



CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 19, 2021

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

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

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

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

Revelation 22:20

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, children ages three through fifth grade are invited to come forward for the lighting of the Advent candles before being dismissed for their own time of worship.

Light one can-dle for love; love that the whole world needs.

Light one can-dle for love; love that the Sav-ior will bring.

Mark Peterson arr. E. Stewart

Leader: Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of love.

*Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle:
to you be praise and glory for ever.*

*Your light has shone in our darkened world
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;
grant that we who have seen your glory
may daily be renewed in your image
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,
who is the Lord and Savior of all.*

People: Lord, make us one in the love of Christ today and for ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

MARY'S SONG (OUR KING OF PEACE)

Verse 1

My soul magnifies the Lord
My spirit rejoices in God
My Savior has seen his servant in need
And behold the great things He has done

Verse 2

He scatters the proud and rich
He lifts up the humble and weak
The kings of the earth He casts from their thrones
And the hungry He welcomes to feast

Chorus

Oh behold my Savior has come
And my soul will tell of His praise
For He Who is strong has come to the weak
And at last He will reign as our King of Peace

Verse 3

From now to the end of time
The nations will know me as blest
For God has made new His promise of love
And mercy through Abraham's seed

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Veni, Emmanuel

Text: 12th c. Latin hymn
Music: English Carol, arr. Fettke & Grass

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

14 Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
15 The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
"Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
17 The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.
18 I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.
19 Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
²⁰ At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes," says the Lord.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Text: Charles Wesley

Music: HYFRYDOL, arr. Dan Goeller

HEBREWS 10:1-10

¹ For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, "Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book."

⁸ When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

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! Come to me all ye that labor and are heavy laden.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Enter my rest. Enter my rest.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

LUKE 1:39-56

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones

and exalted those of humble estate;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers,

to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

Rev. Dawn Lundgren

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may deposit your gifts in the collection box at the Welcome Table, send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit <https://oftheredeemer.org/give/> using this QR code:



Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him all creatures here below
 Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

Celebrant: 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,

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, O 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.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, Lamb of God
You take away, You take away, You take away,
All of our sin
Have mercy on us

This is the good news
This is the gift of life
This is the the body and blood of Christ for the life of the world

Sing Hallelujah (3X)

Ben Kyle
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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 to receive by one of our greeters. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread and the cup and move toward the basket to consume the elements before returning to your seat. Please place the empty cup in the basket to the right or left of the server before you return to your seat.

If you would like to receive prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, prayer ministers are available at the rear of the sanctuary to pray with you during our communion worship and for a short time after the service. If others are being prayed for, you may wait in a nearby pew. This time of prayer is considered private and confidential, and whatever you share with prayer ministers will not be brought up again by them unless you initiate.

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.**

THERE IS A REDEEMER

Verse 1

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Verse 2

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

Verse 3

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

Chorus

Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done

Melody Green-Sievrigh

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The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Anon. Greek hymn; tr. James Brownlie, 1908

William Jones, 1789

1. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns, and light tri - um - phant breaks;
2. Not as of old a lit - tle child to bear, and fight, and die,
3. O bright-er than the ris - ing morn when he, vic - to - rious, rose,
4. O bright-er than that glo - rious morn shall this fair morn-ing be,
5. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns, and light and beau - ty brings:

1. when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills, and life to joy a - wakes.
2. but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
3. and left the lone-some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes —
4. when Christ, our King, in beau - ty comes, and we his face shall see!
5. hail, Christ the Lord! Thy peo - ple pray, "Come quick - ly, King of kings."

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

Verse 1

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to
Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

Chorus

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Verse 2

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n
above
Glory to God all glory in the highest

Verse 3

God of God
Light of light eternal
Lo He abhors not the virgin's womb
Very God begotten not created

Verse 4

Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born that happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

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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 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: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your presence with us! If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please use this QR code. Thank you!



Today's Preacher - Deacon Dawn Lundgren

Dawn grew up in a pastor's family and received a degree in nursing in 1975. She earned her M. Div. in 2008 and was ordained to the diaconate in 2017. She has served as a missionary in Japan, and as a volunteer for international students, neighborhood schools, and ministries such as Alpha and All Things New prayer ministry. She serves Church of the Redeemer in ministries of prayer, pastoral care, missions and outreach. She and her husband, John, have four adult children and 13 grandchildren and live in Roseville.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols will be held **4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24** at 3245 New Brighton Rd., Arden Hills, MN 55112 (Gathering Place Lutheran). Join us in worship and celebration of Jesus's birth!

Christmas Eve Offering

This year's Christmas Eve offering will be shared equally between the Anglican Relief and Development Fund's disaster relief efforts in Kentucky, and the Anglican Church in North America's Matthew 25 initiative which supports churches and non-profits directly in engaged in works of justice, mercy, and reconciliation among vulnerable, marginalized, and under-resourced communities in Canada, Mexico, and the United States. If you prefer to give online, please visit our online giving page using the information on page 8 and select 'Give to Christmas Eve Offering.'

TESTIMONY SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

It is our tradition to set apart a Sunday around the New Year as an opportunity for anyone who is willing, to come forward to share testimony of God's faithfulness (two to three minutes). We look forward to hearing how God has been at work in the life of our church. Testimony of children is invited.

MEN'S RETREAT

Church of the Redeemer's 2022 men's winter retreat will be held **Feb. 4-6** at Cove Point Lodge on Lake Superior. The retreat schedule is organized around morning and evening worship on Saturday, free time for indoor and outdoor activities, and worship on Sunday morning. Outdoor activities include snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and hiking, as well as cards and board games inside. The retreat is a great opportunity for us to enjoy fellowship as brothers-in-Christ. All men, 15 years and older are invited to attend. For more information and to register, use this QR code to visit our website. **Register by Wednesday, Dec. 29.**



ANNUAL MEETING - SAVE THE DATE

Saturday evening, February 12, at Calvary Church.

Dinner, Year-in-review, and Vision for the year to come.

kidCONNECT

Nursery and Preschool - 4:15 p.m.

Nursery and preschool children are invited to gather in Calvary's nursery during the worship service for stories, songs, and lots of movement. Parents can pick children up from the nursery at the passing of the Peace. Contact Sonia with questions.

Kindergarten - 3rd Grade

4:15 p.m.

Children in these grades will engage with biblical stories and the liturgy of the church using the Godly Play approach. This curriculum uses storytelling and open-ended response to encourage a deep and intrinsically-motivated faith in children. Contact Sonia or Rachel with questions.

4th - 5th Grade

4:15 p.m.

This year we will base our teaching on a curriculum called Echo the Story, which presents the big picture of God's story through chronological Bible narrative. This will be the first in a two-year sequence, Old Testament this year and New Testament next year. Contact Sara or Steffie with questions.

Kids' Listening Prayer

Using Biblical encounters with Jesus to encourage us in our own conversations with God, we will imaginatively explore stories from the Gospels while we listen for and respond to the voice of our Savior. January–February date TBA.

YOUTH GROUP

Weekly on Sundays, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Youth in 6th-12th grades will meet on Sunday afternoons in the Activity Center at Calvary for large group activities and small group discipleship. Small group leaders are Caleb Dahl, Courtney Hubers, Caleb Mostad, and Colten Wilson. Please be in touch with them with any questions or encouragements as they minister to and with our youth.

SHARE THE FEAST

January 22, 2022, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Share the Feast is our interactive Communion Preparation class for children and their parents. Children in 1st through 5th Grade are welcome to attend whether they currently receive the sacrament or not, and children who have taken the class in the past are encouraged to come again.

This year we will join with our sister church, Restoration Anglican, and meet for the class in their new church building - 5645 Chicago Ave. Please sign up using this QR code by **Sunday, January 16th**.



Contact Pastor Liz Stewart if you have any questions. We look forward to sharing the feast with you!

WOMEN OF REDEEMER BIBLE STUDIES

This year we will study the book of Acts, a continuation of the Gospel of Luke. As we study this narrative of the early Church, we will also be reading New Testament letters as they are relevant to the life of the first century body of Christ. Meeting plans will be sensitive to public health guidelines.

- Mondays at 7 pm. Contact Barbie Anderson, bwanderson70@comcast.net, 651-491-3536.
- Thursdays at 9:30am. Contact Cindy Calvin, cindycalvin@me.com, 612-889-9963.

MORNING PRAYER - WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 A.M.

Morning Prayer meets 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 using this QR code:



SEEKING VESTRY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Vestry of Church of the Redeemer is a lay leadership team that partners with our rector, Fr. Paul, in oversight of the church. Each year, new members are needed to serve on the vestry as current members transition out. In keeping with our bylaws, a nominating team has been formed to identify potential new vestry members.

As part of this process, we welcome your written recommendations for new vestry members. We will consider all recommendations made to the committee, and from those recommendations will formally nominate new members for the vestry. Those nominees will then be put forward for a vote by the congregation at the annual meeting in the new year. Written recommendations can be submitted at the page linked in the QR code below; if you would prefer, you can instead submit a hard copy recommendation to any nominating committee member.

Fr. Paul provides answers to FAQs about the vestry and vestry service in the linked QR code. We encourage you to read through those as you prayerfully consider who you might recommend to the committee! Please contact any member of the nominating committee with questions: Ross Anderson, Sara Bramsen, Molly Niehls, or Eric Watkins.



YEAR-END GIVING

December is an important month for Church of the Redeemer's financial planning. As we near the end of the calendar year, we also take stock of the church's financial position as we begin the second half of the fiscal year (January through June). As you make year-end gifts and plan your budget for the coming year, please prayerfully consider how the Lord is leading you to give to the work of our local body of Christ. Thank you for your continued generosity to Church of the Redeemer!

<u>GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY</u>		
As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
Dec. 12, 2021	\$147,599	\$168,000

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SMALL GROUP FOR CREATIVES (AND EVERYONE'S CREATIVE!)

Join Tim and Heather Peterson twice monthly for a Sunday lunch potluck at their home in Shoreview, to discuss a chapter of Andrew Peterson's *Adorning the Dark*, and pray for each other. We'd like to meet once before Christmas and be fully underway in January. Please email hwpeterson@unwsp.edu or tim.peterson@salembooks.com for more information.

MORE DEEPLY ROOTED – BUILDING TEAM UPDATE

Last week the building team mailed letters to 150 churches in St. Paul and its nearby suburbs that describe Church of the Redeemer and our desire to find a permanent place of worship. **We've already begun receiving responses from pastors and church administrators.** Please pray that these contacts with other churches will foster partnerships and create leads in our search for a permanent home. Stay tuned: group prayer times for the building search process will be offered in the coming weeks.

GOOD NEIGHBOR TEAM

Our Good Neighbor Team provides friendship and practical support to the Almahamid family as they adapt to life in the United States, following their arrival from Syria in September. Please contact Cheryl Krusen to learn more about ways to participate (cakrusen@gmail.com).

Staff

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