



# Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Advent Four  
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## *“Sunday Mornings with the Prophets”*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way.

**C: Come, O precious Ransom come, only hope for sinful mortals!**

P: Say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear, your God will come.

**C: Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to you all portals.**

P: He will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.

**C: Come, your beauty let us view; Anxiously we wait for you!**

OPENING CAROL – *“Come O Precious Ransom Come”*

CW 8

### PSALM OF CONFESSION – PSALM 25

**All: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.**

P: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust my God.

**C: Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.**

P: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me.

**All: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.**

P: Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

**C: Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sin.**

P: Guard my life and rescue me, for I take refuge in you.

**All: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

## *“Let All Together Praise Our God”*

CW 41 vv 1, 4, 6 Text, Tune, Setting: Public Domain

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

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

**P:** We light four Advent candles, remembering Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary, He came to share our humanity.

**C:** We remember Jesus, whose name means Savior. He came to save his people from their sins.

**P:** We hear his call to give him a place in our hearts.

**C:** We light four Advent candles as a sign of our joy and hope.

**P:** Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

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

# God's Word

## OLD TESTAMENT – Micah 5:2-5a – *The happy hour*

<sup>2</sup> “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” <sup>3</sup> Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. <sup>4</sup> He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. <sup>5a</sup> And he will be our peace.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. Alleluia.

Matthew 1:23

## GOSPEL – Luke 3:39-55 – *Mary's song of praise*

<sup>39</sup> At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, <sup>40</sup> where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! <sup>43</sup> But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, <sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. <sup>50</sup> His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. <sup>52</sup> He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. <sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful <sup>55</sup> to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”

## SERMON CAROL

## “Once in Royal David’s City”

CW 50 Text and Tune Public Domain



Once in roy - al Dav - id's cit - y Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God and Lord of all,  
But our eyes at last shall see him Through his own re - deem - ing love,  
Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the ox - en stand - ing by



Where a moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger for his bed;  
And his shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall;  
For that child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,  
Shall we see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high.



Ma - ry was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
With the poor and mean and lowly Lived on earth our Sav - ior holy.  
And he leads his chil - dren on To the place where he is gone.  
Then like stars his chil - dren crowned. All in white, his praise will sound.

## SUNDAY MORNINGS WITH THE PROPHETS

### MICAH – The Happy Hour

*Based on the Old Testament Lesson on page 3*



## LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## ADVENT CAROL

### *"Lovely Child, Holy Child"*

LAPPY 196 Text: David N. Johnson Tune: BETHLEHEM ©1969 Augsburg Publishing House.



Love - ly child, ho - ly child, Gen - tle, mild, un - de - filed; In - fant  
Child of light, born to - night, Our de - light, prom - ise bright; Child so  
Rest your head, sweet - est head; Gifts we'll spread at your bed. Je - sus  
To this boy, our great joy, We em - ploy hymns of joy, Child so



King, fair - est King, Gifts we'll bring and an - thems sing:  
fair see him there; Now de - clare him ev - 'ry where.  
Lord, be a - dored; May this word now be out - poured:  
fair see him there; Now de - clare him ev - 'ry - where.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

## CHILDREN'S LESSON

ADVENT PRAYER – page 123 in Christian Worship



## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – December 23**

Today 9a Worship  
10a Fellowship  
No Catechism Class  
Monday 6p Christmas Eve Worship  
Tuesday 9a Christmas Day Worship  
Sunday 9a Worship  
10a Fellowship  
Monday 7p New Year's Eve Worship with Communion

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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**

**January 6 - 8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion**

**9:15a Bible Study and Sunday School**

**9:15a Finance Board**

**12p Catechism**

**January 7<sup>th</sup> – School Resumes**

**January 8<sup>th</sup> – 7p Church Leaders**

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

Bible Study and Sunday School  
at 9:15a



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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](http://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](http://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.