



And blessed is she  
who believed that  
there would be a  
fulfillment of what  
was spoken to her  
from the Lord.

*Luke 1: 45*

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Dec. 19, 2021



### UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Dec. 24, 2021 – Nativity of Our Lord @ 7:00 pm

Dec. 26, 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

Jan. 2, 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

Jan. 6, 2022 – Feast of the Epiphany @ 12:30 pm

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Minister / Communion Assistant – Kim Wittel

Crucifer – Nathaniel Cuff

Acolyte – Joshua Cuff

Lector – Kandi Null

Ushers – Ken & Joan Hollinger

Musician – Rosemary Keller

Altar Guild – Barb Wisler

Sound Technician – Chaz Stroup

Offering Counters – Sandy Tippet

Beth Birchall

**Dec. 12, 2021**

**ATTENDANCE - 54**

### “CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY”

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a “Cry Room” near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

***Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.***

### TODAY'S COMMEMORATION

#### Adam and Eve



Adam was the first man, made in the image of God and given dominion over all the earth (Gen 1:26). Eve was the first woman, formed from one of Adam's ribs to be his companion and helper (2:18–24). God placed them in the Garden of Eden to take care of the creation as his representatives. But they forsook God's Word and plunged the world into sin (3:1–7). For this disobedience God drove them from the Garden. Eve had to suffer the pain of childbirth and be subject to Adam; Adam had to toil amid thorns and thistles and return to the dust of the ground. Yet God promised that the woman's Seed would crush the serpent's head (3:8–24). Sin had entered God's perfect creation and changed it until God would restore it again through Christ. Eve is the mother of the human race, while Adam is representative of all humanity and the Fall, as St. Paul writes, “For in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive” (1 Cor. 15:22).

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** – *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

arr. Cindy Berry

*The assembly stands (if able)*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our Sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*[Hebrews 10:22]*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

*Mark 16:16; John 1:12*

**C: Amen**

## Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,  
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with  
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His  
 Δ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him  
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -  
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -  
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -





have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face  
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



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Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, 348-c. 413; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, sts. 1-4, alt.;  
 tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821-77, st. 5  
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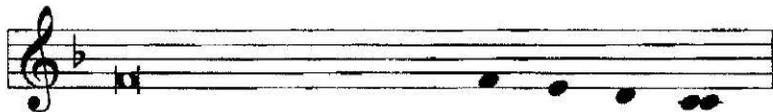
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1 Tim. 3:16; Rev. 1:8; John 1:1; Phil. 2:11

## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray | to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray | to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray | to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us | gracious Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

## SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. With your great might, give us your help, that whatever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished by your grace; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON



The First Reading is from the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of Micah.

### **First Reading: 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, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. <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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Brief silence for reflection.*

*The Psalm is read responsively.*

### **Psalm 80:1-7**

- <sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that lead Joseph like a sheep;  
show yourself also, you that sit upon the cherubim.
- <sup>2</sup> **Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- <sup>3</sup> Restore us again, O God;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be whole.
- <sup>4</sup> **O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry with your people that pray?**
- <sup>5</sup> You feed them with the bread of tears  
and give them plenteous tears to drink.
- <sup>6</sup> **You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- <sup>7</sup> Restore us again, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be whole.

*Brief silence for reflection.*



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 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.]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

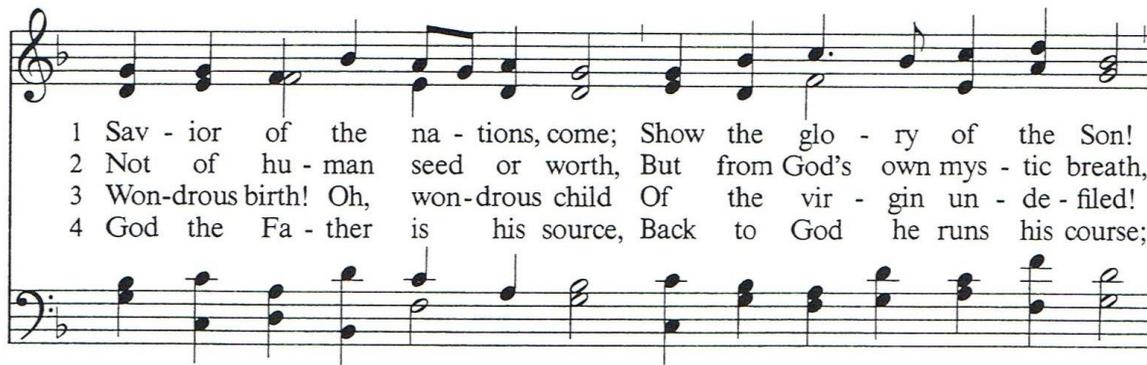
**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

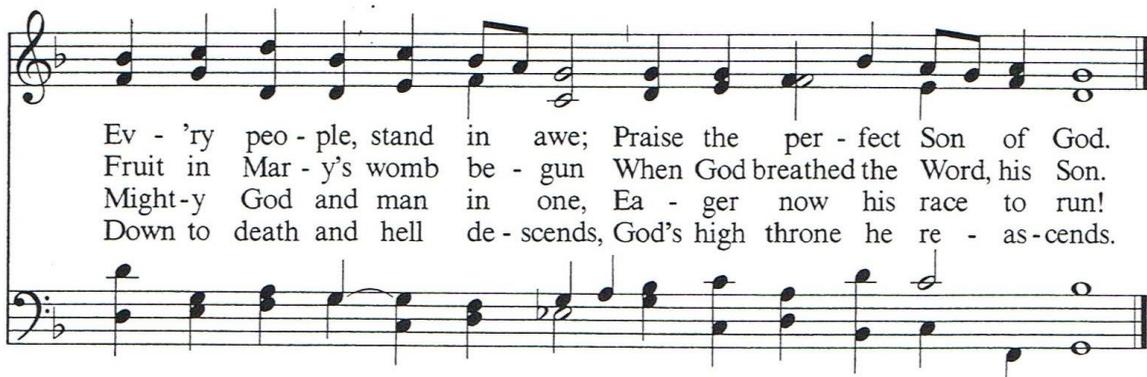
*The assembly stands (if able).*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

# Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Show the glo - ry of the Son!  
2 Not of hu - man seed or worth, But from God's own mys - tic breath,  
3 Won-drous birth! Oh, won-drous child Of the vir - gin un - de - filed!  
4 God the Fa - ther is his source, Back to God he runs his course;



Ev - 'ry peo - ple, stand in awe; Praise the per - fect Son of God.  
Fruit in Mar - y's womb be - gun When God breathed the Word, his Son.  
Might - y God and man in one, Ea - ger now his race to run!  
Down to death and hell de - scends, God's high throne he re - as - cends.

5 He leaves heaven to return;  
Trav'ling where dull hellfires burn;  
Riding out, returning home  
As the Savior who has come.

6 God the Father's precious Son  
Girds himself in flesh to run  
For the trophies of our souls,  
Longer than this round earth rolls.

7 Shining stable in the night,  
Breathing vict'ry with your light;  
Darkness cannot hide your flame,  
Shining bright as Jesus' name.

© Text: attr. St. Ambrose, 340-397; tr. composite  
Tune: J. Wälther, Geistliche Gesangbüchlein, 1524

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*The assembly is seated.*

## **HOLY BAPTISM**

### **PRESENTATION**

*The candidates, sponsors, and parents gather at the font.*

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*A sponsor presents the candidate with these words:*

I present Hayley Reese Kline to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P: In Christian love you have presented *this child* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. *As she grows* in years, you should place in *her* hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for *her* instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of *her* Baptism and in communion with the Church, *she* may lead a *godly life* until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

R: I do.

*The assembly stands (if able).*

## **THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.           **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that *the one* who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of *the one* who is cleansed by this water and bring *her* forth as an *inheritor* of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **RENUNCIATION AND PROFESSION**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?            R: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **BAPTISM**

P: Hayley Reese Kline, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*The assembly is seated.*

## **LAYING ON OF HANDS**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

*The minister lays both hands on the head of each of the baptized and prays for the Holy Spirit:*

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Hayley Reese: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. **C: Amen**

## **SIGNING WITH THE CROSS**

*The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

P: Hayley Reese, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

R: Amen

## **GIVING OF THE LIGHT**

*A lighted candle may be given to each of the baptized (to the sponsor of a young child) by a representative of the congregation who says:*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

## PRAYER FOR PARENTS

*When small children are baptized, this prayer may be said.*

P: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the *father and mother of this child*. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their *children*. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their *children* the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.                   **C: Amen**

*The assembly stands (if able).*

## WELCOME

*The ministers and the baptismal group turn toward the congregation; a representative of the congregation says:*

Through Baptism God has made *this new sister* a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

**C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

## THE PRAYERS

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P: Lord, in your mercy,   **C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.                   **C: Amen**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE – *Stand in place and greet at a distance*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*

**C: And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

# Now Thank We All Our God

I Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and

voic - es, Who won-drous things has done, In whom his world re -

joic - es; Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Has blest us on our

way With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.

*Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878  
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662*

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

**C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

*[Colossians 3:1]*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

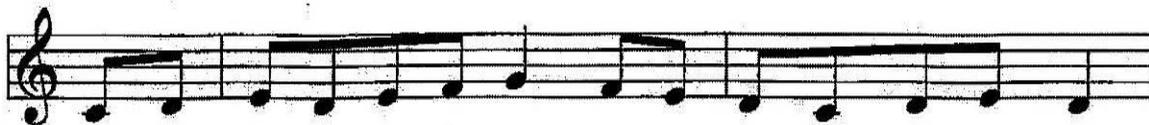
**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*[Psalm 136]*

P: It is truly right and salutary . . . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:3*



**☩** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.       **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## LORD'S PRAYER

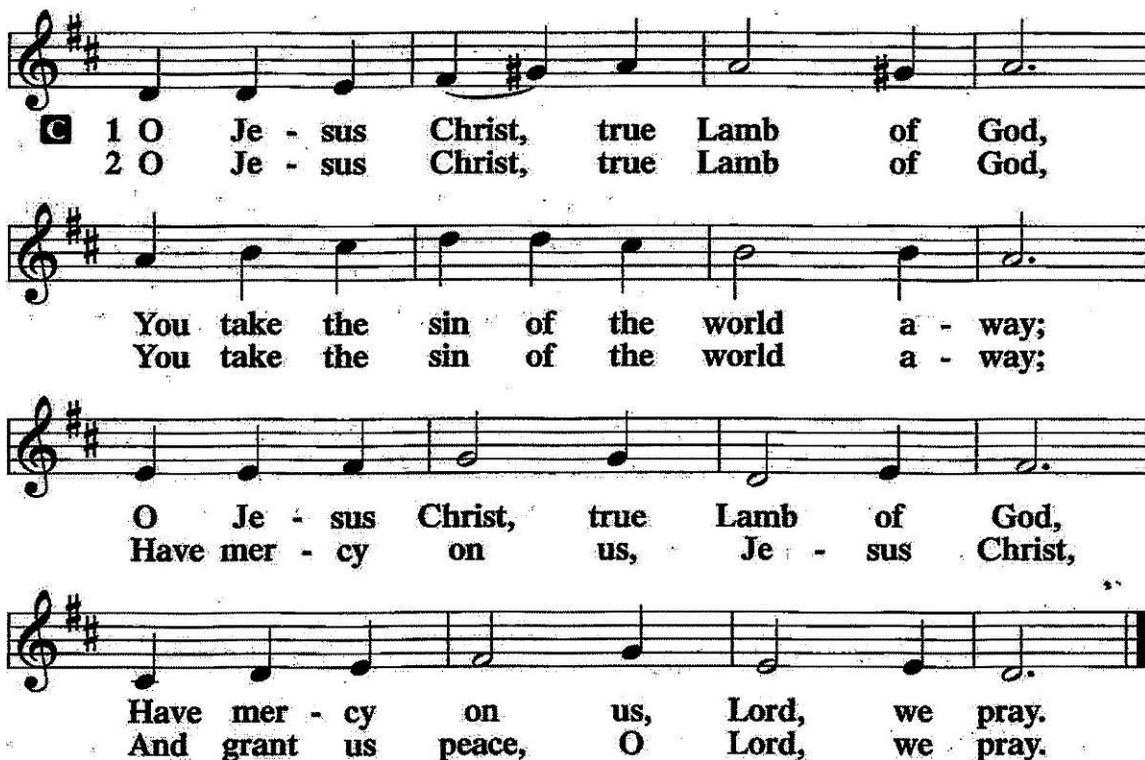
Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.*

*HOW WE COMMUNE:* When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.

*If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.*

*The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.*

## BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. **C: Amen**

## NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column starting on the first line of music and the second column starting on the second line. The lyrics are: 1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De - 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One; A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - For as in the be - gin - ning, Is to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re - peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el. sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**C** 1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -  
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## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood – that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.

**C: Amen**

## **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*[Psalm 103:1]*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

**C: Amen**

## The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*      arr. Cindy Berry

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## PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

In your daily prayers please remember those listed below:

Homebound

**Deb Binder**

**Clair Crist**

**Donna Hildebeitel**

**Pauline Houck**

**Elizabeth Larsen**

**Sonya LaGamba**

**Earl and Janet Harry**

**Pr. Robert Kitchen**

Additional prayers

**Pastor Luke** – ongoing medical issues

**Bertha Horst** – ongoing medical issues

**Teresa Mengel** – seizures

**Denny Raup** – on feeding tube

**Gail Cuff** – back surgery

**family of the** Rev. Barry S. Kendall –  
mourning his death

**Michael Riggi** – recovering from back  
surgery

**Anthony Riggi** – difficult family situation

**Pastor Jerry Kramer** – covid

**Bill Bennett** – infection

**Pr. Richard Blue and family** – virus

**Walt Hebda** – recovering from finger  
surgery

**Faith Wenger** – LCBC student, recovering  
from accident

**Additional names during today's worship:** To include a person for prayer not yet on the list above during today's worship please "*print*" that person's name on the prayer request sheet on the table in the back of the nave before worship.

**Become a Prayer Chain participant:** Prayer Chain participants are emailed prayer updates. Please email Judy Mills ([jmills.email@comcast.net](mailto:jmills.email@comcast.net)) with your request, to be included in Prayer Chain updates, preferred email address, or request removal from Prayer Chain participation.

## PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

**Prayer edits for published names in the Sunday bulletin:** Aside from our homebound, names remain published for one month. If you would like to continue another month, or have new persons added, or desire to have a name removed from the list please contact Rose Keller at (717) 333-1448 or email [rose.a.keller@gmail.com](mailto:rose.a.keller@gmail.com) OR contact Pastor Mark at (717) 947-4284.

## AROUND THE WORD DEVOTIONS



Around the Word publishes a weekly devotion with daily meditations. These devotions include a Psalm, Verse, Prayer, and Hymn of the Week, as well as the order of devotion from the Small Catechism. You can download the most recent devotion by going to our website ([www.reformation-nalc.org](http://www.reformation-nalc.org)) and clicking on the link, or sign-up to receive these devotions by email.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements for the bulletin about upcoming events should be emailed to [rose.a.keller@gmail.com](mailto:rose.a.keller@gmail.com) **AND** [pastor@reformation-nalc.org](mailto:pastor@reformation-nalc.org) or you can call Rosemary Keller Keller (717-333-1448) or Pastor Mark (717-947-4284) no later than **Sunday** by 6:00 pm. The events will then be added to the bulletin. It is always helpful to let us know how long you want the announcement to run. See Rosemary Keller with any questions.



## STEWARDSHIP



Offering plates are not passed during the service, they are located on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippett, 3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603.

## HASHING OUT THE SERMON AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

All are invited to meet with Pr. Mark from 10:45 – 11:30 am today for discussion and questions about today's sermon and Scripture readings.



## COFFEE TIME



Enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship after worship and before Sunday school. If you would like to sign-up for a Sunday to host Coffee Time, it's as simple as bringing store bought snacks. If you like to bake, homemade goodies are always welcome! If you have any questions about Coffee Time, see Joan Hollinger or Rose Bennett for the details. See you at Coffee Time!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Communications Committee is asking for more volunteers to operate the cameras for the live streaming of Sunday mornings. Those who are volunteering to do it now say that it is easy to learn to do. There are not a lot of volunteers now so they are serving often and it does keep them from participating fully in the worship service. Please consider serving in this capacity and see Kandi Null, Mason Tippett or Mark Wisler if you want to know more about this opportunity to serve Reformation.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Sunday School started on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:30 – 11:30 am. We will have two groups.

Children toddlers-kindergarten age will meet in nursery room for Parents and Me class led by Melissa Cuff. We will have playtime while the adults have fellowship. Followed by a Bible story and age appropriate activity.

Older group will meet in the library upstairs. This will be led by Judi Reeder and Crystal Lepley.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers willing to help/teach once or twice a month. Lessons will be prepared for volunteers in advance.

Any questions please see Melissa, Judi or Crystal.

## 2022 GIVING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!

The 2022 giving envelopes have arrived and have been placed in your mailboxes in the back hallway at church.



## THRIVENT NEWS

Betty Scheich is compiling a list of names of RLC members who currently have a Thrivent "insurance product." These products include life insurance, long term care insurance or disability insurance. (Mutual funds are not included in this program) You are eligible to designate what they call "Choice Dollars" to a charity of your choice (hopefully, you will choose Reformation Lutheran Church!) and it will not cost you anything. It is money Thrivent is required by the federal government to distribute. Also you are eligible to have two \$250 "Action Grants" per year for us to use for various activities. Again, this will not cost you anything. This money can be a great source of assistance as we seek to expand our ministry. See Betty on Sundays or call at 717-464-6759. Thank you!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

There are two upcoming Church Events, supported by our congregation, with monetary contributions. They are our annual Christmas Baskets for our Homebound and the Friendship Villa Party or Gift Baskets, depending if Visitors are allowed.



There is a signup sheet in back of Church if you would like to do some caroling on 12/19 and deliver Gifts to Homebound where possible. If visitors are allowed in Faith Friendship on 12/24 1pm to 3 pm there will be a signup sheet if you would be able to help. Do not know about visitors yet. We will be putting together Gift baskets Sunday 12/19, after church service downstairs.

The Social Committee would like to thank all for your continued support. I know that our support of these two events are greatly appreciated by all.

Peace Be With You, Social Ministry Committee

## DECORATING THE CHURCH



We will be decorating the church on December 19<sup>th</sup> after the "Cookies and Carols" event. Please consider helping, as we are on a time constraint to be completed before the Ethiopian church service begins.

**Cookies & Carols**  
**Sunday, December 19**  
**Fellowship Hall**



Bring some cookies to share during coffee time and bring your singing voice to celebrate the coming of Christmas. Ivan will be leading the caroling as we meet together in the fellowship hall during the Sunday school hour on December 19<sup>th</sup>. "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" and sing.....and eat cookies too!!

**DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

1. **Financial Update** - November financial report was positive. Offering exceeded monthly expenses by \$1,057.80
2. **Advertising RLC** - Communications Committee is placing an AD in the Merchandizer, Penn Manor Advertiser, and Lancaster Newspaper advertising our Christmas Eve service. In the Lancaster Newspaper you can find it in the Faith and Value section on December 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Exciting Service Opportunity**- Deacon Arica Demme and her husband Isaac visited Reformation a little over a month ago and approached Pastor Mark about the possibility of offering her services to support our ministries at Reformation. Arica is a Deacon in the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). Pastor Mark has been in contact with her Bishop and Council has been discussing how to best use her abilities at Reformation. A letter with more details on this exciting partnership will be shared with the congregation in the next few weeks.
4. **Social Ministry Update** - A speaker from Align Ministries will be speaking at coffee time on Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a "baby shower" for items needed for their ministry. As soon as we have a list of items needed, Social Ministry committee will inform the congregation. We expect to have a list of requested items printed in the church bulletin in January.
5. **Life to Life discipleship**- Pastor Mark wants to increase the number of Life-to-Life participants and is looking for current participants that are willing to share a brief testimonial. He is also working on a draft of a letter that will be sent to the congregation describing what life to life discipleship is and how we have embraced it at Reformation.

Next Council Meeting Saturday January 8, 2022 from 9-10am at RLC

## CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

### Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, “according to which all doctrines should and must be judged” (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

### Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

### Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

### Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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