

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



1 JOHN 4:7-21 AND MATTHEW 3:1-12

“ON JOHN THE BAPTIST”

*The LORD sends the forerunner,
the one who is to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah.
From the wilderness, John calls for repentance from all who will listen.*

**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 4, 2022**

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.
* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

- 1. You shall have no other gods.**
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.**
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**
- 4. Honor your father and mother.**
- 5. You shall not murder.**
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.**
- 7. You shall not steal.**
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).**

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Mark 12:28-31

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing,
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing,
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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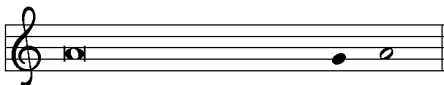
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***THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

2 Corinthians 13:13

P: 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.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



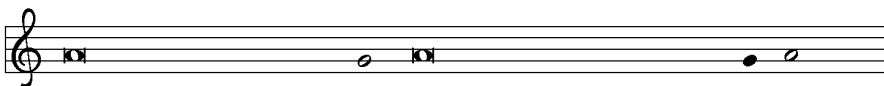
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



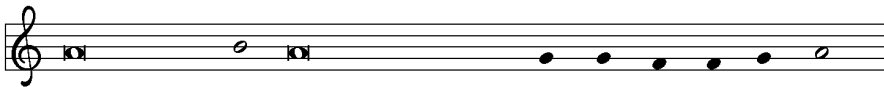
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

“We Lift the Light of Hope”

READING

Hunter Clark

On this second Sunday of Advent,
as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ,
we light the candle of peace.

Jesus Christ is our peace. (Ephesians 2:14)
He is the Prince of Peace,
and the fruit of His presence is peace. (Isaiah 9:6; Galatians 5:22)

Christ comes to bring justice, wholeness, and harmony
to every relationship throughout all creation.

He wants to continually grant us peace in every situation. (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

Jesus, we pray,
guide our feet into the path of peace. (Luke 1:79)



We Lift the Light of Hope

Please sing as directed

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "We lift the light of peace, O God, The Lord of truth and right. In Your do - main let jus - tice_ reign And bring us peace in ____ Christ. In Your do - main let jus - tice - reign And bring us peace _____ in Christ." The score consists of three systems of staves. The first system contains the first two lines of the song. The second system contains the third and fourth lines. The third system contains the fifth and sixth lines. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding staves. The music features a variety of note values, including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and ties. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment, while the vocal lines are more melodic and expressive.

Words: Ken Bible
Music: Oliver Holden

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children who want to come forward for the Children's Message at the front of the church are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 11:1-10

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

(In Unison)



1. Give the King thy / judgements • O / God, *
and thy righteousness / unto • the / **King's** / son.
 2. Then shall he judge thy people according / un - to / right, *
and de- / **fend** / **the** / poor.
 3. The mountains also / shall bring / peace, *
and the little hills / righteous • ness / unto • the / people.
 4. He shall keep the simple folk / by their / right, *
defend the children of the / poor, and / punish • the / wrongdoer.
 5. They shall fear thee as long as the sun and / moon en- / dureth, *
from one gener- / a-tion / to an- / other.
 6. He shall come down like the rain up- / on the • mown / grass; *
even as the / drops that / water • the / earth.
 7. In his time shall the / right-eous / flourish, *
yea and abundance of peace so / long as • the / moon en- / dureth.
 18. Blessed be the Lord God, even the / God of / Israel, *
which only / do-eth / won-drous / things.
 19. And blessed be the Name of his / majesty • for / ever: *
and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. / A-men, / **A-** / men.
- Glory be to the Father and / to the / Son, *
And / to the / Ho-ly / Ghost.
- As it was in the beginning, is now and / ev-er / shall be; *
World without / **end** / **A-** / men.

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

1 JOHN 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson and Bible in a Year readings from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. Claim the gift for yourself!

*Creation : Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges: Kings and Prophets : Exile :
Restoration : 2nd Temple : JESUS : + **Apostles** : Last Day : New Creation*

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:13

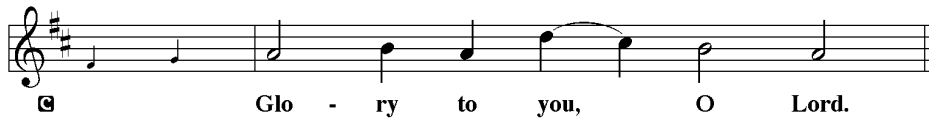


*GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:



Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

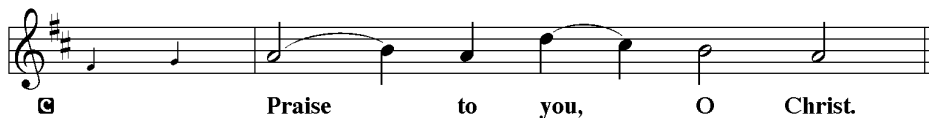
⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



God is Love

Journey of John the Baptist

The Law is an aspect of God’s Word that shows sin and brokenness: Preparations about presents, decorations, parties, seem to trump the spiritual preparations for Christ’s coming.

The Gospel is an aspect of God’s Word that comforts and saves in Christ: Preparing the way for Christ, John tells the truth, calls all to change, suffers for the truth, and testifies to the end.

So What? Love God, love neighbor, serve and do His will - repeat until Heaven above!
Remember the martyrs and the cost of telling the truth in a world that prefers self serving lies.



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and

sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

2 Corinthians 13:11

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

ANTHEM

"An Invitation for Advent"

CHANCEL CHOIR

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THE MEAL

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

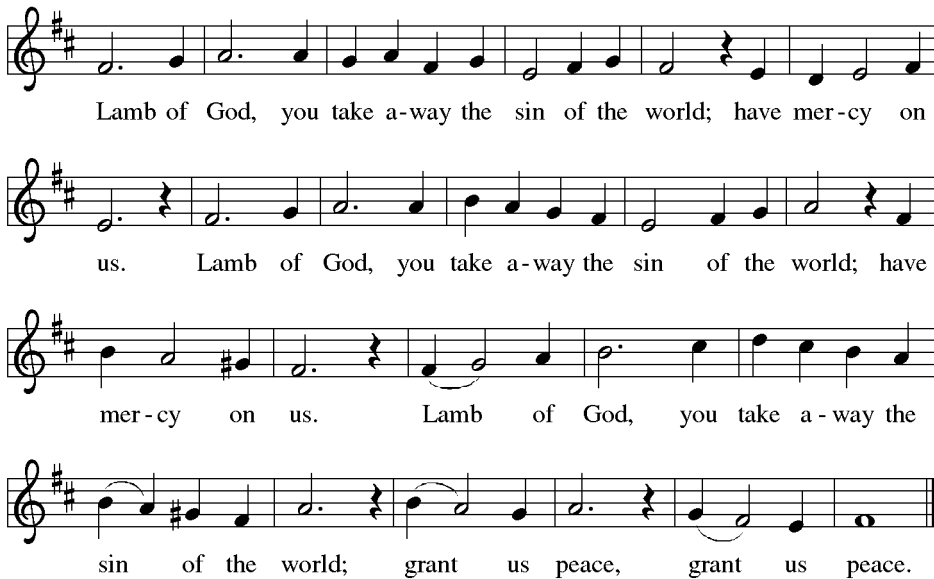
For Thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

*LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Please request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. Taste and see the LORD is good (Psalm 34:8)!

Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard in trashcan.

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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SENDING

*THE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

*SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



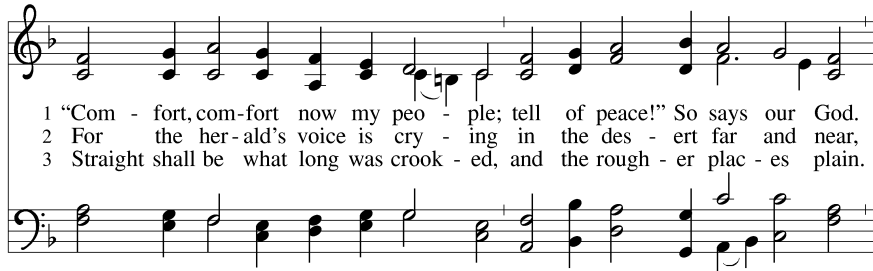
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

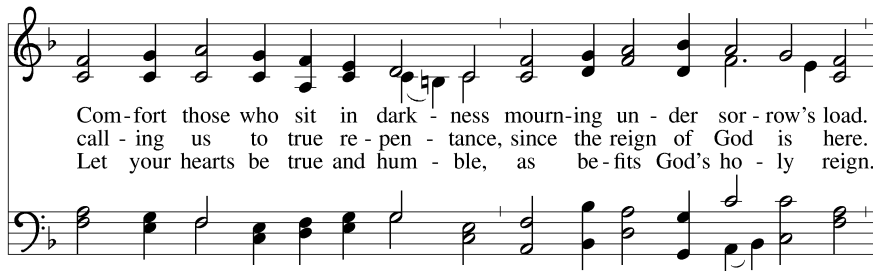
AM: Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.


*BENEDICTION



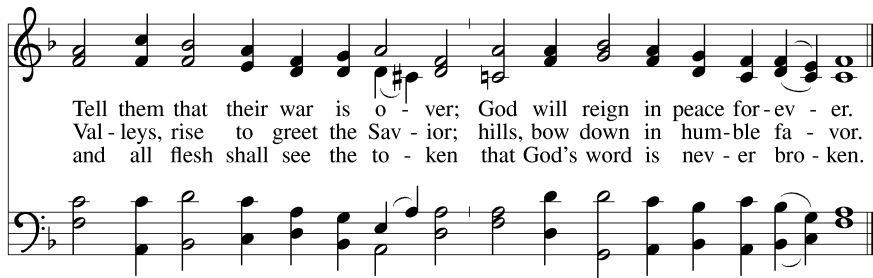
1 “Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row’s load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God’s ho - ly reign.



To God’s peo - ple now pro-claim that God’s par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
 Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God’s word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Kim Rundzieher
Choir Director	Kathie Riebe
Organist.....	Lisa Burch
Acolyte	Hunter Clark
Crucifer	Bram Comer
Lector	Nancy Witman
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Mark Thornburt

PARISH NEWS

NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST: If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

ADVENT EVENING SERVICES: Are any of you dreading the next number of weeks as Christmas gets closer and closer? How much to spend on gifts? Who to buy for and what to buy? Which parties/events to attend? How to be safe and accepting of each other? This doesn't leave much time to dwell on the "reason for the season". All of us need some balance during the holidays. Part of our balance at Lutheran Chapel is remembering whose we are, and why we exist. We exist to worship the one who gives us life-that beautiful baby in the manger. A wonderful opportunity to worship will be Wednesday evenings November 30, December 7 and 14 at 7pm. This will be a time of worship, prayer, and celebration as we slow down and focus on preparing for Christmas. Would you and your family worship with us at the Wednesday night Advent Services? We promise there won't be any commercials, it won't cost anything, and you won't gain any weight. We do promise that you will be blessed as we get ready for the birthday of Jesus.

WELCA: There will be a *joint meeting* of the Circles on **Monday, December 5 at 6:00 pm** in the **Family Life Center**.

STAFF GIFTS: As the end of the year approaches, traditionally we present the Church Staff with a “thank you” gift. If you would like to contribute towards the gift, you can do so by putting it in the weekly offering, mail it, drop it off at the Church Office or give it to one of the Executive Council members - Debra Hoffman, Crown Hoffman, Steve Laws or Ken Obenauf. Please be sure to note “staff gift” on your contribution. The deadline for contributions is **December 8.**

ANGEL TREE: The Angel Tree for the Bessemer City Boys & Girls Club is up in the Narthex of the church. Please take an Angel, record the number of the Angel(s) you have taken in the book and return the gifts by Sunday, December 4th (TODAY). If you cannot shop but would like to give a donation, please make your check payable to Lutheran Chapel Church and mark *Boys & Girls Club Angel Tree* in the memo line. The Outreach Team will be going to the Club in December for a Christmas party that will include the Christmas Story, crafts, cookie decorating, games, Christmas carols and finally a visit from Santa. Let’s make this special for 44 boys and girls at the Bessemer City Boys & Girls Club. Thank you so very much...God’s Love Is Free! -The Outreach Team

LADIES NIGHT CELEBRATION: Our Ladies Night Celebration is next **Saturday, December 10th @ 6PM in the Family Life Center.** After a couple of years without our annual celebration due to Covid, the Men of the Church are anxious to once again put together a night of good food, fellowship, and great entertainment. *If anyone is wishing to donate a door prize it would be greatly appreciated.* Let’s all come and enjoy a great night together.

OWLS: Our next *OWLS-standing* time of fellowship will be held at Sammy’s in Dallas on **Thursday, December 15 at 11:00am.** We hope you’ll join us!

SEEKING GOD’S VISION TOGETHER: On *Sunday, January 8 from 10:00 to 12:30 in the Family Life Center,* our Vision Team and our church consultant Rev. Dr. Keith Copeland will guide our fellowship in a visioning process to both understand our core values now and to seek God’s will for the future called Lutheran Chapel Identity and Worship Café. Good food will be provided. Children activities will be offered. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Please save the date and plan to be part of this visioning process.

2022 CONTRIBUTIONS: It’s time to get your 2022 Pledges up-to-date. All donations to the church must be turned in by December 25 to be properly credited to your account for the year.

2023 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: If you’d like to sign up to donate altar flowers for a special Sunday in 2023, please call or text Susan Lewis at 704-914-8451.



Youth Christmas Program
“The Birth of Jesus”
Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 10:00

Dress rehearsal in the Sanctuary with lunch and crafts
Saturday, December 10 at 9am

DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (*Psalm 1:2*) Prayer lists and roster, Psalter readings, daily Bible lessons, and a song of praise are below.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Larry Collins, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Pr. Peter & Nancy Homovich, Betty Petty, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Harry & Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Bill & Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Craig Evanoff, Jamison Franklin, **Alice Hanks**, Jonnie Heavner, Wade Huss, Jackie Mango, **Tracy Moore**, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Dakota Shuford, Charlene Sorenson, and Jeannie Trayband

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Advent*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
AM	6, 8	19, 21	33, 40	53, 62	80, 85	96, 98	122, 126
PM	17, 18	24, 25	42, 50	67, 72	93, 94	110, 111	143, 145

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 49 December 4 to December 11, 2022

12/04 Morning Reading: 1 John 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 47, 48

12/05 Morning Reading: 1 John 4—Evening Reading: Daniel 1, 2

12/06 Morning Reading: 1 John 5—Evening Reading: Daniel 3, 4

12/07 Morning Reading: 2 John—Evening Reading: Daniel 5, 6, 7

12/08 Morning Reading: 3 John—Evening Reading: Daniel 8, 9, 10

12/09 Morning Reading: Jude—Evening Reading: Daniel 11, 12

12/10 Morning Reading: Revelation 1—Evening Reading: Hosea 1, 2, 3, 4

12/11 Morning Reading: Revelation 2—Evening Reading: Hosea 5, 6, 7, 8

Songs of Praise: “*On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry*” ELW #249
“*Canticle of the Turning*” W&P #26

Wednesday, December 7 ~ Holden Evening Prayer

Titus 2 “*The Grace Based Identity*”

Thursday, December 8 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

1 John 4 “*God Is Love*”

Sunday, December 11 ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent ~ Youth Christmas Program

“*The Birth of Jesus*”

The “*Our Daily Bread*” devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe.

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

Sun-04	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship & Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir
	12:45 pm	Instrumental Rehearsal
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-05	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:00 pm	WELCA Meeting (Family Life Center)
Tues-06	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	1:00 pm	Outreach Committee
Wed-07	8:30 am	Preschool
	5:30 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Advent Service (Sanctuary)
Thur-08	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:00 am	Story of Salvation Bible Study (Library)
Fri-09	3:00 pm	Ladies Night Set-up (Family Life Center)
Sat-10	9:00 am	Dress Rehearsal for Youth Christmas Program (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Ladies Night Celebration (Family Life Center)