

The Lord
YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU
HE IS MIGHTY TO SAVE
He will take great delight in you
HE WILL QUIET YOU WITH HIS LOVE
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU
with singing
ZEPHANIAN 3:17

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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“Sunday Mornings with the Prophets”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

P: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

C: On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry,

P: Those who dwell in a land of deep darkness, on them has the Light shined.

C: Announces that the Lord is nigh.

P: The true Light that enlightens every man is coming into the world.

C: Come, then, and hearken, for he brings glad tidings from the King of Kings.

OPENING CAROL – *“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”*

CW 16

PSALM OF CONFESSION – PSALM 130

All: Remember your mercy, O Lord; remember your mercy and love.

P: Out of depths I cry to you, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice.

C: Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

P: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

All: Remember your mercy, O Lord; remember your mercy and love.

P: I wait for the LORD and in his Word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.

C: O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

All: Remember your mercy, O Lord; remember your mercy and love.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

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Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore his high - est
A won - drous change which he does make: He takes our flesh and
For us he o - pens wide the door Of par - a - dise to -
throne; To - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain And
blood, And he con - ceals for sin - ners' sake His
- day. The an - gel guards the gate no more; To
gives us his own Son, And gives us his own Son.
maj - es - ty as God, His maj - es - ty as God.
God our thanks we pay, To God our thanks we pay.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

P: We light three Advent candles, remembering Jesus, the Light of the world. He came to defeat the prince of darkness.

C: We remember Jesus, who came in answer to his people's prayers. John proclaimed him the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

P: We hear his call to see the light.

C: We light three Advent candles as a sign of our trust and confidence.

P: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT – Zephaniah 3:14-17 – *God quiets us with his love*

¹⁴ Sing, O Daughter Zion; shout aloud, O Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.

The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.

¹⁶ On that day they will say to Jerusalem,

“Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands hang limp.

¹⁷ The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save.

He will take great delight in you; he will quite you with his love,

he will rejoice over you with singing.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.

Alleluia.

Matthew 11:10

GOSPEL – Luke 3:7-18 – *The gospel end with good news*

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

¹¹ John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

¹³ “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely —be content with your pay.”

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

SERMON HYMN

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

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In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For his bed a cat - tle stall;
Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new



Ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all.
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.



Swift are wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, No - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing;
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:



Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all! Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

SUNDAY MORNINGS WITH THE PROPHETS

Zephaniah – God Quiets Us with His Love

Based on the Old Testament Lesson on page 3

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Gove to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defends us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CAROL OF THE DAY – *“There’s a Voice in the wilderness Crying”*

CW 13

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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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

The Order of Lord's Supper

Our church practices membership communion.

We ask that only members of our church body, the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod, partake of the sacrament.

We Listen to the Word

²³For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. **1 Corinthians 11:23-29**

We Examine Ourselves

1. What is present?
2. What is offered?
3. Am I truly sorry for my sins?
4. Will I, through the power of the Word, change my sinful life?

We Receive the Supper

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: **And also with you**

Sing:

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**Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor, Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring -
At your feet I cry, my Maker: Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven For our good, your glory, given.**

**Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you, Let me gladly here obey you.
By your love I am invited; Be your love with love required.
By this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace you give me As your guest in heav'n receive me.**

DISTRIBUTION AND MEDITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING REPSONSE

“What Can I Give Him”

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What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shep-herd



I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise-man I would do my part;



Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – December 16

Today	8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion 9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School & Christmas Practice 12-1:30p Catechism Class 5-7 p Living Nativity
Monday	School Caroling Newsletter, Calendar and Volunteer List Deadline
Wednesday	7p Children's Christmas Service
Thursday	8a Bible Study
Friday	School Christmas Break starts at noon
Sunday	9a Worship 10a Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the COR Women's Group fund drives for their LWMS Befriend-A-Mission Programs. Sure Foundation in New York and Grace in Grenada will both benefit from your generosity. Joining with other groups in our Rocky Mountain LWMS Circuit our gifts exceeded the original goals. What a wonderful way this is to show our missions the love of our Savior! Thank you again.

Living Nativity: Tonight is your last opportunity this season to attend our Living Nativity. Every 15 minutes from 5-7p.

Volunteers: Our January and February Volunteer lists will be made out the 18th. Please let the church office know of any scheduling conflicts.

**December 19 – Children's Christmas Service at 7p
December 23 – 9a Advent Four Sunday Worship Service
December 24 – 6p Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25 – 9a Christmas Day Worship
December 30 – 9a Christmas One Sunday Worship
December 31 – 7p New Year's Eve Communion Service**

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at 8 and 10:30a (Summer
Worship at 9a) and Thursdays
at 7p

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website corchurch.com and click on Video Broadcast.
- As a member of Christ Our Redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to www.corchurch.com and click on "Our Beliefs" or take a copy of the tract "What We Believe" in the Visitor Information Center kiosk. To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.