

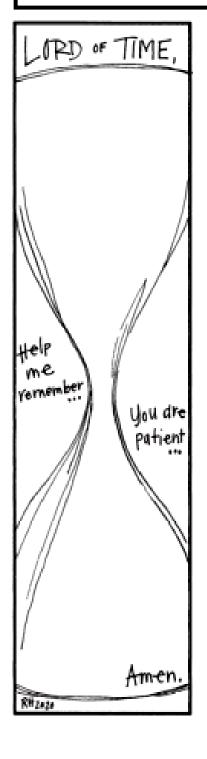


## **Dear Friends in Christ**

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.

# AS WE GATHER

What was it that made not only a couple or a few but many throughout the country of Judea and even Jerusalem, come out to be baptized by the Baptist and to confess their sins? Well, what is it that made you get up and come to church today? Notice that today not all do come. Though occasionally during wartime or some great catastrophe more tend to come, the teachings of our church explains, "I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him." "But," it continues, "the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel." Some think believing is impossible for them. But believing is not on you; it is a gift from God, overflowing with forgiveness, life, and salvation. God was with John by the Jordan River. God is here with you by His through His Mighty Word!



## 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 <a href="https://rb.gy/esvqqn">https://rb.gy/esvqqn</a> 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.

#### 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.

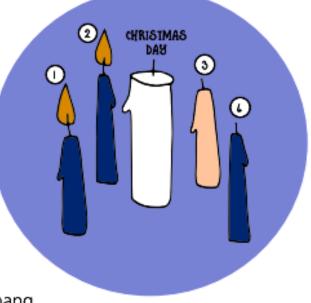
## THANK YOU .

On behalf of the Redeemer family recipients, Christian Care Ministry extends sincere appreciation to all who donated food items for the Thanksgiving food boxes. May our Lord bless you for your generosity and for caring.

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## What is the Advent wreath?

The Advent wreath is the circle of candles (and/or evergreen branches) that you see in the sanctuary during the season of Advent. Some Advent wreaths hang



from the ceiling of the sanctuary while others are placed on a floor stand. Either way, the Advent wreath is one of the many beautiful things you'll see around the church during Advent.

## How do we use the advent wreath?

It used to be that the Advent wreath was used in the home to help count the four weeks of Advent. Now you can find them in homes as well as in the church sanctuary. Each Sunday in Advent, a new candle on the wreath is lit. For example, during the first week in Advent, only one candle is lit. During the second week in Advent, two candles are lit. We do this to remember and prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World!



Parents: Before or after the Divine Service, allow your children to walk up to get a better look at the Advent wreath. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During this Advent season, try utilizing an Advent wreath at home with family devotions. If you are unsure how to get started, ask your pastor for help.



#### 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.

#### **DECEMBER 6 TODAY**

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

#### **DECEMBER 8 TUESDAY**

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

#### **DECEMBER 9 WEDNESDAY**

- Quilters-9:00am
- Mid-Week Advent Worship-6:30pm

#### **DECEMBER 10 THURSDAY**

- LWML-Women of Redeemer Meeting-10:00am
- Bethel Bible Study-6:30pm

#### **DECEMBER 13 NEXT WEEK**

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

# **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 <a href="https://rb.gy/ljtsj0">https://rb.gy/ljtsj0</a> which will take you directly to our Online Giving through Kindrid then simply follow the prompts.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED

FOR 2020 BUDGET
\$9,473.38

OFFERINGS RECEIVED 11/29/2020

Budget-\$2,085.00 Non-Budget-\$2,775.20

Worship Service December 6, 2020

### **Sunday Worship**

## **Sunday Communion Schedule**

**Worship Services** 

Second, Fourth and Fifth Sundays

8:00am and 10:30am

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 Friday

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

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