

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH, REDLANDS, CA

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SUNDAY MORNING

9:00a.m. -- Divine Service

10:30a.m. – 11:30a.m. -- Sunday School & Adult Bible Study



TO GUEST AND VISITORS

We welcome you to our congregation in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book near the main door. We pray that the Holy Spirit would richly bless your hearing of God's Word with a living trust in Jesus Christ who died and rose for you. **For more information regarding Baptism, instruction in the Christian faith, and communicant membership, please see Pastor Smith.**

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT CHRIST THE KING

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- A) who have been **baptized** in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- B) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the **Lutheran Confessions**, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran Faith, and who **now confess** the same doctrine that is taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the **Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**;
- C) who believe that in this sacrament the **real body and blood** of Christ are truly distributed to them and **orally received** by them, bestowing on them the **forgiveness of sins, life and salvation**;
- D) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and **desire to receive** God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

HYMNS for TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

Processional Hymn: Come, thou Precious Ransom, Come 350
 Hymn of the Day: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 357
 Distribution Hymns: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me 722
 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face..... 631
 Recessional Hymn: For all the Faithful Women..... 855

PRAYER CONCERNS

Connie Johnson, fell and tore a ligament in her leg
Marianne Anderson's family, she has gone to her eternal home of peace with our Lord
Bruce Stevens, coping with the effects of electrocution
Charles Baker, recovering from a bout of cellulitis
Dwayne Danielson, recovering from eye surgery again
Diane Ronchetto, experiencing severe hip pain
Susan Jay, at home receiving immune therapy infusions
Daniel Conrad, our missionary to Mexico
Shut-ins: Bill Nye, Troy & Louava Wideman



PORTALS OF PRAYER



The new issue of our excellent daily devotional resource is available on the table in the narthex – get yours today.

ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers today are given by Thomas & Donna Crowley to the glory of God in honor of, and thanksgiving for, Claire and Allison's 24th birthday.



Today's service will be broadcast live, and for later viewing, on Christ the King's YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CTKRedlands>

✂ Sermon manuscripts are also available on our website at:
<https://www.ckredlands.org/sermons-online/sermon-manuscripts/>

Acolytes	SERVANTS for THIS WEEK	SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
8:00am	Gabriela Vasquez & Emma Hinkleman	Jilian Belli & Ava Belli
10:30am	Hayden Hinkleman & Aiden DeCent	Dominick Vasquez & Christian Vasquez
Altar	Tammy Hathaway	Nicole Creavy
Elders	Vic Haynes	Tony Lombardo
Finance	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar
Flowers	Thomas & Donna Crowley	Poinsettias
Ushers	David Alder Mike Bush	Hayden Ramsey Dwayne Mugiishi

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 8:00AM.....Divine Service
 9:00AM..... Adult Bible Study & Sunday School today
 10:30AM.....Divine Service
 FOLLOWING Jr. Confirmation Class

WEDNESDAY NO Adult Bible Study (Resumes January 6)

THURSDAY 7:00PM..... Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

FRIDAY 9:00AM.....Christmas Day Service

SATURDAY NO Adult Bible Study (Resumes January 2)

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS – LSB pg. 303

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT		Dec 20	Is. 40:18—41:10 Rev. 8:1-13	Dec 21	Is. 42:1-25 Rev. 9:1-12
Dec 22	Is. 43:1-24 Rev. 9:13—10:11	Dec 23	Is. 43:25—44:20 Rev. 11:1-19	Dec 24	Is. 44:21—45:13, 20-25 Dan. 10:1—12:13 Rev. 12:1-17
Dec 25	Is. 49:1-18 Matt 1:1-17	Dec 26	Is. 49:22-26; 50:4—51:8, 12-16 Matt. 1:18-25	Christmas Tidings	

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

CHRISTMAS EVE at 7:00pm

- ✦ The Procession of Light
- ✦ Solemn High Divine Service
- ✦ Holy Communion
- ✦ Candlelight Ceremony

CHRISTMAS DAY at 9:00am

✦ THE DIVINE SERVICE

for the

FESTIVAL of the NATIVITY of OUR LORD



THANKS FOR ALL YOUR YUMMY CONTRIBUTIONS!

For all your soups, salads, breads, desserts, and your fellowship; our tummies and our hearts give thanks to all who could be a part of our Advent soup suppers.

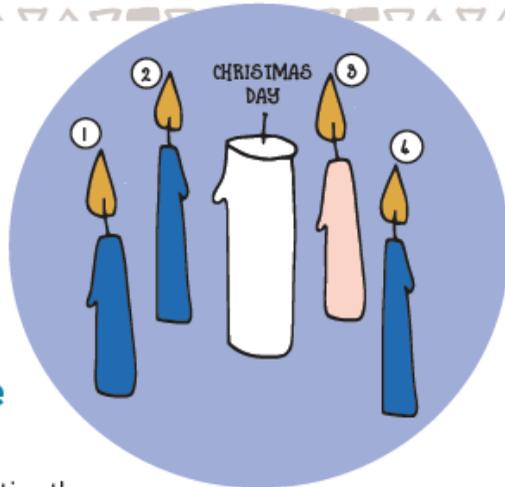
KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What does it mean when four candles have been lit on the Advent wreath?

You've been preparing and patiently waiting for that wonderful day of celebration. When four of the candles on the Advent wreath have been lit, it means that Christmas is almost here! That's right! The day on which we remember the birth of our Savior is right around the corner!

What does this mean to me?

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Today is the last Sunday of preparation for the birth of Jesus. Next week the Church will celebrate Christmas Day, one of the most important days of the whole year. As you can see, Advent has prepared us for the coming of Jesus, our wonderful Savior from sin!



Parents:

Remind your children of the important part that Advent plays in the lives of all Christians. This is the time in the Church Year that prepares us for the coming of our Savior. Be sure to bring your children to both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.



THE READINGS



2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16

¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." ³And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?' ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'" ⁸Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of

hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house....

¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

ROMANS 16:25-27

²⁵Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but has now been disclosed and through the

prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

LUKE 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He 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 father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of

Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵And the angel answered 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 called holy—the Son of God.

³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Lord Builds a House for David: Jesus Christ Who Comes in the Flesh

When King David “*lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,*” he piously supposed that he would build a house for God (2 Sam. 7:1–2). But the Lord would turn it around: He would establish a house for David, and an everlasting throne. This He has done, not only for David, but also for all His people, in the Son of David, Jesus Christ, “*conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary*” (Apostles’ Creed). That holy Child, the incarnate “*Son of the Most High,*” receives “*the throne of His father David*” and begins to reign “*over the house of Jacob forever*” (Luke 1:32–33). Having given Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, His Body is the true and eternal Temple of God in which His people have their own place of peace and rest. That is “*the Mystery that was kept secret for long ages*” but is now “*made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God*” in order that we may have faith and life in Christ (Rom. 16:25–26).

THE INTROIT (*Ps. 19:1, 4C, 5-6; antiphon: Is. 45:8a,b*)



Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;*
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit.

**The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.*
In them he has set a tent | for the sun,**

which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,*
and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of them,*
and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;*
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit.

COLLECT

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

GRADUAL (*Zech 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.*)

**Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.**

**Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.**

