

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



REVELATION 20:1-3, 11-15, 21:1-8 AND MATTHEW 1:18-25

“JOSEPH, GUARDIAN OF OUR LORD”

Joseph the Carpenter, protector and provider for young Mary and the coming Christ Child, believed the Word. Give us such faith, O LORD!

**4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 18, 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

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 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

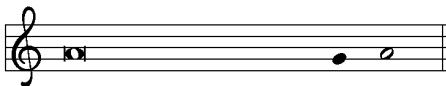
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

*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.



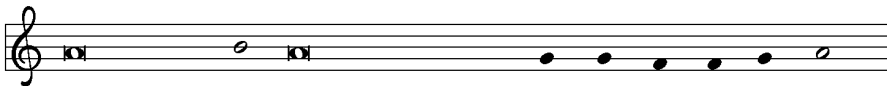
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

“We Lift the Light of Hope”

READING

Luke Hoffman

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

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us! (1 John 3:1)

This is how God showed His love:

He sent His one and only Son into the world
that we might live through Him. (1 John 4:9)

A new command I give you: Love one another.

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another. (John 13:34-35)



We Lift the Light of Hope

Please sing as directed

The first system of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody in the treble staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G, and then a series of chords. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. The lyrics 'We lift the light of love, O God, Your can - dle in our night. You' are written below the staves.

We lift the light of love, O God, Your can - dle in our night. You

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a measure number '5' at the beginning of the treble staff. The lyrics 'come to give and help us___ live The might - y love of ____ Christ. You' are written below the staves.

come to give and help us___ live The might - y love of ____ Christ. You

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a measure number '10' at the beginning of the treble staff. The lyrics 'come to give and help us___ live The might - y love _____ of Christ.' are written below the staves.

come to give and help us___ live The might - y love _____ of Christ.

Words: Ken Bible
Music: Oliver Holden

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C.M.

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 7:10-16

An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign that is the only source of true safety: Immanuel, God is with us!

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

(In Unison)



1. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph / like a / flock; *
show thyself also, thou that / sittest · up- / on the / Cherubim.
2. Before Ephraim, Benjamin / and Ma- / nasseh, *
stir up thy / strength and / come, and / help us.
3. Turn us a- / gain, O / God; *
show the light of thy countenance / and we / shall be / whole.
4. O / Lord God · of / hosts, *
how long wilt thou be angry / with thy / people · that / prayeth?
5. Thou feedest them with the / bread of / tears, *
and givest them / plenteousness · of / tears to / drink.

6. Thou has made us a very strife / unto · our / neighbors; *
and our / ene- · mies / laugh us · to / scorn.
 7. Turn us again thou / God of / hosts; *
show the light of thy countenance, / and we / shall be / whole.
 17. Let thy hand be upon the man of / thy right / hand *
and upon the son of man whom thou madest so / strong for / thine own / self.
 18. And so will not we go / **back** / from thee: *
O let us live, and we shall / call up- / on thy / Name.
 - 19 Turn us again O / Lord God · of / hosts; *
show the light of thy countenance and / **we** / shall be / whole.
- 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

REVELATION 20:1-3, 11-15, 21:1-8

¹Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. ²He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³and threw him into the pit, and locked and sealed it over him, so that he would deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be let out for a little while.

¹¹Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it; the earth and the heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books. ¹³And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and all were judged according to what they had done. ¹⁴Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire; ¹⁵and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³**And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,**

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

**Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."**

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. ⁸But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

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*

TIME FOR SHARING

Terry Ratchford

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:13

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL

MATTHEW 1:18-25

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

Response after the announcement:

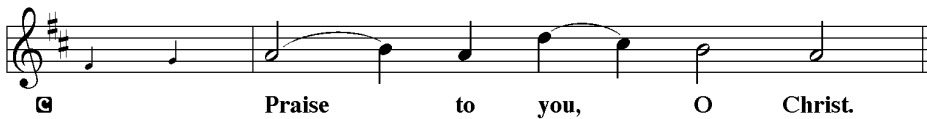
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"
which means, "God is with us."²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"Joseph, Guardian of our Lord"

The Promise: All Things New

On Righteous Joseph

The Law is an aspect of God's Word that shows sin and brokenness: How can the Creator of all love me?

The Gospel is an aspect of God's Word that comforts and saves in Christ: Jesus the Christ is born for us. All who trust in the Christ Child will receive the fullness of life now and forever.

So What? Do the next right thing. Remember Joseph's faith and care for the children and youth God has put in your life.



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
 He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
 Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
 He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

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Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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*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

"In Silence We Wait"

CHANCEL CHOIR

John Parker / Lloyd Larson

THE MEAL

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

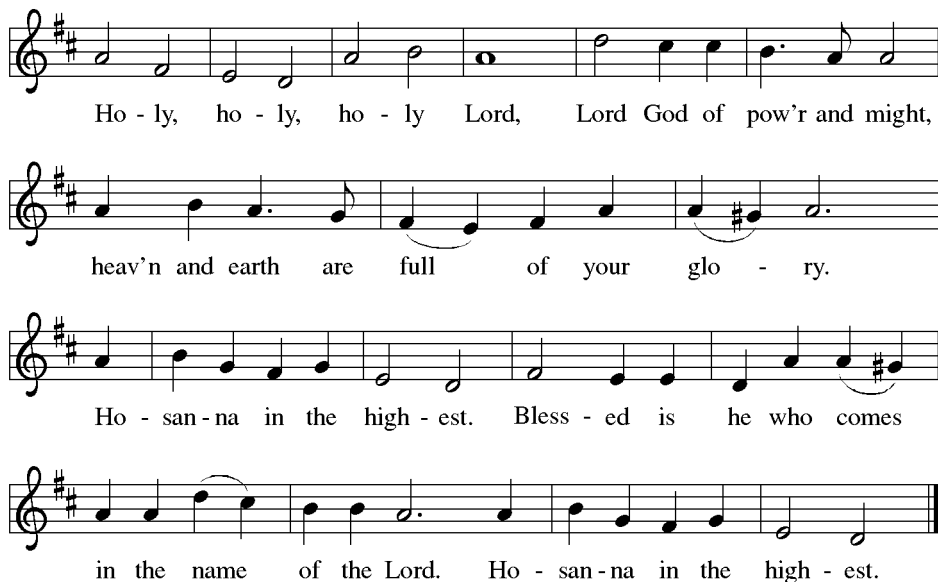
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

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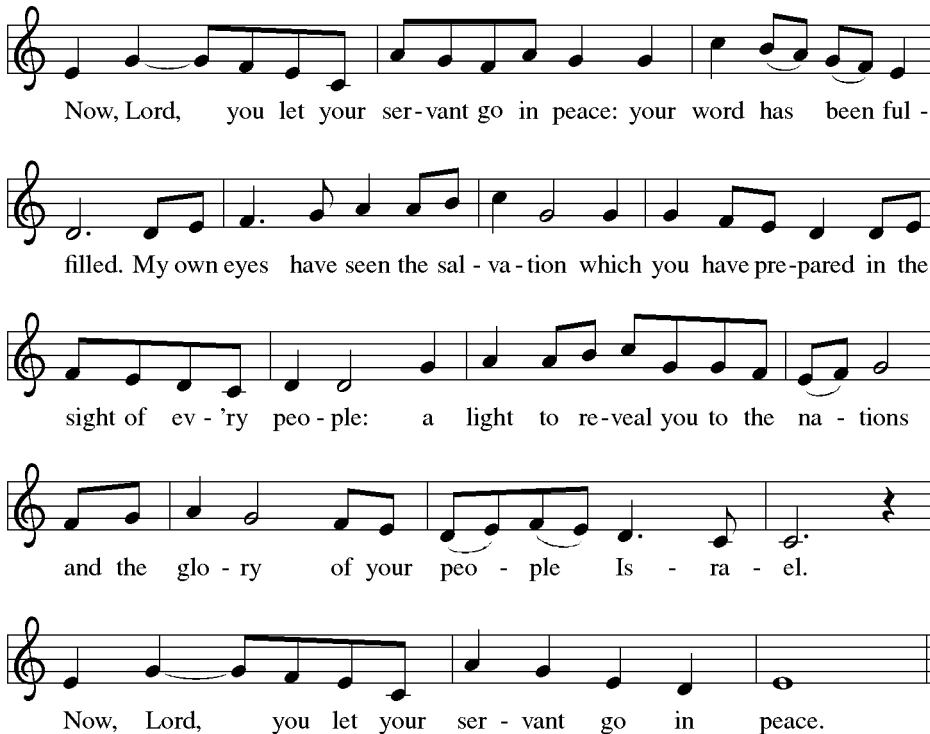
***THE BLESSING**

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

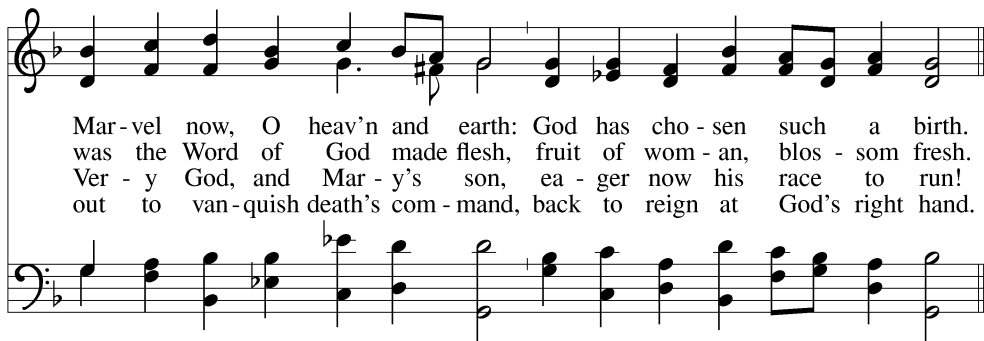
AM: Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ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

C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
 3 Won-drous birth—oh, won-drous child— from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path-way leads;



Mar-vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
 was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
 Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 out to van-quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,
 hallows night with newborn light.
 Night cannot this light subdue;
 let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
 virgin's son, incarnate Word!
 To the holy Trinity
 praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. hymnal version
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***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

MinistersPeople of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....Kim Rundzieher
Choir DirectorKathie Riebe
Organist.....Lisa Burch
Acolyte.....Bryson Lineberger
CruciferBram Comer
LectorJosh Carpenter
Assistant MinisterMark Thornburg
Head UshersSteve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPRPeery Linkous



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.

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 OFFERING ENVELOPES: 2023 offering envelopes for members of the church are now available and can be found in the Narthex. For those who regularly give online or through a financial institution, please contact Kim in the church office if you still would like your envelopes.

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the January newsletter are due asap.

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.

Christmas Season Worship Schedule

Saturday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

7:00pm Prelude Music to 7:30pm Festival Service of Holy Communion

Luke 2:1-20 The Birth of Christ

Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

10:00am Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19, Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, Luke 1:26-35, 38, and John 1:1-18

(NO Sunday School)

Sunday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day

10:00 Service of Epiphany Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72, Ephesians 3:1-12 and Matthew 2:1-12

(NO Sunday School)



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, **Dru Huffstickler**, 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, Pr. Charles McManus, 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 51 December 18 to December 25, 2022

12/18 Morning Reading: Revelation 9—Evening Reading: Obadiah
12/19 Morning Reading: Revelation 10—Evening Reading: Jonah
12/20 Morning Reading: Revelation 11—Evening Reading: Micah 1, 2, 3
12/21 Morning Reading: Revelation 12—Evening Reading: Micah 4, 5
12/22 Morning Reading: Revelation 13—Evening Reading: Micah 6, 7
12/23 Morning Reading: Revelation 14—Evening Reading: Nahum
12/24 Morning Reading: Revelation 15—Evening Reading: Habakkuk
12/25 Morning Reading: Revelation 16—Evening Reading: Zephaniah

Songs of Praise: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” ELW #257
“The King of Glory” W&P #136

Wednesday Evening Prayer will resume January 11, 2023

Thursday, December 22 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Revelation 21 and 22 “*The Last Day*”

Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day ~ Service of Christmas Lessons & Carols

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19, Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, Luke 1:26-35, 38 and John 1:1-18

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

Sun-18	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir
	12:45 pm	Instrumental Rehearsal
	4:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting (Library)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-19	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-20	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-21	8:30 am	Preschool (Last day of Fall Session)
	6:00 pm	Handbells
Thur-22	11:00 am	Story of Salvation Bible Study (Library)
Sat-24	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service