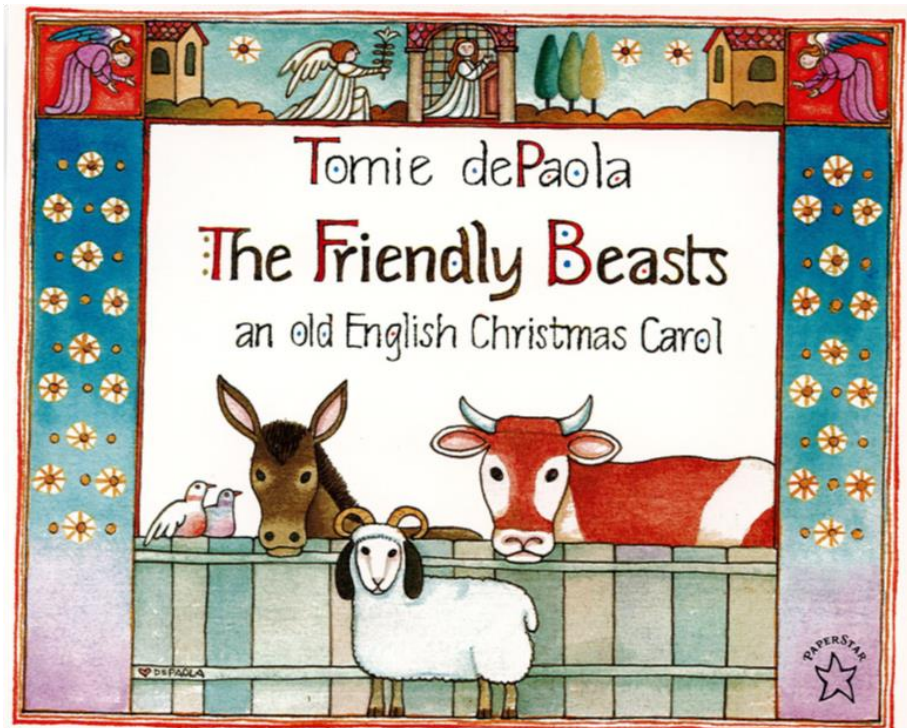




Fourth Sunday of Advent



December 19, 2021 + 10:00 am

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Love Your Neighbor

- In keeping with the current mask update for Columbus, masks are required at worship services and other group activities inside the Redeemer Lutheran Church building.
- The sanctuary is set up for social distancing.
- Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- During the passing of the peace, we suggest you place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up inside the sanctuary door.
- If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use. Only one person at a time in the restrooms.

Please turn off your cell phone or set to airplane mode. This will help maintain our livestream.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People, arr. Paul Many

Advent Candle Lighting

The Candle of Hope

4 The can - dle of love tells what we are worth:
God loves us so much, God came to the earth!
An an - gel brought news of a child who would be
the one who would save us and set us all free.


Biblical References: Hope: Matt. 24:36-44, Mark 13:24-37; Peace: Isa. 11:1-10, Luke 1:68-79, Isa. 2:4; Joy: Luke 1:46b-55;
Love: John 3:16-17, Luke 1:26-38, Matt. 1:18-25; Christ: Luke 2:1-20, John 1:1-14, Titus 3:4-7
Tune: LYONS 10.10.11.11 ("O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"); Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784.
Alternate Tune: HANOVER ("Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"); attr. William Croft, 1708.
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Welcome


Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn


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.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



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



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



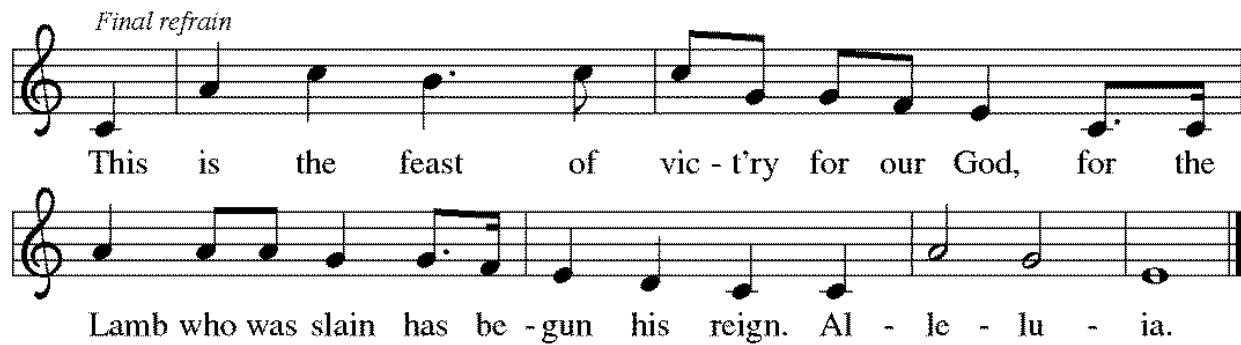
le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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



Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading Micah 5:2-5 (Contemporary English Version, inclusivized)
A reading from the prophet Micah

Bethlehem Ephrath,
you are one of the smallest towns
in the nation of Judah.
But the LORD will choose
one of your people
to rule the nation—
someone whose family
goes back to ancient times.
The LORD will abandon Israel
only until this ruler is born,
and the rest of his family
returns to Israel.
Like a shepherd
taking care of the sheep,
this ruler will lead
and care for the people
by the power and glorious name
of the LORD God.
The people will live securely,
and the whole earth will know
ruler's true greatness,
because this ruler will bring peace.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104: 1, 10-22, 33



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Bless the Lord, O my soul; O LORD my God, you are | very great!

You are clothed with majes- | ty and splendor.

**You made the springs | into rivers
that flow be- | tween the mountains.**

All the animals drink their | fill from them,
and the wild donkeys | quench their thirst.

**Beside them the birds of the air | make their nests;
among the branches they | lift their voice.**

From your dwelling on high, you wa- | ter the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit | of your works.

**You make grass grow for the cattle, and plants to serve | humankind;
that they may bring forth food | from the earth,**

wine to gladden human hearts, oil to | make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the | human heart.

**The trees of the LORD are | well supplied,
the cedars of Lebanon | that you planted,**

in which the birds | build their nests,
while the stork makes the fir | trees its dwelling.

**The high hills belong to the | mountain goats,
and the stony cliffs are a refuge | for the badgers.**

You made the moon to | mark the seasons,
and the sun knows the time | of its setting.

**You bring on darkness that it | may be night,
in which all the beasts of the | forest prowl.**

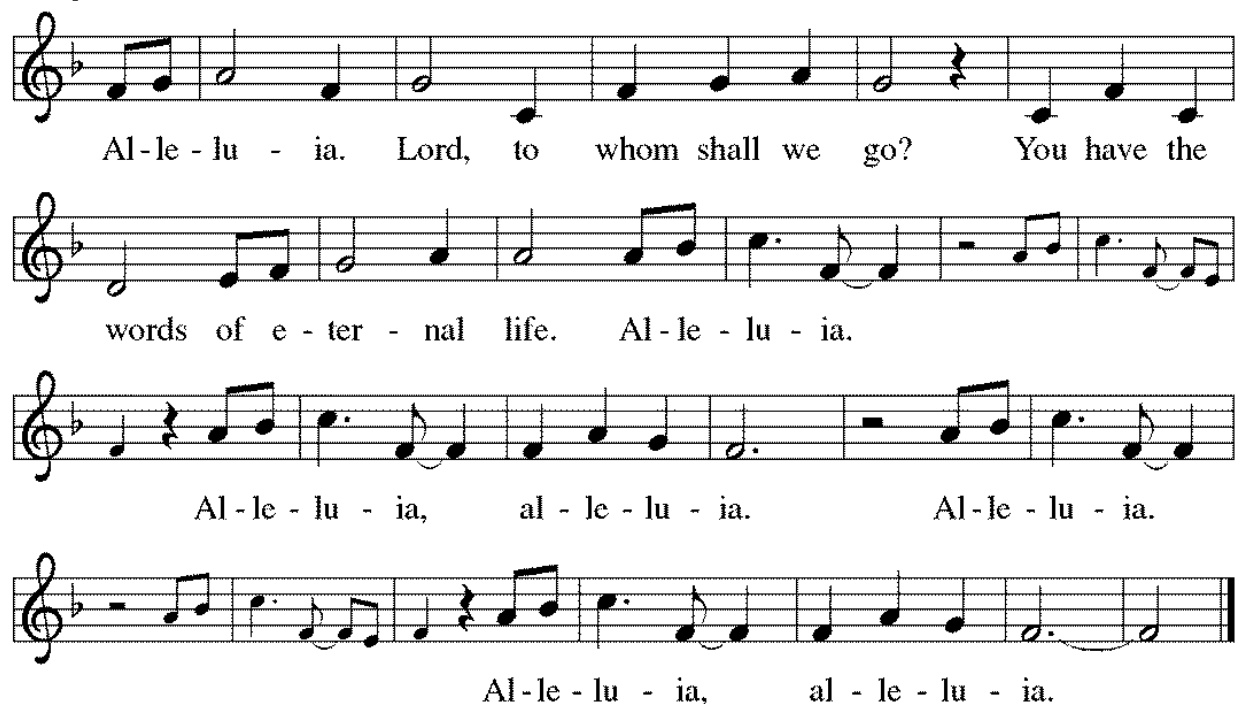
The lions roar | for their prey
seeking their | food from God.

**The sun rises, and | they withdraw
and lay themselves down | in their dens.**

I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45 (The Message)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

[As soon as the Angel Gabriel told her the news that she would give birth to a child who would be called Son of the Most High], Mary didn't waste a minute. She got up and traveled [from Nazareth] to a town in Judah in the hill country, straight to Zachariah's house, and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby in her womb leaped. She was filled with the Holy Spirit, and sang out exuberantly,

You're so blessed among women,
and the babe in your womb, also blessed!
And why am I so blessed that
the mother of my Lord visits me?
The moment the sound of your
greeting entered my ears,
The babe in my womb
skipped like a lamb for sheer joy.
Blessed woman, who believed what God said,
believed every word would come true!

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

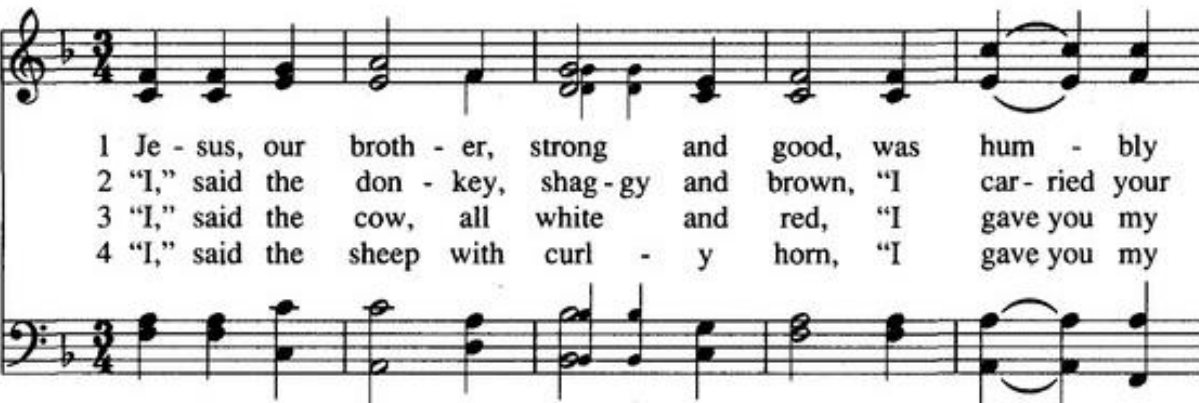
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Message

THE FRIENDLY BEASTS AND THE FRIENDLY KIDS

Hymn


The Friendly Beasts



1 Je - sus, our broth - er, strong and good, was hum - bly
 2 "I," said the don - key, shag - gy and brown, "I car - ried your
 3 "I," said the cow, all white and red, "I gave you my
 4 "I," said the sheep with curl - y horn, "I gave you my



born in a sta - ble rude, and the friend - ly beasts a -
 moth - er up - hill and down, I car - ried your moth - er to
 man - ger for your bed, I gave my hay to
 wool for a blan - ket warm, you wore my coat on



round him stood, Je - sus our broth - er, strong and good.
 Beth - le - hem town; I," said the don - key, shag - gy and brown.
 pil - low your head; I," said the cow, all white and red.
 Christ - mas morn; I," said the sheep with curl - y horn.

- 5 "I," said the dove, from the raf - ters high,
 "I cooed you to sleep that you should
 not cry,
 we cooed you to sleep, my love and I;
 I," said the dove, from the raf - ters high.
- 6 Thus all the beasts, by some good spell,
 in the sta - ble dark were glad to tell
 of the gifts they gave Em - man - u - el,
 the gifts they gave Em - man - u - el.

Little is known of either the origins of this French text or its translation. The melody comes from a medieval French cathedral festival recognizing the role of the donkey in the flight into Egypt.

Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS 7.7.7.7.
 French melody, early 13th century
 Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their niece and sister-in-law, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Barbara and David Hairston, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Karen Kent, Beatrice Watts Young, Arnell Comstock, Dottie Odrosky, Damon Stewart, Kathie Ehrich's sister Betty Weaver, Chad Eberle's mother, Ruth Murray's step-granddaughter Trina Shields, Pastor Al Debelak, Ashley Bird
The people of St. John Lutheran Church, London; Redeemer community member Leah Spang

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.**

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This is the table of Emmanuel -- God-with-us. This is the place where bread and wine remind us how to live and love as those who inhabit God's time, and work to build God's Beloved Community. This is the place where we recognize that the one for whom we wait is also the one who is already, and always, here with us.

So come! Whether you are watching for the dawn, or dreading first light, whether you are waiting with hope, or hiding your face, come with quiet confidence. Here Emmanuel watches for our coming, and waits with love and joy to welcome us in.

The story of Emmanuel is the story of God – waiting to inhabit time, who took on flesh and form, and lived among us, so that we might re-imagine life. It is the story of Jesus – waiting to be betrayed, who shared supper with his friends, where he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.” And after supper he took the cup and gave it to them, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.”

And so, taking this bread and wine, we remember and celebrate the waiting which began to change the world; and we join our voices with all who still wait and work for that change to come to completion:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

God of grace, as we follow the example of Jesus, send your Holy Spirit upon us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. May we find the imagination, the courage, and the strength to use our waiting times to build your Beloved Community of joy, justice, and peace, for which we now pray as Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal. So do we.

The body of Christ, given for you. (*We eat the bread together.*)
 The blood of Christ, given for you. (*We drink the cup together.*)

Ministry of Music

Christmas Kum Bah Yah

Jay Althouse

Senior Choir; Miles Smith, conga drum

See that babe in a manger bed, *hallelu, hallelu*,
Gather 'round, see him rest his head, *hallelu, hallelu*.
Christmas joy in a manger bed, *hallelu, hallelu*.
See the little baby, *hallelu*.

Someone's sleeping, Lord, *kum ba ya*,
Someone's sleeping, Lord, *kum ba ya*.
Someone's sleeping, Lord, *kum ba ya*.
Oh, Lord, *kum ba ya*.

Mtoto mchanga dogo sana [A tiny baby.]
Furahi [rejoice, be glad], *kikora* [joy], He is born!
Mtoto mchanga dogo sana.
Oh, see the little baby, *kum ba ya*.

Someone's singing, Lord, *kum ba ya*.
See that babe in a manger bed, *hallelu, hallelu*.
Someone's singing, Lord, *kum ba ya*.
Shout the news as the angels said, *hallelu, hallelu*.
Someone's singing, Lord, *kum ba ya*.
Christmas joy in a manger bed, *hallelu, hallelu*.
Oh Lord, *kum ba ya*.
See the little baby, *kum ba ya*.

Someone's sleeping, Lord. *Hallelu, hallelu*.
Someone's sleeping, Lord. *Hallelu, hallelu*.
Furahi, kikora. Furahi, kikora.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy Mystery, the earth still waits for its healing. May we who are part of that waiting take and use the waiting times to re-imagine how we can be healers of creation. Open our hands and hearts to embrace and use the uncertain times to learn how to live and love. So may our watching and waiting join with that of Emmanuel to realize your beloved community here on earth.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

All Earth Is Hopeful



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

2 *Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel:*
 "De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel,"
 será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será,
 con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.

3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;*
nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.
Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar,
y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.

4 *En una cueva Jesús apareció,*
pero en el mundo está presente hoy.
Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;
y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

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Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

People Look East, arr. Kristina Langlois

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Christmas Eve Worship



*It will be good to be together in-person on **Christmas Eve** for the first time in two years. We will be together for one **7 pm** service of lessons, carols, communion, and candlelight. The **Church Council has decided to open up all the pews for this service so as many of you as wish can be in the sanctuary.** There will be some seating available in the narthex for people who are more comfortable there; however, we are not able to show the service on the screen there, so you would only be able to hear the service.*

***We continue to require masks**, and strongly encourage only those who are fully vaccinated and those who for medical reasons or age cannot be vaccinated to attend in-person. As always, the service will be live-streamed and available for viewing on our YouTube channel at any time [see box].*

It has been a deeply challenging and exhausting year for all of us. May we be refreshed by the stories and songs of this season, and by the gift of being together in all the ways we can.



Adult Sunday School
November 28 — December 19
11:15 am — 12:15 pm
***The First Christmas: What the
Gospels say about Jesus' Birth***

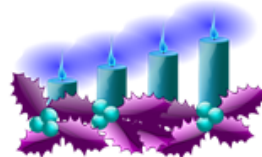
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Advent Wednesday evenings

December 1, 8, 15, 22

7:00 Holden Evening Prayer

In-Person or Livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sGE88YtJrLWuGWO0sS-yw>



Christmas Eve Worship

7:00 pm

In-Person and Livestream

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sGE88YtJrLWuGWO0sS-yw>

Christmas Day Worship

10:00 am

In-Person Only



Birthdays this week:

19 – Darren Baldogo

19 – Joe Darst

19 – Novella Hinkle

21 – Kolya Larson

24 – Julianne Johnson

25 – Doug Eakin

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Jon Disbro
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Crucifer	Skye Andree
Reader	Kathryn Ott
Cantor	Mary Benis
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Sue Watson
Verger	Wendy Stoica
Producers	Tom Mimlitch, Sue Yehling

*Flowers are dedicated by **Rebecca Waston**.
Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER DECEMBER 19 - 26

Today	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School Program
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Holden Evening Prayer
Friday	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM Christmas Eve Worship
Saturday	10:00 am	In-Person Christmas Day Worship
Next Sunday	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion

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