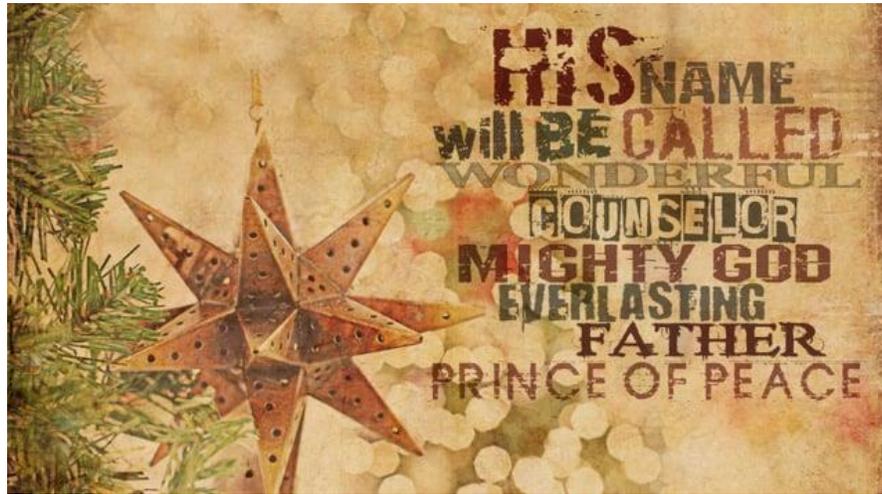


The Second Sunday after Christmas

January 3, 2021

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Owosso / Faith Landing Lutheran Church, Davison



Announcements

Apostolic Greeting *(Please stand.)*

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

L: Unto us a savior is born.

C: Praise be to the new born King!

L: God has come, and dwells with us.

C: Thanks and praise be to our Lord and God!

L: He has come to die for us,
he has come to live with us.

C: Praise be to our Lord and Savior.

The Christmas Hymn of Praise

L: Holy and loving God,

C: you stir in our hearts and bring joy to our lives.

L: You stir in our minds and bring wisdom to our thoughts;

C: you stir in the world and bring hope to our future.

L: You came as a little child, stirring up our praises,

C: so now we come to adore you with the angels.

L: We come to bow with the shepherds;

C: to kneel in wonder with the magi.

L: We come to ponder your mystery with Joseph;

C: to love and cherish you with Mary.

L: We come to you with humble hearts full of joy

**C: because you come to us this day with the light
of your grace and love, your peace and hope. (Please be seated.)**

Scripture Lessons

Ephesians 1:3-14

- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every
spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world
to be holy and blameless before him in love.
5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ,
according to the good pleasure of his will,
6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he
freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
7 In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace
8 that he lavished on us.
With all wisdom and insight
9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will,
according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,
10 as a plan for the fullness of time,
to gather up all things in him,
things in heaven and things on earth.
11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,
having been destined according to the purpose of him
who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,
12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ,
might live for the praise of his glory.
13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth,
the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him,
were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;
14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption
as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.



The Gospel Reading *(Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.)*

L: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

C: You have the word of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2:40-52

40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.

41 Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem
for the festival of the Passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old,
they went up as usual for the festival.

43 When the festival was ended and they started to return,
the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem,
but his parents did not know it.

44 Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey.
Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends.

45 When they did not find him,
they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

46 After three days they found him in the temple,
sitting among the teachers,
listening to them and asking them questions.

47 And all who heard him were amazed
at his understanding and his answers.

48 When his parents saw him they were astonished;
and his mother said to him,

“Child, why have you treated us like this?

Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.”

49 He said to them, “Why were you searching for me?
Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?”

50 But they did not understand what he said to them.

51 Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth,
and was obedient to them.

His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years,
and in divine and human favor.



L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

The Message

The Apostles' Creed *(Please stand.)*

L: God has made us his people through
our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope,
we confess our faith.



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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

Prayer of the Church

O come, let us adore Christ our Lord, and kneel before him with our prayers and supplications.

Heavenly Father, thank you for Jesus. Thank you for your love, made flesh in his flesh. Thank you for the glorious inheritance you have prepared for all who love him.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Transform your Church into a Temple worthy of your Son. Fill all of us with wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear of the Lord, so that many others may have joy in your presence. Draw many through us, to meet Jesus their Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to all Christians who are persecuted a foretaste of the glorious inheritance you have stored up for them in Christ. Fill them with wisdom and faith. Let them confound and convert their tormentors. Give us grace to provide for their needs and speak in their defense.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give the people of this congregation wisdom, faithfulness, kindness, generosity and joy. Fashion this church into a temple that is lovely with the light of Christ. Make us true sisters and brothers to our beloved Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all theologians and instructors in the faith – especially those who teach future pastors. Give them hearts centered in Christ; minds that delight in your commands; mouths that speak faithful words of your Law and Gospel; and souls that are pure and holy as they guide and shape those whom you call to be your servants.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make the world's leaders desire your wisdom. Equip them to seek the good of the people entrusted to their care. Teach them to fear and love you above all earthly power or riches. Grant that this New Year may bring hope, prosperity, health and concord to all.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



We plead on behalf of all whose lives are clouded by sorrow or shadowed by suffering – especially.... {names}. Bring them healing and hope. Help us to ease the burdens of those who care for loved ones day in and day out. And bless with compassion and competence all who practice the healing arts.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dear Father, thank you for the gift of your Son, and for the salvation you give to all who call upon his Name. We entrust our beloved dead into your care. Shed the light of your love upon those who grieve. Bestow your Spirit upon all of us in this New Year. Renew us in faith, strengthen us for service, and unite us in bonds of concord and charity. Lead

us, and all whom you have redeemed, into the bright courts of heaven, and into your endless day.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, dear Father, for the sake of your dear Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Benediction

L: May God, who in these last days has spoken to us by a Son, bless you.
May Christ, born of Mary, enthroned in a manger, bless you.
May the Holy Spirit, power of the Most High, bless you.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Glory to God in the highest.

C: Peace to God's people on earth.

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated.)

