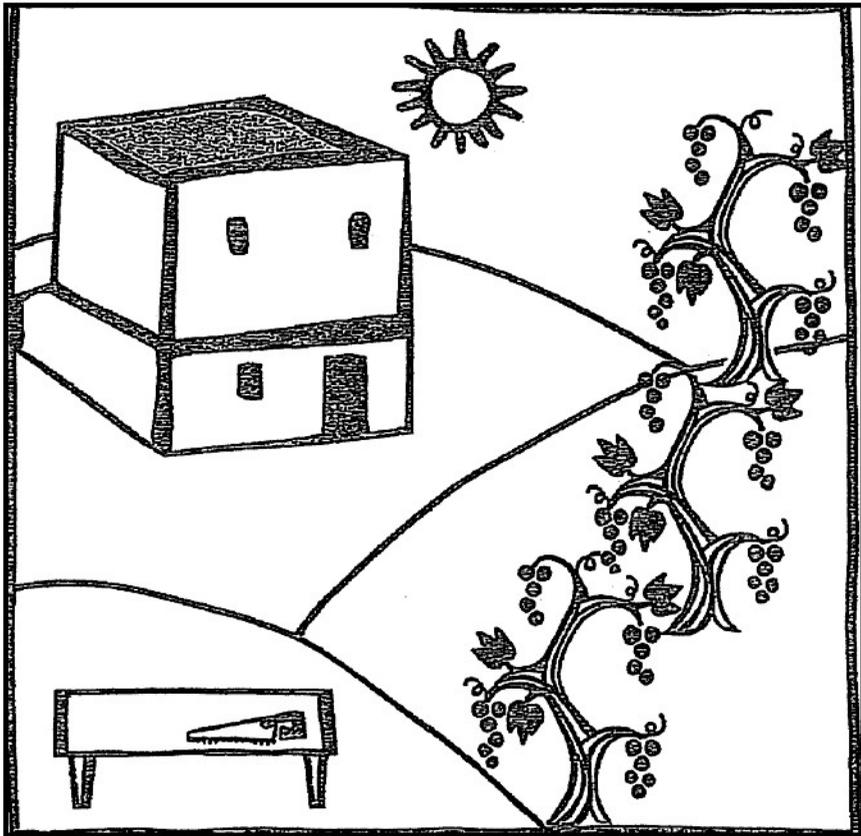


The ANGEL said:

Do not be afraid, MARY,
for you have found favor with GOD.



December 11, 2022, 11:00 AM
Third Sunday of Advent

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WORSHIP SERVICES

5:30 PM, Saturday

9:00 and 11:00, Sunday (11:00 livestreamed)

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GROWING IN GOD (September - May), 10:00 AM, Age 3-Adults

Childcare is provided on Sunday mornings in the nursery. Weekly nursery attendant is Amy Johnson. The service is broadcast to the narthex which you are invited to use as a cry room. The volume may be adjusted by turning the knob on the wall near the left sanctuary doors.

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MISSION STATEMENT

"As Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is a community of people believing in Jesus Christ, our overall purpose is to worship, teach, serve, evangelize and witness to that belief."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pass the fellowship pads down your row at this time. If you are a visitor and would like more information about our church, please include your address and phone number.

GATHERING

Stand

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who comes to wake us from sleep,
who leads us into the light of grace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us prepare the way of the Lord
by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of all time,

C **we confess that we have not prepared
for your merciful reign among us.**

**We ignore our neighbors in need
and fail in the labor of justice and peace.**

In your mercy forgive us.

**Grant us wisdom to welcome your light
and to seek the things that will endure
until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

P Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

In † Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven
and all things are made new.

Rejoice in this good news!

C **Amen.**

OPENING SON

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

GREETING



Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



And on earth . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10 (Pew Bible page 578)

L A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We light three candles on our Advent wreath and pray for God's peace that passes all human understanding.

Peace, peace, peace on earth-- and good will-- to
all. This is a time for joy. This is a
time for love. Now let us all sing to-
geth - er of peace, peace, peace-- on earth.

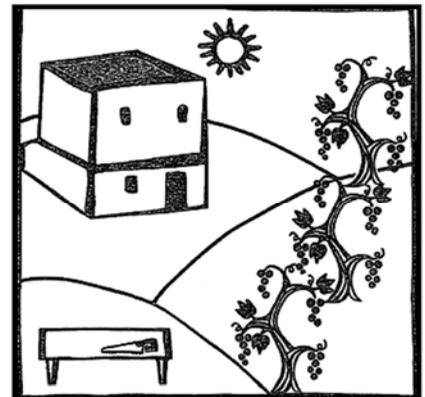
P The angel came to Mary in the town of Nazareth with news that she would bear a son.

C "Fear not," the angel said, "for you have found favor with God."

P How can this be that I will bear a son?
How can this be that I will not be afraid?

C The power of the Most High will overshadow you, and the peace of God will calm your fear.

Nazareth



Peace Thoughts

P Stir up the wills of your people, O God, that we may, by faith, walk in your way of peace. Fill our hearts with hope and trust in the most difficult of times, that we may know your peace that passes human understanding. You indeed are the source of our peace, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Peace, peace, peace on earth-- and good will-- to
all. This is a time for joy. This is a
time for love. Now let us all sing to-
geth - er of peace, peace, peace-- on earth.

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10 (Pew Bible page 982)

A A reading from the letter of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-56 (Pew Bible page 831)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Stand

SERMON SONG

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness



- 1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
- 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
- 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYER OF THE CONGREGATION

A ...God, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with those around you with a word, a wave, or a handshake.

Sit

MEAL

OFFERING

Our monetary offerings are part of our worship of God. Because so many of our people give their offerings through Simply Giving, the offering plate is not passed, but located in the back of the sanctuary for your use as you enter or leave the sanctuary. One plate is brought forward at the time of the Offertory, and one remains in the back.

ANTHEM, *My Soul Rejoices*

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY

What Feast of Love



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what ho-ly drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader Congregation



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Leader Congregation



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

Leader Congregation



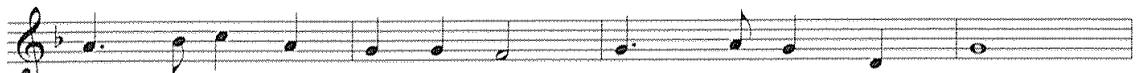
Let us give thanks to the Lord, to the Lord our God.

All



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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



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



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



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

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P With this bread and cup we remember
your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.
C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Sit

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

As Lutherans, we believe that Christ is really present in the bread and wine we share. All are welcome to commune here. Infants and others who do not commune are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.

Please take a communion glass from the ushers on your way forward. As the pastors and lay assistants give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant: The body of Christ, given for you; the blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastors. Let them know that you need one when you come forward to receive the bread. For those who require it, grape juice is available instead of wine in the pre-filled, purple glasses in the communion cup trays.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

DISMISSAL

THIS WEEK AT “OUR REDEEMER”

SUNDAY, December 11, 2022, Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Growing in God (age 3-12th grade)
- 10:00 AM Adult Class
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 3:00 PM Washington Festival Chorale Concert (Our Redeemer)

MONDAY, December 12, 2022

- 9:00 AM Noah’s Ark Preschool

TUESDAY, December 13, 2022

- 9:00 AM Noah’s Ark Preschool

WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2022

- 9:00 AM Noah’s Ark Preschool
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, December 15, 2022

- 9:00 AM Noah’s Ark Preschool
- 7:00 PM Church Council

FRIDAY, December 16, 2022

- 9:00 AM Noah’s Ark Preschool
- 1:00-4:00 PM Breakfast at the Manger Setup

SATURDAY, December 17, 2022

- 9:00 AM Breakfast at the Manger Setup
- 10:00-2:00 PM Youth Babysitting
- 5:30 PM Worship

SUNDAY, December 18, 2022, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Breakfast at the Manger
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 4:30 PM Community Advent Choir Concert (Trinity United Methodist)
- 7:00 PM Blue Christmas Service

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers of healing and comfort are requested for George Andrewson, Carol Ausefski, Joel Beltz, Edith Bencic, Ruth Brosky, Cindy Cox, Dorothy Dillemath, Kerri Evans, Martha Fecher, Richard and Lori Gajdowski, Ray Hrabar, Mandy Jarosh, Gary McGaffic, Marilyn Melvin, Casey Moran on his deployment, Tim Roberts, Kathy Russman, and those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers: Chris, Doug, Kate, Sam, George Andrewson Sr., Marjorie Appleton, Larry Arch, Sandi Babbie, Bob Bell, Todd Brosky, Wendy Brosky, Doug Bush, Tom Caley, Carolyn Dagg, Ellen Deutsch, D. T. Emery, Kim Gaydos, Catie Geory, Ian Gonzalez, Norma Gower, Marion Greenland, Lisa Grimes, Mickey Gubitti, Bob Hohowski, Joyce Hough, Jeff Kaloski, Ray Keisling, June Lance, Gordon and Diane Ley, Jess Ley, Elizabeth Locher, Mildred Maize, Megan Meseck, Jolie Mihalik, Chuck Miller, Owen Miller, Adam Miskow, Linda Moeslein, Dolores Munsick, Beth Napolitano, Kathy Oberle, Brad Olson, Pam Pedersen, Tracey Perles, Patty Preisinger, Dave Provenzano, Cyndi Quinn, Phyllis Rhone, Betty and Frank Rively, Jeanie Rose, Joe Sarubbi, Dave Schrader, Meryl Severson, Bob Shader, Holly Shader, Karol Smith, Bernie Solo, Donna Stafford, Diane Steffick, Dan Stimmel, Gary Stinson, Andrew Straka, Terri Strawn, Tina Thielet, Deb Thompson, Barb Van Lehn, Art W., Dave Weikel, Rhianna Wilk, and Frank Yocca.

Donations for Christmas Decorations . . . Forms are available on the bulletin board and on our website. Dedications will be printed in our Christmas bulletins. **The deadline is December 11.**

Breakfast at the Manger - December 18 . . . Breakfast at the Manger is the celebration of Christmas that includes singing, eating and enjoying the telling of a Christmas story around the manger in the social hall. This year's story is "The Spider's Gift." Special breads, muffins, bagels or coffee cakes for 8-10 are needed (no peanuts, please). The breakfast also includes cereal, fruit and beverages. Help is needed with setup from 1-4 on Friday and from 9:00 until finished on Saturday.

Retirement Party Update . . . Pastor Schmid's retirement party on Sunday January 29 will be a wonderful celebration of a remarkable Pastor and her more than 38 years of service to Lutheran congregations. Anyone interested in helping should call the office or party coordinators Suzanne Kennedy (412-337-9267) and Kim Maize (724-986-1527). Specific help is needed with decorations, flowers, photo arrangements, food, room set up, and clean up.

Children and Youth

Youth Babysitting – Pastor Kerri and the 7th-12th grade youth will provide babysitting at the church on **Saturday, December 17 from 10-2 PM** for parents to work on Christmas shopping and other preparations. We'll have a craft, activities, and a pizza lunch. Sign up on the bulletin board or online.

Christmas Worship Schedule

Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 18 7:00 PM

If you are feeling blue as Christmas approaches, you are invited to this worship service that is filled with words and songs of gentle comfort and hope. Our doors are open to everyone. Please invite others to join you.

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

Holy communion is offered at all Christmas Eve services.

4:30 PM Children's Christmas Eve

This service is designed for young children and their families, though everyone is invited. With songs and a retelling of the Christmas story we celebrate the birth of Jesus in an interactive way.

7:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service

This is a full worship service with carols, candlelight and communion. There is also a children's sermon.

11:00 PM Candlelight Worship Service

Usher in Christmas with a service that ends just as Christmas Day begins.

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

We will have one service at 10:00 AM on Christmas Day.

New Year's Eve and Day

We will have worship at 5:30 PM on New Year's Eve
and one service at 10:00 AM on New Year's Day.

Annual Congregational Meeting

January 22, 2023 10:00 AM between Sunday services

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22 at 10:00 AM. Copies of the annual report will be available the weekend of January 14 and 15. All Committee Reports are due into the church office no later than January 9. Included on the agenda for the annual meeting is Election of Council Members, Approval of the 2023 budget and changes to the bylaws of the Mission Endowment Fund.

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THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (DECEMBER 11)

9:00 AM

ACOLYTE - Volunteer
LAY ASSISTANT - Ken Rigby
LECTOR - Dianne Rigby
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Missy
Bookhammer, Tina Borra, Cheryl
Debowski, Karen Glass
GREETER - Cheryl Debowski
USHERS - Dave Borra and Mike
Debowski
GIFT BEARER - Dianne Rigby
ALTAR GUILD - Tina Borra and Kim
Chupinka
POWERPOINT - Ryan Hettinger

11:00 AM

ACOLYTE - Volunteer
LAY ASSISTANT - Sally Ruppel
LECTOR - Jen Milavec
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Sarah
Dagnal, Becky Long, Carl Ruppel,
Nancy Till
GREETER - Paula Reese
USHERS - Eric Reese and Max Rush
GIFT BEARER - Paula Reese
ALTAR GUILD - Lori Greene and Sally
Ruppel
POWERPOINT - Gary Milavec
CAMERA - Sam Mizia
TELLERS (Monday) - Judy Pilof and
Jennifer Hewitt