

# **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**



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CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH REDLANDS, CA**



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## SUNDAY MORNING

9:00 a.m. – Divine Service

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



## 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:	O God of God, O Light of Light .....	810
Hymn of the Day:	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel .....	357
Distribution Hymns:	Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me.....	722
	Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray .....	623
	What Wondrous Love Is this.....	543
	By All Your Saints in Warfare .....	518 v. 22
Recessional Hymn:	Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising.....	375

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Hawk (Ron White)**, hospitalized with kidney failure

**Steve Gross**, brother of Deacon Russ Gross, recovering from successful back surgery

**Betty Mitchell**, whose granddaughter, Misty, died unexpectedly

**Lysah Mitchell**, whose aunt Beatrice fell asleep in Christ

**Alhorn Family**, as Virginia has gone home to heaven

**Diane Ronchetto**, awaiting hip replacement surgery, scheduled for January

**Susan Jay**, recovering at home from a successful surgery

**Daniel Conrad**, our missionary to Mexico

**Shut-ins**: Elsie Albanese, Pat Krahn, Bill Nye, Harriet Ouimette, Gloria Paulus,  
Troy & Louava Wideman, and Irene Pickering



## ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers today are given to the glory of God by  
Joe & Erica Vasquez, in celebration of their 18<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary.



## Christmas Caroling TONIGHT! 5:00 PM

We hope you will join us!

SERVANTS for THIS WEEK		SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
Acolytes	Jilian Belli & Ava Belli	Emma Hinkleman & Brooke Cleary
Altar	Tammy Hathaway	Bernice David
Elders	Roger Loewecke	Loren Scott
Finance	Lucy Becker & Roger Loewecke	Anna Smith
Flowers	Joe & Erica Vasquez	Poinsettias
Ushers	Chris Blank & Loren Scott	Tom Crowley & Rick Brua

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:00AM .....	Divine Service
	10:30AM.....	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	11:45AM .....	Confirmation
	5:00 PM .....	Christmas Caroling
WEDNESDAY	6:30PM .....	Choir Practice
FRIDAY	7:00PM.....	Christmas Eve Service
SATURDAY	9:00AM.....	Christmas Day Service



### TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON (Pre-K through 8)

**Lesson 7:** Today, we will study "The Weakened Judge." God grants Samson great strength to defeat the enemies of God's people. Seeking to overcome Samson, the Philistines bribe Delilah to find the source of Samson's strength.

Samson deceives Delilah each time she tries to uncover the secret, but he finally reveals the key to his power. Shorn and blinded by the Philistines, Samson is brought to entertain thousands of revelers at the feast to Dagon. Identifying the house's supporting pillars, Samson prays, and God grants him power to bring down the temple, killing everyone.



### PORTRAITS OF PRAYER

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



### OFFERING ENVELOPES

New offering envelopes will be available Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. We will also begin offering emailed statements. If this is something you would be interested in, please make sure we have your email address on file. If we do not have your email address you can reach out to Debbie Wolff and provide her with it.

**JOIN US ON  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM  
FOR OUR  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**



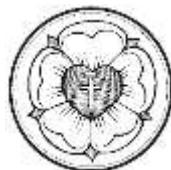
**PLEASE JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS DAY  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>  
DIVINE SERVICE AT 9:00 AM  
FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**



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## THE READINGS

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### **Micah 5:2-5a:**

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, <sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. <sup>5</sup> And he shall be their peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men;

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### **Hebrews 10:5-10:**

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" <sup>8</sup> When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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### **Luke 1:39-56:**

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" <sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." <sup>46</sup> And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done

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great things for me, and holy is his name.<sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;<sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.<sup>54</sup> he has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,<sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."<sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

## 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!





## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### The Lord Comes to Visit Us in Peace

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the nativity of our Lord. With Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Spirit of God. As the Lord dealt graciously with her and did great things for her (Luke 1:48–49), so also He manifests Himself and His glory to us in mercy and gentleness. He comes to rule His people in peace, to “*shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD.*” He comes forth not from the great capital city of Rome or Jerusalem, but from lowly little Bethlehem (Micah 5:2, 4). He comes to sacrifice Himself, in fulfillment of His Father’s will, for the salvation and sanctification of His people (Heb. 10:10). He who once visited Elizabeth while hidden in the womb of Mary (Luke 1:39–45) now comes to visit us today, hidden in the lowliness of simple water, bread and wine.

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**INTROIT** 1 Sam. 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47



My soul magni- | fies the Lord,\*  
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.  
**My mouth derides my | enemies,\***  
**because I rejoice in your sal- | vation.**

There is none holy | like the LORD;\*  
there is none besides you; there is no rock | like our God.

**The barren has borne | seven,\***  
**but she who has many children | is forlorn.**

The LORD kills and | brings to life;\*  
he brings down to Sheol and | raises up.

**The LORD makes poor and | makes rich;\***  
**he brings low and | he exalts;\***  
**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.**

My soul magni- | fies the Lord,\*  
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.

#### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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. Amen.

**THE 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.**

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