



CHURCH OF THE  
**REDEEMER**

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

*Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon,*  
**People: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

*Celebrant: Almighty God to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.*

Matthew 22:37-40

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*At this time, we mark the Sundays in Advent with the lighting of a new candle. You may light candles in an Advent wreath at your home at this time as well.*



*Leader: Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of hope.*

*People of God: awake!  
The day is coming soon  
when you shall see God face to face.  
Remember the ways and the works of God.  
God calls you out of darkness  
to walk in the light of his coming.  
You are God's children.*

**People: Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ in hope today and for ever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S FOCUS

## ○ COME, ○ COME, EMMANUEL

### Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

### Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee,  
O Israel.

### Verse 2

O come Thou Wisdom from on high  
Who orderest all things far and nigh  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And teach us in her ways to go

### Verse 3

O come O come great Lord of might  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe

### Verse 4

O come Thou Branch of Jesse's tree  
Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust thy mighty power to save  
And give them victory o'er the grave

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*Celebrant: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant: Let us pray.*

*Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## ISAIAH 64:1-9

- <sup>1</sup> Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might 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,  
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
<sup>3</sup> When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup> From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup> You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;  
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?  
<sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
<sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.  
<sup>8</sup> But now, 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> Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

The Holy Bible, ESV

*Reader: The Word of the Lord*  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us.*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to Him  
Singing Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King**

*Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*  
**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## MARK 13:24-37

<sup>24</sup> "But in those days, after that tribulation, 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> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And 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 out 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 say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup> "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard, keep awake. 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 servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup> Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup> lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

The Holy Bible, ESV

*Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

## SERMON

Andy Bramsen

## THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader: Lord, in your mercy,*  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession*

*Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

**People: Most merciful God,**  
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

*Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**People: And with your spirit.**

*As we remember the peace that we have been given with God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has made us at peace with one another. That is why we "exchange the peace." You may say "The peace of the Lord" to those around you, or just say "Hello."*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE OFFERTORY

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*Officiant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,*

**People: And of your own have we given you.**

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...*

*Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

*Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father...  
 Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**Celebrant and People:**  
 Christ has died.  
 Christ is risen.  
 Christ will come again.

*Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...*

*...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.*

**Celebrant and People: AMEN.**

*And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together,*

**Celebrant and People:**

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.

*Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross.*

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**



## Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

### Directions for Communion

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion. However, if you are not able to receive you may remain seated or come forward for a prayer of blessing from one of our ministers. Please indicate your desire for a prayer of blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

You will be dismissed from each section row-by-row and Communion servers will shift from section to section. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread and return to your seat before consuming.

### Distribution of Reserved Sacrament

Reserved sacrament was distributed by our clergy prior to today's service so that we could receive the sacrament together. Reserved sacrament is consecrated elements of the Lord's Supper that are brought to the sick, confined, or others kept away from celebration of Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please sign up for our weekly email for information about times and locations of distribution.

### Prayer Ministry

In respect for the safe gathering guidelines, we are not offering in-person prayer ministry during Eucharist. [Please follow this link to our website](#) to view a list of prayer ministers offering prayer by phone or Zoom. You may also contact Deacon Dawn ([dawn@oftheredeemer.org](mailto:dawn@oftheredeemer.org)) or another member of our clergy to share personal prayer concerns. Prayer ministry is always private and confidential.

If you are unable to receive Communion today, you may participate in worship with the following prayer:

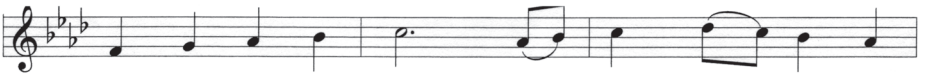
### *A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion*

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.

# THE KING SHALL COME



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
3. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
4. And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By
5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - um - phant breaks. When beau - ty gilds the  
 suf - fer and to die, But crowned with glo - ry  
 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
 wea - ry saints fore - told, When right shall tri - umph  
 light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Your



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.  
 like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.  
 of that morn Whose day shall ev - er last.  
 o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.  
 peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1857-1925

Tune: CONSOLATION, CM; John Wyeth, 1770-1858; arr. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942, © 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.

## Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*Celebrant: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.*

*Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

*Please keep social distance of at least six feet as you exit the sanctuary and depart the church. Out of respect for the space and our host congregation, please take a moment to check for papers, bulletins and other items as you leave the sanctuary today.*

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## WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your participation with us. If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please enter your information [using this link](#). Thank you!

A digital copy of today's bulletin with links is available at:  
<https://oftheredeemer.org/events/gathered-worship/>

### Today's Preacher - Andy Bramsen

Andy grew up in Senegal, West Africa. He is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Bethel University and has studied at the University of South Carolina - Aiken, Baylor University, and University of Notre Dame. Andy has served our church as a member of the vestry and in numerous other areas of ministry. He and his wife Sara, are the parents of four children, and live in Blaine.

## WHY NOT A VIRTUAL PAGEANT?

The faces and voices of the children are so much a part of the wonder of the season, and the ability to stitch video together means that we can still tell the great story of Emmanuel together. We have some ideas! Please email Liz ([liz@oftheredeemer.org](mailto:liz@oftheredeemer.org)) if your family would like to be involved in telling the Story this Christmas.

## CELEBRATING ADVENT WITH GENEROSITY

This Advent season, Church of the Redeemer will be gathering donations for Union Gospel Mission (UGM), which serves men, women, and children experiencing homelessness in the Twin Cities. We invite you to join in responding to God's generosity toward us, his beloved children, by giving to our brothers and sisters in vulnerable situations. To learn more about the many ways UGM serves our community in the name of Christ, visit their website at [www.ugmtc.org](http://www.ugmtc.org).

Below is a suggestion for gathering items to donate each week of Advent. Due to Covid, Union Gospel Mission is receiving new goods only at this time. **Items of greatest need are marked with an asterisk.** There will be a collection box for donations at our Sunday evening services throughout Advent. Donations can also be dropped off in December at the homes of:

Krista Mahoney ([krista.j.milligan@gmail.com](mailto:krista.j.milligan@gmail.com), 715-220-5615) Lauderdale  
Liz Stewart ([liz@oftheredeemer.org](mailto:liz@oftheredeemer.org), 651-278-6978) Falcon Heights  
Sonia Keillor ([sonia@oftheredeemer.org](mailto:sonia@oftheredeemer.org), 651-300-2861) Brooklyn Park

*Please contact to arrange a socially-distanced drop-off time.*

- **Week 1:** Hygiene items: \*men's razors & shaving cream, travel-size shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush with cover, etc.
- **Week 2:** Outerwear: men's, women's, and children's \*boots, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc.
- **Week 3:** Linens: towels, twin bed sheet sets
- **Week 4:** Clothing: men's \*underwear and \*pants (especially large sizes), winter clothing and shoes for men, women, and children (up to age 10)

## WOMEN'S LISTENING PRAYER

All Church of the Redeemer women are warmly invited to join a small group for Women's Listening Prayer on **Thursday, December 3rd**. This month all groups will meet over Zoom, sharing liturgy and discussion before praying for one another. It's so good to be together during this time and the Lord will be present with us as we gather - even over Zoom!

[Please sign up](#) by Tuesday, December 1st. [Contact Haley Scharf](#) or anyone on the planning team with questions.

## YOUTH OF THE REDEEMER

Youth in 6th-12th Grade meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:00–4:15 at Calvary in a large group/small group format. There is also a Zoom-in option hosted by youth leaders for those not able to meet in person. This fall, youth are exploring the question, “What is our salvation for?” through the video curriculum, “For the Life of the World: Letters to the Exiles”. Be in touch with Caleb or Breana Dahl, Katie Pitchford (6th Graders) or Pete or Caitlyn Talbert (Zoom Group) with questions or encouragements as they lead and develop ministry to and with our youth.

## REFUGEE LIFE MINISTRY

For the next year, Church of the Redeemer has committed to support the Htoo family through a Refugee Life team. This is a great opportunity for service, partnership, and fellowship with our brothers and sisters at St. John’s Karen Anglican church, where the Htoos are members. Please contact Kyong Song (kyongmin.song@gmail.com) with questions or if you’d like to participate.

## MORNING PRAYER – WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 A.M.

Join us in worship via Zoom on Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. each week.

Morning Prayer follows a brief order of service lasting approximately 30 minutes that includes musical worship, scripture readings, a brief reflection on the day’s scripture passage, and prayer. Login information and a downloadable orders of service is available at:

<https://ofthereedeemer.org/events/wednesday-worship-prayer/>

## PRAYER FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN – FRIDAYS, 12–12:30 P.M.

Join us in prayer via Zoom at noon on Fridays to pray for the next generation of leaders and Christ-followers – the precious ones in our church family, and beyond.

Visit <https://ofthereedeemer.org/events/friday-prayer/> to participate.

# kidCONNECT

## KidConnect - Gathered

Children in K-3rd and 4th-5th gather every week at Calvary on Sundays from 3:45 - 4:15 for bible engagement and connection with their peers.

Videos of story presentations or lessons are sent out to families each week for children unable to join in person.

K-3rd - Sonia Keillor and Steffie Williams

4th-5th - Sara Bramsen and Liz Stewart

## KidConnect - Zoom

Nursery and preschool aged children and their parents are invited to join a lively Zoom gathering on Sunday mornings, 9-9:30 a.m. for a lesson, lots of singing and a word of encouragement for parents too. Contact Anna Wilson or Julie Willey for more information and the Zoom Link.

## OUR GOSPEL STORY



God's people have often proclaimed His Name and spread His Light most broadly and boldly in the midst of trial and dispersion. As we settle in to face the rigors of a long Minnesota winter, the coming months will provide extraordinary opportunities for us

to show and share the love of Christ with our friends, family, and neighbors.

- Join us via Zoom, **Wednesday, Dec. 9, 7–7:45 p.m.**, for the third of six 45-minute sessions of worship and study designed to equip and encourage us to show and share the message of the gospel. Subsequent sessions: 12/16, 12/30, and 1/6.
- Group participation is strongly encouraged. Session resources will be available for individual study if you have scheduling conflicts.
- [Please RSVP by clicking here or visiting ofthedeemer.org.](#)

## GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY

| As of             | Actual Giving | Budgeted Giving |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| November 15, 2020 | \$110,476     | \$107,292       |

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Rev. Jacques Kustritz - Deacon

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