

THIRD 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:	Arise, O Christian People.....	354
Hymn of the Day:	Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding	LW 18
	(in bulletin after Readings)	
Distribution Hymns:	Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord	352
	Come, We That Love the Lord.....	669
	Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared.....	622
	Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways.....	707
Recessional Hymn:	Word of God, Come Down on Earth.....	545

PRAYER CONCERNS

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
 Cindy Currier In memory of Delores Koller and
 in celebration of Jack's 21st birthday!



Christmas Caroling

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19TH 5:00 PM

Sign up in the narthex to bring cookies to share!



SERVANTS for THIS WEEK

SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK

Acolytes	Alex Hathaway & Josh Hoffmann	Jilian Belli & Ava Belli
Altar	Nicole Creavy	Tammy Hathaway
Elders	Tom Crowley	Roger Loewecke
Finance	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar	Lucy Becker & Roger Loewecke
Flowers	Cindy Currier	Joe & Erica Vasquez
Ushers	Chris Blank & Loren Scott	Chris Blank & Loren Scott

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:00AM.....	Divine Service
	10:30AM.....	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	11:45AM	Confirmation
	5:00 PM	Wassail Party
WEDNESDAY	6:00PM.....	Soup Supper
	7:00PM.....	Vespers
THURSDAY	7:00PM.....	Elders Meeting
SATURDAY	8:30AM	Adult Bible Study

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



Lesson 6: The account of Deborah serves as today's lesson, "The Palm-Tree Judge." Judge Deborah urges Barak to gather 10,000 troops to go up against

Sisera's army of 900 iron chariots. When the battle turns against Sisera, he flees on foot, seeking refuge in Jael's tent. Snoozing beneath a rug, Sisera meets his end at the hand of Jael as she pegs him through his temple to the ground.

Yard Signs

The Evangelism/Stewardship Committee has lighted upon a brilliant idea to leaven our community with the joy of Christmas and an implicit invitation to our beloved congregation. This merging of noble notions comes in the form of Yard Signs. The signs depict a manger scene with our website address posted beneath. If we put these signs in our yards then our neighbors (of all sorts) will see them, perhaps be intrigued, and God can/will/may use it to prompt them to discover the truth that is so warmly embraced at Christ the King Lutheran Church. The signs are attractive to be sure, thanks to Rebecca Mugiishi in particular. They are well made and can be used over multiple years, so please hold onto them for 2022 and beyond. Many thanks to John Hinkleman who applied for a Thrivent project card and we were awarded \$250. Our cost for the signs was about \$20 a piece.



Grab a sign. There is a "free-will" offering basket if you choose to help defray our costs. May God use this to bring light to those in darkness and for the glory of His Name.

Wassail Party

This is a very fun night and we have much to celebrate this year. You are requested to bring a hearty appetizer to share and you can sign up for the Wassail Party in the narthex.

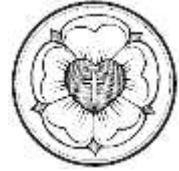
December 12th (TONIGHT)

5:00 pm.

The Wolff's address is:
6764 Van Leuven Lane
Highland, CA 92346.



THE READINGS



Zephaniah 3:14-20:

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸ I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰

At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

Philippians 4:4-7:

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Luke 7:18-35:

¹⁸ The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹ calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ²⁰ And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" ²¹ In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²² And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

²⁴ When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?" ²⁵ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. ²⁶ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'" ²⁸ I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than He." ²⁹ (When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, ³⁰ but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)

³¹ To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? ³² They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, "'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.'" ³³ For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'he has a demon.' ³⁴ The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'" ³⁵ Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."

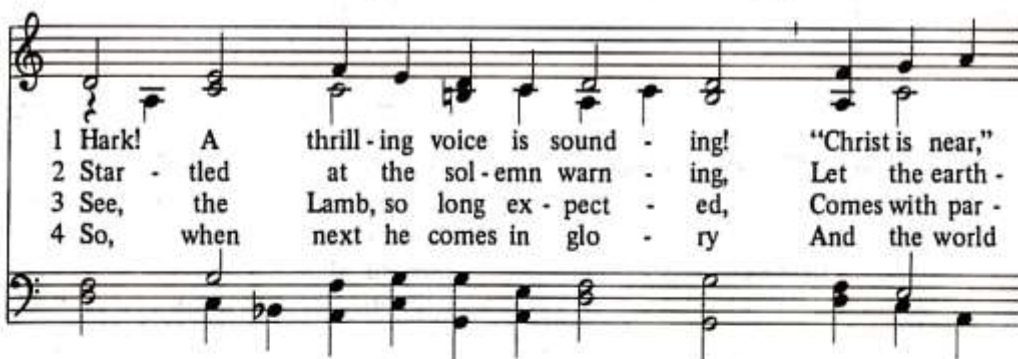
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The Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice

The Third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the Latin word *Gaudete*, meaning "Rejoice!" For as you are called to repentance, so also are you urged to rejoice in the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. By His own cross, He has accomplished salvation for you; "*he has cleared away your enemies,*" "*taken away the judgments against you*" and come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness and song (Zeph. 3:15–17)! Therefore, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to "*rejoice in the Lord always,*" knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4, 7). We find an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptist. As he languishes in prison, he calls upon Jesus and is strengthened by the Word of the Gospel that he receives. The same good news is preached to you, by which all things are made new and even "*the dead are raised up*" (Luke 7:22). Do not be offended by the cross, therefore, but let your life be one of prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 7:23; Phil. 4:6).

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding


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1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near,"
 2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the earth -
 3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with par -
 4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry And the world



we hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of
 bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all sloth dis -
 don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of
 is wrapped in fear, He will shield us with his

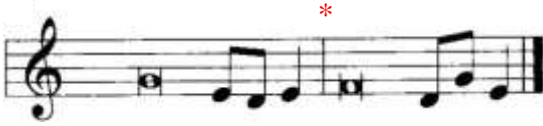


dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
 pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
 mer - cy And with words of love draw near."

△ 5 Honor, glory, might, dominion
 To the Father and the Son

With the everliving Spirit
 While eternal ages run!

INTROIT Ps. 146:5-8; antiphon: Phil. 4:4



Rejoice in the Lord | always; *
again I will say, | Rejoice.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of | Jacob, *
whose hope is in the | LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them, *
who keeps faith for- | ever;
who executes justice for | the oppressed, *
who gives food to the | hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind. *
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the | righteous.

**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.

Rejoice in the Lord | always; *
again I will say, | Rejoice.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; 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.
