First Sunday of Advent Worship Service



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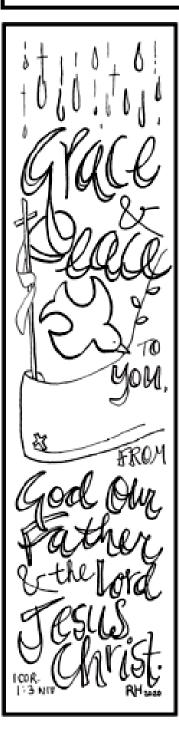
Dear Friends in Christ

We are delighted to have you worship with us today. If you are a guest, we'd love to meet you, so please feel free to introduce yourself to the Pastor and congregation members.

> *"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"* Mark 11:10

AS WE GATHER

We begin a new Church Year boldly begging for the advent of our risen Lord Jesus, His final coming to rescue and save us. We know what followed our Lord's humble entry into Jerusalem that great and holy week of His passion, namely, the mystery and surprise that His victory and the glory of God should be displayed for all the world on a cross. So today we pray with bold humility and confidence, for His coming and deliverance will always have a note of surprise—blessed surprise



WEEKLY PRAYER

Our weekly prayer gathering is EVERY TUESDAY MORNING from 7:15am-8:15am. Yes, it's early, but it's needed and is intentionally early for those who need to be at work. Come and spend an hour or any part of it with members of your Redeemer family in the chapel.

PRAYER CHAIN

Redeemer's prayer chain numbers more than 70 people and our prayer support has been very fulfilling to families that need intercessory prayers on their behalf. We welcome prayer requests anytime day or night at **prayers@redeemerjackson.org** If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, simply send your email address and name to the email address above and you can help those needing prayer support.

NEWS AND NOTES

Covid-19 Reminders=

A few gentle reminders as numbers continue to rise. Please remember to continue to wear your masks while in the building. Also, it is important to continue to socially distance while in the narthex. Lastly, remember that it is very important to sign up for worship, every week, online here <u>https://rb.gy/esvqqn</u> or by calling the church office (517)750-3100. This is very important in order for us to continue to socially distance in our sanctuary.

ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING

The annual Voter's Meeting is scheduled to be held, December 6, 2020, in the Sanctuary, immediately following the second service at approximately at 11:30am. You can pick up the proposed 2021 budget, agenda, and previous meeting minutes ahead of time, if you'd like, at the welcome center at the main entrance. Also, we are still taking names if you would like to nominate someone for, or you are interested in the positions of:

Congregational Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Secretary

Please contact Heidi in the church office at (517)750-3100 to be added to the list.

STRUGGLING?

We know that times are hard and that this year has come with its share of difficulties and a hard road to recovery ahead. If you or someone you know in our church family is struggling and in need of prayers, food, housing, other financial assistance, or just need an ear to listen, please know that your Redeemer family is here and wants to help where we can. If this is you or you know of someone struggling please reach out to the office (517)750-3100 for help.

Offering Envelopes -

Did you know that you can support the ministries of Redeemer online by credit/debit card or an automatic transfer? If you would like to give online in lieu of check or cash in weekly envelopes please contact the church office at (517)750-3100 to switch to paperless giving. Also, if you are already paperless giving and you are still receiving a box of envelopes and no longer need them please let us know this as well.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Our neighbors in Central America have been devasted by Hurricanes Eta and Iota. Our mission partner, Lutheran World Relief (LWR), has staff on the ground already responding. LWR has been in the region for decades and will continue to remain long after this disaster response. Please watch this video <u>https://youtu.be/bNz0qUKOwEw</u>, pray for our neighbors in Honduras and beyond, and give at <u>www.lwr.org/storms20</u>.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is Advent?

Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come right before Christmas. In other words, the deeper into Advent you go, the closer you get to Christmas Day. For Christians, the First Sunday in Advent is kind of like the "New Year's Day" of the Church Year calendar.

Why do we celebrate Advent?

The word Advent means "coming." During Advent, we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved us from sin, death and the power of the devil: our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!



Parents:

At home, in order to help your children better prepare for the birth of Jesus, try using an Advent devotional booklet provided by the church for family devotions.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Date: December 26 Time: 9:00am-12:00pm Place: Trinity Lutheran Church, Downtown Jackson

Donations Needed for Upcoming Events:

Hats and Scarves

Please place in bin in the narthex.

NOVEMBER 29 TODAY

- Sunday Worship w/Communion-8:00am
- No Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
- Sunday Worship w/Communion-10:30am

DECEMBER 1 TUESDAY

- Hour of Prayer-7:15am-8:15am
- Praise Team Rehearsal-7:00pm

DECEMBER 2 WEDNESDAY

- Chancel Meeting-10:00am
- Mid-Week Advent Worship-6:30pm

DECEMBER 6 NEXT WEEK

- Sunday Worship w/Communion-8:00am
- Sunday School/Adult Bible Study-9:30am
- Sunday Worship w/Communion-10:30am

WELCOME

Guest Preaching today is

Pastor Christian Jones

of Franklin Street Mission

WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED

FOR 2020 BUDGET \$9,473.38

OFFERINGS RECEIVED 11/22/2020

Budget-\$5,252.75 Non-Budget-\$279.71

OFFERING

The offering plate will not be passed during the service. Instead, it will be located at the back of the sanctuary as you exit. You can also go to <u>https://rb.gy/ljtsj0</u> which will take you directly to our Online Giving through Kindrid then simply follow the prompts.

Sunday Worship

Sunday Communion Schedule

Worship Services 8:00am and 10:30am Second, Fourth and Fifth Sundays 8:00am and 10:30am Service

Children and Adult Bible Study Classes

9:30am-10:15am

Receiving Communion

The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians11:28. "Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup." When you examine yourself before Communion, ask yourself these questions.

- 1. Have I confessed and repented of my sins?
- 2. Do I believe that the Blessed Sacrament I receive is the true Body and Blood of Jesus, in, with and under the elements of bread and wine?
- 3. Do I share in the confessional and doctrinal unity of this Christian Congregation?
- 4. Will I, with the Lord's help, amend my sinful life?

Please speak with the Pastor or an Elder prior to service if you have further questions.

Our Ministry Team

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

sday Friday

8:00am-4:00pm Office Closed - Remote work day-Available by appointment only

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