



Christmas Cantata

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
December 8, 2024**

Bell Prelude

“The First Noel”

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

“The Holly and the Ivy”

“O Holy Night, Silent Night”

(Arranged by Brian Childers)

Welcome & Announcements ~ Pastor Senstad

Invocation and Devotion~ Pastor Senstad

Processional / Congregational Hymn

“O Come All Ye Faithful” LSB 379 vrs. 1, 3, 4

Accompanied by Strings and Handbell Choir

Choir Cantata – ‘What Sweeter Music’

(see program - next page)

Prayers ~ Pastor Zirpel

Offering & Attendance Cards

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“Ding Dong Merrily on High”

Performed by Handbell Choir

(Arr. by Brian Childers)

Benediction ~ Pastor Zirpel

Recessional Hymn

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” LSB 387 vrs. 1, 3, 4

Accompanied by Strings and Handbell Choir



What Sweeter Music

Written and arranged by Mark Hayes

Narrators— Phil Schauer & Emily Wulf

Opening Medley

What Sweeter Music Can We Bring? -
Angels We Have Heard on High- I Saw Three Ships-
Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

Promise of Peace

Song of Mary

Soloist, Emily Klaumann

Cradle Medley

Still, Still Still- Away in a Manger— What Sweeter Music Can We Bring?-
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne— Silent Night

Song of the Angels

Angels We Have Heard on High— Hark the Herald Angels Sing— The First Nowell

O Holy Night

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Closing Medley

What Sweeter Music Can We Bring?- Good Christians All, Rejoice—
Joy to the World— O Come, All Ye Faithful

Vocal Choir

Soprano

Hannah Duff
Karen Grieme
Marlene Heithold
Emily Klaumann
Jan Null

Alto

Deb Chellew
Loralee Fink
Jessica Hordusky
Paulette Schmidt
Emily Wulf

Tenor

Scott Ernst
Gary Judd
Nathan Klaumann
Rev. Russell Senstad,
Jerry Von Ehwegen
Rev. David Zirpel

Bass

Dale Eberly
Phillip Schauer
John Stansell
Carl Weil

Handbell Choir

Elizabeth Ellis
Nate Klaumann
Charity Koehler

Tammy Kratky
Angela Senstad

Orchestra Ensemble

Violin ~ Kristin Ortmann & Michele Grossman
Viola ~ Eleanor May-Patterson
Cello ~ Heather Schmedinhoff
Flute ~ Danna Kennedy
Trumpet ~ Kevin Massey
Percussion ~ Grady Lyman & Hannah Koehler
Piano ~ Shannon Peterson

God's blessings to you and yours this Christmas!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! A cordial welcome to everyone worshipping with us today. We are happy to have you share the joy of this Lord's Day with us. A special welcome to those worshipping with us for the first time. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know more about our congregation, please speak to a pastor after service or call the church at 712.276.1125.

Our worship services will continue to be available, traditional &/or contemporary, on our website: www.redeemersiouxcity.com or you can like us on Facebook or find us on YouTube.

Children's Bulletins and Quiet Bags are in the back of the church. Please place the Quiet Bags in the plastic container (next to the bags) when finished. Thank You!

Large-Print Bulletins and hearing devices are available from Ushers.

Just a reminder that we welcome prayer requests through our church email: redemerchurchsc@gmail.com. You don't have to be a member to request prayers.

If you would like to give a charitable donation, you may drop off at the church or mail to RLC, 3204 S. Lakeport, Sioux City, IA 51106.

Altar Flowers are given by Ron Holtzen in memory of wife Jane.

***To our Redeemer family:** Thank you so much for the many cards, calls, and encouraging messages we received at the loss of my Mom. We are so grateful for your support and caring. God comforts us with his Love and Peace.~~ Drenda and Monte Onken*

The Annual Voters Meeting has been schedule for Sunday, December 8th, 2:00 PM, in the fellowship hall. All members 18 and older are welcome to attend.

Upcoming Bible Study: 'Where God Came Down: The Archaeological Evidence' by Joel P. Kramer offers compelling evidence that the Bible is trustworthy. Layer by layer, the Bible and archaeology agree! We will examine different Biblical sites, revealing how divine interactions with simple people thousands of years ago shaped ordinary, unimportant places into holy sites, still revered today. This bible study will involve studying different Biblical passages and corresponding videos which show where these events took place! This course will strengthen your faith that the Bible is indeed true and inspired by God! **The course will be begin Wednesday,**

Jan. 8th, at 5:30 PM and continue each week until February 26th. If interested, call or text Curt Green 712-560-5866.

Join us for *The Word Made Flesh* special Midweek services, Wednesdays, 11:30 AM & 7 PM. In this second service in *The Word Made Flesh* series for Advent, we remember that Jesus calls us to flavor the earth and to savor the good things that come from him through his birth.

The board of elders invite you to please consider joining us for some food, fellowship, and fun on **Monday evening, Dec 9** when we gather at the church at 5 pm for a little soup, desert, hot chocolate, and fellowship. Then at approximately 6:30, we will head out to visit some care facilities, as well as some of our member's homes, to do some Christmas caroling! In order to plan for the meal and transportation, please either sign up on the sheets at the back of the sanctuary or let our church office know. We look forward to having many of you join us! God's Blessings.

We are pleased to announce two more days have been added to the schedule for taking pictures. December 10 and 11, they'll take more pictures. Please go online at www.ucdir.com and enter **ia330** as the username - **photos** as the password. Or call the office and we'll help you.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS: We are preparing for our Family Advent Service which is **Wednesday, December 11th, at 7:00pm.** Please have your child here at Redeemer before 5:30 so that we can begin our practices on time. We will also have a *Chicken Strip Meal* at noon & 5-7pm for the J.J. Wolf Family in Africa.

LWML Winter 2024 Women's Quarterly Magazines are here. Pick up a cop on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary.

LWML & Redeemer Youth 'TOYS FOR TOTS'- Your donation helps provide a brighter Christmas for the less fortunate children in our community. New and unwrapped toys ages 0-18 years. We will have drop off sites at the South & North entrance **through December 12.**

Family Christmas Party – Dec 13th from 6-8 PM: Everyone is invited! We will watch the movie "The Star" in the gym. Bring your comfy chair for the movie. You can play Bingo in the parish hall. There will be bingo prizes. We will also have hotdogs, nachos, popcorn, hot chocolate and coffee for snacks.

High School and Middle School Youth Christmas Party: Sunday December 15th from 5:30-7:30pm. Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest. Ginger Bread building contest and Cookie Exchange. Bring a friend and a dozen cookies. If you have questions, reach out to DCE Jonathon Bailey 620-655-5395.

Please join us on Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 pm for the Children's Christmas Program. The Sunday School and Rock Wednesday students have been working hard to learn their songs and lines for the program. So come watch them as they tell, the true meaning of Christmas and the decorations that we use. Stay after the program for cookies and coffee.

Your 2025 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up. They are located in the hallway under the coat rack next to the Office.

Angel Tree: This year we are partnering with Mid-Step Services. Take a tag and purchase the requested item(s) and **return gift wrapped and tagged by December 18th**. Thank you for sharing God's love as we celebrate Jesus's birth!

'Women Serving in Christ' Group – Christmas Celebration, Thursday, December 19th, 12:00 PM. Join us for fellowship, a devotion, and a pot luck luncheon. All women are invited to join in this celebration! RSVP to Loralee Fink.

Thrivent Choice Dollars are at work all year long in a variety of projects. This Christmas season, the Thrivent Choice Committee along with the Board of Elders, will be visiting many of our shut –ins to deliver baskets funded by Choice Dollars and Action cards provided by members. Thank you for your support of Thrivent Choice Dollars and Action Cards provided by many of you during the year.

We are in need of Greeters for our 10:45 AM Service. If anyone is interested, see Pastor Senstad or Gary Kitmann.

Ushers Wanted! We are in need of Ushers for our 10:45 AM service. No Experience Necessary. If interested, Please contact Doug Stucky 402-404-9068.

The Exalt team is always looking for more musicians to join us for the 10:45 Contemporary Service on Sunday mornings! If you, or someone you know, would like to join the group, please let Nathan Klaumann know either after church or by contacting him directly (402-587-0479)!

Technologist Wanted! We are in need for students or adults who are interested in running technology on Sunday mornings. No experience necessary. We will train you. If interested, please contact Angie DuBois or Tim Young at 712-276-1125.

Thrivent Members Who Have Choice Dollars: NEW Choice Dollars for the 3rd Quarter of 2024 are now available. Please direct them as soon as possible by calling 1-800-847-4836 or by directing them online at **www.thrivent.com**. Thanks for your continued support of the Choice Dollar program at Redeemer.

Fresh rhubarb, rhubarb custard, strawberry rhubarb custard & strawberry rhubarb pies, small & large are available, Thursday and Sunday mornings. \$20 for large & \$9 for small! At times, there are other flavored pies available! Tlx for your purchases! Thanks for all your help. During the month of November, sales will go to Bibi's Hope orphanage in Africa. Bibi is recovering from breast cancer. A special offering will be taken December 18 and 20 for the orphanage and her cancer care. Small jars of jams, jellies, & pickles are \$6 each or 5 for \$25. Large jars of pickles & jams are \$8 each or 5 for \$35. Varied flavors of syrups are \$8. We have a new flavor: "Holiday Jam,"
A strawberry, cranberry, orange jam!

**Aronia Syrup*

Aronia Berry Rhubarb

Aronia Blueberry Jam

Aronia Blueberry Jalapeno Jam

Aronia Berry Jelly

Aronia Jalapeno Jam

Aronia Peach Jam

Aronia Rhubarb Jam

Blackberry Jam

Blackberry Jelly

Blueberry Rhubarb

Cherry Jalapeno Jam

Cherry Rhubarb Jam

Choke Cherry Jelly

**Choke Cherry Syrup*

Elderberry Jelly

Fruit Juice Jalapeno Jam

Fruit Juice Jelly

Gooseberry Jam

Gooseberry Jelly

Gooseberry Rhubarb Jam

Jalapeno Jam

Peach Jam

Peach Jelly

Red Currant Jelly

Red Raspberry Rhubarb

Jalapeno Jam

Red Raspberry Rhubarb Jam

Rhubarb Aronia Jalapeno Jam

Rhubarb Jam

Rhubarb Ginger Lime Jam

Rhubarb Jalapeno Jam

Strawberry Jalapeno Jam

Strawberry Rhubarb Jalapeno Jam

Tart Cherry Jam

Wild Grape Jelly

Wild Plum Jalapeno Jam

Wild Plum Jam

Wild Plum Jelly

Wild Plum Rhubarb Jam

Wild Raspberry Rhubarb –

- Jalapeno Jam

Wild Raspberry Rhubarb Jam

****New – Holiday Jam**

PICKLES

Dill

Hamburger Sweet Dills

Sweet Pickles

Recess Monitor/Paraeducator/After Care Worker: The Care Worker plays a vital role in supporting the well-being and development of children. This position involves three job responsibilities working closely with students in various educational settings and fostering a positive learning environment. The Care Worker will utilize their skills to educate, manage behavior, and ensure that each child receives the attention they need to thrive. If you or anyone you know may be interested in this position, please contact Pam Whightsil at 712-258-6325 or email at pwhightsil@stpaulssiouxcity.org.

You are Invited! New Horizons Band Christmas Concerts:

Monday, Dec. 9 – Sunrise (The Pointe) – 2:00 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 11 – Whispering Creek – 2:30 PM

Friday, Dec. 13 – Holy Spirit Retirement – 2:30 PM

GriefShare for the Holidays – Calvary is hosting this opportunity the evening of Monday, December 9, 2024, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This endeavor offers grieving church members, as well as people in our communities, support, understanding, and tools to get through tough times regarding the loss of a loved one. Bring a family member, a friend...if questions please call 712-389-5226. You may register at calvaryleeds.com. FYI – GS’s winter cycle begins Tuesday, 1/14 (morning) and on 1/16 (evening).



Giving has never been easier! You can now scan Redeemer’s QR Code to access our online giving. Just open up your camera on your phone and point it at the QR code centering it on your screen. You may have to hold it still for a few seconds. Then tap the pop-up banner/link. This will direct you to Redeemer’s giving website.

Additional Listening on Sundays:

1. Good Shepherd Hour- 8:00 AM KSCJ
2. Lutheran Hour- 8:30 AM KSCJ
3. Main Street Living- 10:00 AM KCAU, Channel 9.

December 15 airing - This is the Life – “Christmas Is” – The shepherd in a Christmas play learns the importance of Christmas. Worship Service – Rev. James Travis of Calvary Lutheran Church in Sioux City, IA, delivers the message “Flag on the Play” based on Philippians 4:2-7. If you would like to watch **Main Street Living** at a different time other than Sunday morning, 10:30, you can log on to the website (www.mainstreetliving.com). Just hit “Sioux City.”

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Redeemer's Missionaries of the year for 2024 are the Adam Lehman Family and the JJ Wolf Family. Contributions may be made to their accounts to Redeemer Lutheran and earmarked as such at any time. Contributions are then sent through Mission Central (Gary Thies, Mapleton) by Redeemer. Thanks for your consideration!

SERVING THIS WEEK- (December 5 & 8, 2024): Thursday, 6:30 PM- (Harlan & Mary Feddersen, Al & Mellisa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls). **Sunday 8:15 AM- Team 3** (Gary Flammang, Mitchel Bauman, Gary Bumsted, Paul Feckenstein, Bob Naylor). **10:45 AM- Team 7** (Doug Stucky, Nate Klaumann, Christian Stai, Tom Stokes). **GREETERS: 8:15 AM-** Karen Grieme; **10:45 AM-** Marty & Marcy Delperdang. **ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM-** Ian & Jake Beougher; **10:45 AM-** Leland David & Camden Doscher. **TECHNOLOGIST:** Thurs. **6:30 PM-** Tim Young; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** Jordan Fisher; **10:45 AM-** Curt Green. **COUNTING TEAM:** 4 (Fink & Buckley). **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** LWML

2 Midweek Advent Service (December 11, 2024): USHERS: 7:00 PM- Team 6 (Mark Shapiro, Jim Philips, Jeremy Schram, Aaron Schutt). **GREETERS: 7:00 PM-** Gale & Carol Bobolz; **ACOLYTES- 7:00 PM-** Dominic DuBois & Zac Marlow. **Technologist: 11:30 AM-** Jennifer Lay; **6:30 PM-** Tim Young

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (December 12 & 15, 2024): same as last week. **GREETERS: 8:15 AM-** Dale & Nadine Henningsen; **10:45 AM-** Jackie Krueger & Jayne Edwards. **ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM-** Ian & Jake Beougher; **10:45 AM-** Leland David & Jax Findley. **TECHNOLOGIST:** Thurs. **6:30 PM-** Tim Young; **Sun. 8:15 AM-** Erik Koehler; **10:45 AM-** TBD. **COUNTING TEAM:** 1 (Buckley & Lessamann). **COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS:** John & Anita Stansell

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending December 1, 2024

Worship Attendance: Sunday, N/A+145+100=245 (20%)

Adult Bible Study: 18; ROCK Sunday: N/A; ROCK Wed: 11

Sudanese: 14

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>%</u>
Dec. 1, 2024	\$27,260	\$15,548	172%
Year-to-date	\$681,736	\$754,515	90%

Building Fund Income:

Year-to-date	Weekly Income	Total
\$2,895	\$200	\$3,095

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, December 8, 2024

8:15 & 10:45 AM Christmas Cantata

- 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 AM ROCK Sunday
- 9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
- 1:00 PM Sudanese Worship
- 1:00 PM Christmas Program Practice
- 2:00 PM Voters Mtg**
- 4:00-6 PM Pickleball

Monday, December 9, 2024

- 5:30 PM Adult Fitness
- 6:30 PM Pickleball
- 6:30 PM Redeemer Caroling Event-(5 PM Fellowship & Meal)

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

- 1:30 PM Bible Study/Staff Mtg
- 5:00 PM Aktion Meal/MWM

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study in *Conference Rm.*
- 11:30 AM Advent Service
- 12:00 PM Advent Meal* (*chicken strip meal*)
- 1:00 PM Pickleball
- 5-5:40 PM Advent Meal*
- 5:00-7 PM Midweek
- 5:00-7 PM ROCK Wednesday
- 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study at *Oscar Carl Vineyard*
- 6:00 PM Handbell Practice
- 7:00 PM Family Advent Service
- Adult Choir Practice after worship
- 7:30-9 PM Youth Group

Thursday, December 12, 2024

- 5:30 PM Adult Fitness
- 6:00 PM BSF Bible Study (lower level)
- 6:30 PM Worship w/Holy Communion
- 7:30 PM Leadership Council Mtg
- *Last Day to Donate to Toys-for-Tots**

Friday, December 13, 2024

9:00 AM - Noon Food Shelf
6:00-8 PM Family Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14, 2024

10:00 AM Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, December 15, 2024

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM ROCK Sunday
9:30 AM Adult Confirmation
1:00 PM Sudanese Worship
1:00 PM Preschool Christmas Program
3:00 PM Children's Christmas Program
5:30-7:30 PM Middle & High School Christmas Party

December Advent Worship Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 11: Advent Worship, 11:30 AM and Family Advent Service, 7 PM. Chicken Strip meal at Noon and 5-7 PM. Free-will offering for J.J. Wolf Missionary Family

Sunday, Dec. 15: Christmas Preschool Program 1 PM.
Children's Christmas Program 3 PM.

Wednesday, Dec. 18: Advent Worship, 11:30 AM and 7 PM

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24:

- ✝ Candlelight Services at 11:30 AM, 4 PM & 11 PM.
- ✝ Contemporary Candlelight Service at 7 PM

Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25: 9 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, Dec. 29: (First Sunday after Christmas) 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31: Holy Communion
Worship service at 11:30 AM & 6 PM