

+ SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE +

	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
<i>This Week, 12/20, 12/24, & 12/25</i>			
<i>Sunday, 8:00 A.M.</i>	Ed T.	Marian V.	Ed T. & Carol T.
<i>Sunday, 10:30 A.M.</i>	Damian T.	Marian V.	Ed T. & Carol T.
<i>Christmas Eve, 5:00 P.M.</i>	Mark M.	Don H.	Ed T. & Carol T.
<i>Christmas Eve, 7:00 P.M.</i>	Dana B.	N/A	Ed T. & Carol T.
<i>Christmas Day, 9:15 A.M.</i>	Ed T.	N/A	Ed T. & Carol T.
<i>Next Week, 12/27 & 12/31</i>			
<i>Sunday, 8:00 A.M.</i>	Dana B.	Don H.	Sue R. & Tracy V.
<i>Sunday, 10:30 A.M.</i>	Mark M.	Don H.	Sue R. & Tracy V.
<i>New Year's Eve 7:00 P.M.</i>	Gary P.	N/A	Sue R. & Tracy V.

+ THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER +

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<i>Sunday (20)</i>	8:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	9:15 A.M.	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Divine Service
<i>Monday (21)</i>	6:30 P.M.	Church Council
<i>Tuesday (22)</i>		
<i>Wednesday (23)</i>		
<i>Thursday (24)</i>	5:00 P.M.	Candlelight Evening Prayer
	7:00 P.M.	Candlelight Evening Prayer
<i>Friday (25)</i>	9:15 A.M.	Divine Service
<i>Saturday (26)</i>		
<i>Sunday (27)</i>	8:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Divine Service

+ GIVING REPORT & BUDGET UPDATE +

<u>WEEKLY OFFERINGS</u>		<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	
<i>Last Week Offering:</i>	\$2,962.00	<i>Year-to-Date Offerings:</i>	\$140,476.05
<i>Other Income and Gifts:</i>	\$350.00	<i>Other Income and Gifts:</i>	\$17,293.90
<i>Total Income This Week:</i>	\$3,312.00	<i>Total Income This Year:</i>	\$157,769.95
<i>Needed for Budget:</i>	\$2,988.54	<i>Needed for Budget:</i>	\$149,427.00
<i>Difference:</i>	+\$323.46	<i>Difference:</i>	+\$8,342.95

+ ATTENDANCE REPORT +

	<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>7:00 P.M.</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>(Sun.)</u>	<u>(Sun. In)</u>	<u>(Sun. Out)</u>	<u>(Weds.)</u>	
<i>Last Week:</i>	27	48	8	21	104
<i>Last Year:</i>		88		20	108



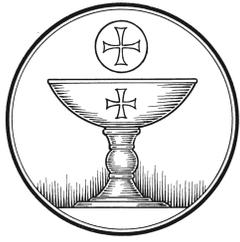
+ FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT +

Rorate Coeli

Sunday, 20 December A+D 2020 • 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

 <p>OUR REDEEMER ON BREITUNG</p>	<p>OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH 420 W. Breitung Ave., Kingsford, MI 49802 (906) 774-1844 www.ourredeemerkingsford.org</p>
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+ TODAY WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION +



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

+ ABOUT THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT +

JOHN THE BAPTIZER POINTS EVERYONE TO THE MESSIAH The coming of God in all His unveiled power at Mount Sinai was terrifying to the people of Israel. The thundering voice of the Lord puts sinners in fear of death (Deut. 18:15–19). God, therefore, raised up a prophet like Moses—the Messiah, the Christ. God came to His people veiled in human flesh. The skies poured down the Righteous One from heaven; the earth opened her womb and brought forth Salvation (Introit) through the blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of the Lord (Luke 1:39–56). The fruit of her womb is the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, the One whose sandal strap John was not worthy to loose (John 1:19–28). In Jesus we are delivered from fear and anxiety. In Him alone we have the peace of God which surpasses all understanding (Phil. 4:4–7).

+ NEWS & NOTES +

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available in the narthex for members to pick up. *Please do not use the envelopes until the new year so we can properly credit your giving to you.*

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES WILL BE HELD THIS WEEK. Join us December 24th at 5:00 or 7:00 P.M. for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Join us on Christmas Day, December 25th, at 9:15 A.M. for Divine Service. These services will be FM broadcast to the parking lot, while 7:00 P.M. on Christmas Eve and 9:15 A.M. on Christmas Day will be live-streamed on the Facebook page. Find Our Redeemer on Facebook at [facebook.com/ourredeemerkingsford](https://www.facebook.com/ourredeemerkingsford).

PLEASE NOTE: It's winter and we will be in an enclosed space for services. To keep each other well, please wear a mask, carry hand sanitizer if you can or use the sanitizer at the entrance to church when coming into church, before Holy Communion and after leaving.

PLEASE BE AWARE that the 10:30 A.M. Sunday service is being live-streamed on the Our Redeemer Facebook page.

HELPING HANDS FUNDRAISERS: Please consider our Giving Bean and Rada Cutlery fundraising groups. Giving Bean coffee can be accessed at the ORLC website under Helping Hands. Rada Cutlery can be accessed at [radafundraising.com](https://www.radafundraising.com) and selecting "your fundraising group" as Our Redeemer Michigan. There are also catalogues of the cutlery with order blanks on the table in the narthex.

TALK RADIO & PODCASTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON: "Issues, Etc." is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. Here are some of the topics for the next two weeks: The Advent Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," Christ's Birth Foretold in Micah, Early Church Fathers on the Birth of Christ, The Christmas Hymn "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come," Holiday Depression, The New Year Hymn "Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year," The Top Religion Stories of 2020 and more. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT – Jesus brought God delicately amidst sinners, as humble in crucifixion as He was helpless in conception. Yet this estate did not hinder but, in fact, heralded the full realm and reign of God for us. And thereby He reaffirmed the worth of even the feeblest human beings. God's gift of life arrives all the better for the plain packaging He habitually hides it behind. *Prayer: Lamb of God, make it so that our taking hold of You leads us to cradle Your little ones as well. Amen.*

"AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS DINNER AND THE CELEBRATION OF OUR SAVIOR'S BIRTH, let us remember that Christ's coming into the world began with an unexpected pregnancy. Mary of Nazareth was unmarried and certainly had reason to be confused and afraid when she was asked to carry the Son of God. But she courageously let God's plan unfold for her and her Child and brought our Savior into this world, despite her uncertain circumstances." *Right to Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Rorate Coeli
20 December A+D 2020

Liturgy: LSB, Divine Service, Setting Three, pg. 184
Hymns: 398, 357, 549, 624, 370
Sermon: "Jesus: A Prophet for Our Day"
Deuteronomy 18:15-19

INTROIT

Psalm 19:1, 4-6; antiphon: Isaiah 45:8a

- P** Shower, O heavens, from above,
- C** and let the clouds rain down righteousness;
- P** let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit;
- C** let the earth cause them both to sprout.
- P** The heavens declare the glory of God,
- C** and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- P** Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
- C** In them he has set a tent for the sun,
- P** which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
- C** and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- P** Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,
- C** and there is nothing hidden from its heat.



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

- P** Shower, O heavens, from above,
- C** and let the clouds rain down righteousness;
- P** let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit;
- C** let the earth cause them both to sprout.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL

Psalm 145:18, 21

- P** The LORD is near to all who call on him,
- C** to all who call on him in truth.
- P** My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
- C** and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

VERSE

Psalm 40:17b

Alleluia. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God! Alleluia.

OLD TESTAMENT *Deuteronomy 18:15-19*

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall require it of him.’”

EPISTLE *Philippians 4:4-7*

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:19-28*

¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?”²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.”²²So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”²³He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.)²⁵They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”²⁶John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know,²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.