG "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" *Red Book 247*

OPENING PRAYER *LuAnn Blohm*
Stir up our hearts, O God, to prepare a pathway for your Christ. By his coming speak peace to your people and turn our hearts toward you, that your saving grace and splendid glory may dwell in all the earth; through Jesus Christ, whose day draws near. **Amen.**

PSALM 146 "Lord, Come and Save Us"

Refrain



Verses

1. For all my life I will sing to you, O ever faithful God.
You fill the heavens with wondrous lights, the earth sings out your glory.
2. Put not your trust in those who rule, the mighty of this earth.
Their breath shall fail, their power die, their plans shall fade and vanish.

3. You give your sight to all the blind, you raise up those bent low.
Your heart is near to the broken ones, you welcome in the stranger.
4. Happy those who keep faith with you, securing justice for the oppressed,
who give your food to each hungry heart, your freedom to each captive.
5. The weak and poor you sustain in love,
the wicked ones you bring to destruction;
for ever more shall your reign endure, to ev'ry generation.

Text: Psalm 146:3-4, 8-9, 6b-7, 8c-10; Marty Haugen, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Red Book 174

GOSPEL READING Luke 1:1-25

S: The Gospel for this first Sunday in Advent comes from the book of Luke, the first chapter, verses 1-25.

⁵ In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was **a priest named Zechariah**, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron, and **her name was Elizabeth**. ⁶Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. ⁷But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

B:⁸ Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's turn of duty, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. ¹⁰Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. ¹¹**Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord**, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. **Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son**, and you will name him John. ¹⁴You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵**for he will be great in the sight of the Lord**. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

S:¹⁶ He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to **make ready a people prepared for the Lord.**"

¹⁸Zechariah said to the angel, "**How can I know that this will happen?** For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." ¹⁹The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, **you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.**"

B: ²¹Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering at his delay in the sanctuary. ²²When he did come out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. **He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak.** ²³When his time of service was ended, he returned to his home.

²⁴After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, ²⁵"**This is what the Lord has done for me in this time**, when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

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

SERMON "Preparing" *Rev. Matt Short*

SERMON SONG "Prepare the Royal Highway"
(prayer squares collected) *Red Book 264*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Song "Savior of the Nations, Come" *Red Book v. 1 & 4*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

LuAnn Blohm

In this moment of worship we welcome your presence again, O God.

And we offer you our time—for reflection and prayer.

In this moment we remember what Jesus taught in word and deed.

And we offer our resources—for the ministry beyond us.

In this moment of giving we hear your call to each of us

And we answer with the gift of ourselves. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Song "What Feast of Love"

Red Book 487 v. 1

Presider's Prayer

Song "What Feast of Love"

Red Book 487 v. 3

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
God, you are our Holy Parent, our Mother . . .

**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**

COMMUNION SONG "Walk in the Reign"

Rory Cooney

Close as to - mor - row the sun shall ap - pear.
Free - dom is com - ing and heal - ing is near. And I shall be
with you in laugh - ter and pain to stand in the wind and
walk in the reign, to walk in the reign.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

David Walker

We thank you, Lord God,

For breaking into our world, our lives, and our experience.

We thank you, O Christ,

**For this meal of forgiveness and grace; spiritual food for whatever comes
next.**

We thank you, O Spirit,

**For your encouragement and challenge to become agents of God's
compassion in our daily walk of life. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of Hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may
abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for
whom we wait. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG "All Earth Is Hopeful/Joy to the World" *Red Book 266 v.1/267 v.1*

DISMISSAL Go in the hope of believing that God is near. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER: Rev. Matt Short

PRESIDER: Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland

LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: LuAnn Blohm

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Jeff Bray

READERS: Scott McIntosh & Brittany Wilson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS/ALTAR GUILD: Cheryl Walker & Brittany Wilson

USHERS: Dorothy & Bill(s)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office will be closed during construction. Please call, 414-933-7004, or email admin@redeemermilwaukee.org to set up an appointment.

Bible Workshop will be taking a break during the Advent season. We will be starting back up in the new year in our new gathering space! Details to follow.

The Noon Run meal will be today at 11:30 am AT CONCORDIA 27, 801 N. 27th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233. It will be there until our renovations are done in December.

REDEEMER SUNDAY MEAL DONATIONS

- Shop for our Sunday meal while you are grocery shopping this week! A list of grocery items can be found in the narthex. Donations can be dropped off at the church office Sunday mornings. We are also accepting donations of new socks, gloves, hats, winter coats, and blankets. Thank you!

JEB BREMER FUNERAL

- The funeral for Jeb Bremer, husband of Chris Bremer, will be held on Thursday, December 19th at 1:00 pm. Arrive at 12:30 pm to share condolences with the family.

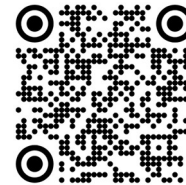
REDEEMER CHOIR

- The Redeemer Choir will be singing again on December 24th, Rehearsals will be held Sundays directly following worship. Any questions? Please see Jeff or email music@redeemermilwaukee.org.

OLGA NEIGHBORHOOD WELLNESS SERVICES

- Olga currently supports our Sunday Lunch Ministry. After the renovation, Olga will provide hot meals multiple times a week and mental health services on site. Help support this mission by visiting <https://www.olga-neighborhood-we.com/> or by writing a check to Olga Neighborhood Wellness Services and placing it in the offering plate.

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