

“They were at the tomb early this morning...
they came back and told us that
they had indeed seen a vision of angels
who said that he was alive.”

Luke 24:22-23, NRSV

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Our Mission Statement

Empowered by the Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Lutheran Church of Our Savior will minister in word and action to our members and to the community, witnessing our faith in Christ who saved and gave new life to those who believe in Him.

As we observe worship inside the sanctuary today, please be respectful of the wishes and needs of others.

- * If you are sick, do not come.
- * You may take your temperature at home before coming. If you have a fever, stay home.
- * Masks are encouraged.
- * The church will be sanitized. Doors will be sanitized.

Entering the Church and Sanctuary

- ✝ Outside doors will be propped open wherever possible. Doors to the sanctuary will be propped open.
- ✝ Do not congregate as you enter the church. Do not congregate in the narthex as you come into the sanctuary. Make use of both doors into the sanctuary so that you keep your 6-foot distance from others.
- ✝ Every other pew will be roped off. Please sit in every other pew. Families may sit close together. Please sit 6 feet apart from others within your pew.

Exiting the Sanctuary

- ✝ At end of service, please wait for an usher to excuse your row. Back rows will be dismissed first. Please maintain your distancing from those ahead of you.
- ✝ Thank you for following these guidelines as much as possible.

Second Sunday in Advent

Light One Candle for Hope

December 6, 2020

As We Gather

The word “hope”, in the English language at least, carries a definite sense of uncertainty. We use the word all the time when we talk about the weather, health issues, and finance situations—it’s all future related.

There’s nothing as unsure as the future.

That is, apart from the promises of God. So, we can “hope the weather will be good tomorrow,” AND “hope that Aunt Dorothy will get better soon,” AND “hope my brother can find a job.”

We can be optimistic, but there are no guarantees. That’s why faith in God is so radical, and that’s why faith in what lies ahead for believers in Christ is so calming and uplifting. That’s what makes the Bible’s concept of hope so different. When the Bible talks about “hope” it’s more than optimism. Hope in God about the future is not just some “hanging in air” positive vibes. No, the Christian’s hope is grounded in a historical event that’s based upon a still-living person. That person, Who provides us with this very different outlook on the future, what the Bible calls a “certain hope”, is Jesus Christ.



Prelude

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

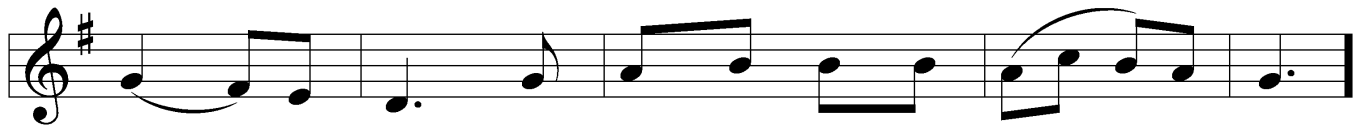
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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen
6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Confession of Our Sins

P "Prepare the way of the Lord." "Make a straight path for God."
These are the kinds of words Scripture uses as it urges us to
hope in God, and wait for Him to reveal His glory.

Remembering what God has already done for us in the person of
His Son, we confess our sins, our need for a Savior, and the need

to place our hope in Him.

C O God, from the wilderness of lives, disfigured and crushed by the devil, our own sin, and the sins of others, we cry out to You for the forgiveness. Restore our life. Point us to Your love through Jesus. And teach us to put our hope in what is sure and lasting. In Jesus' name we ask all this. Amen

P To all who turn from their sin, trusting in the Savior, that unbelievable gift remains available. Your faith in Jesus makes you well. By believing His grace in Christ, God has taken your sins away.

C Amen.

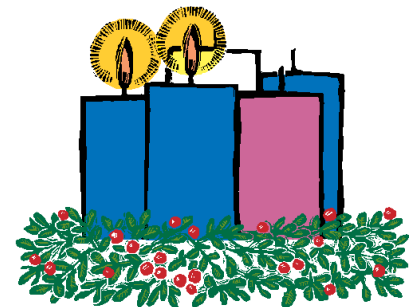
Lighting the Advent Candle

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C the light no darkness can overcome.

P Let Your light, Lord, scatter the darkness

C And become our true path of light.



Solo

Light One Candle

✠ Word ✠

Old Testament Reading

(Comfort for God's people)

Isaiah 40:1-5

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,

and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand

double for all her sins.

³A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Epistle

2 Peter 3: 8-14

(The day of the Lord will come)

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-27, 33-35

(Two disciples, walking dejected on the road to Emmaus, their heads down, meet hope)

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these

days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Greeting Time

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

[St. 2 Duet]



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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Sermon

Where Does Your Hope Lie?

Prayers

✠ **Service of the Sacrament** ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C and also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

550 Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



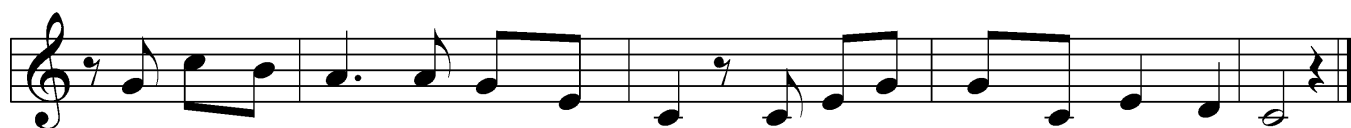
sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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The Words of Our Lord

The Blessing

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Chorus

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night *Chorus*

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay *Chorus*

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Announcements

Postlude

Offering *(As You Exit)*

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This Week's Calendar
December 6, 2020

Sunday	9:00 A.M.	Early Worship w/Holy Communion
	10:00 A.M.	Late Worship w/Holy Communion
	11:00 A.M.	Courtyard Worship w/Holy Communion
Monday	6:00 P.M.	Ladies Zoom Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 A.M.	Tuesdays with Friends
	6:30 P.M.	Property Board Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 P.M.	Midweek Advent Worship <i>(Online Only)</i>
Thursday	6:30 P.M.	Council Meeting
Next Sunday	9:00 A.M.	Early Worship w/Holy Communion
	10:00 A.M.	Late Worship w/Holy Communion
	11:00 A.M.	Courtyard Worship w/Holy Communion

Serving Next Week
December 13, 2020

Elder on Duty

Robin Stepanek



“Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness ...” *2 Peter 3:11*

All the things of earth have an expiration date: “Good Until the Last Day.” On that Day, all these things will be dissolved. The things that seem so important now will simply cease to be. Peter issues this to us as a challenge. Since this is so, what kind of life should we be living? What should your priorities be? On things? Or on the things of God?



LWML Shoes News—Once again our shoes can step up to a global mission! LWML is collecting shoes for the world. Some will go directly to those treading barefoot and some will be recycled to make something new. Men’s women’s, children’s—makes no difference! While we are currently limited in our travels, our shoes can represent our good will to people both near and far. Please secure pairs together by rubber bands and/or strings and drop them in the box marked “SHOES” in the activity room.

Covid Update 12/01/2020

A decision has been made to have our Advent Midweek Services online only. In addition the service times for Sunday worship have been changed slightly with a 3rd outside service being added (see below).



Unless adjustments are needed due to changing COVID conditions this will be our plan through the end of the year:

Sunday Morning Worship

(Holy Communion celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday)

9:00 a.m. worship will be in the sanctuary (and online)

10:00 a.m. worship will be in the sanctuary (and online)

11:00 a.m. worship will be held outside in the courtyard.

Be sure to dress warm and bring a blanket just in case.

Midweek Advent Worship

7:00 p.m. December 2nd **Online Only**

7:00 p.m. December 9th **Online Only**

7:00 p.m. December 16th **Online Only**

Christmas Eve Worship

7:00 p.m. December 24th in Sanctuary (and online)

New Year's Eve Worship w/Holy Communion

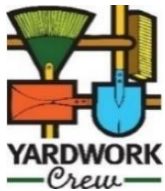
7:00 p.m. December 31st in Sanctuary (and online)



Virtual Christmas Program—Instead of the traditional Christmas program, the youth and kids will be preparing a virtual Christmas tree narrative. The children will learn about the origins the Christmas tree and how it relates to the Gospel. Each participant would be asked to video a short narrative to include in the program which will be combined into one program. This activity can be done at home or during the Jesus Celebration party planned on December 4th. If you would like to be a part of this special program, please contact Sandy Cox (405) 314-3797.

Attention Family of God—The ROC (Reaching Our City)

ministry needs food for the hungry every week! In case you hadn't heard, Linda May orders or picks up 10,000 lbs. of food weekly! Two hundred families receive help from the ROC every week! So, how can we help? If we bring in one can of food (or more) each week, this will help! You may also donate money, as well as paper sacks and plastic bags which are used in filling up with supplies at the food bank. The ROC always needs toilet paper and paper towels, green beans, corn, tuna, and canned chicken! There is also a need for volunteers at the ROC to help fill carts with food for each family! It's a great way to meet other Christians who help support this ministry! Please call Linda May if you would like to volunteer sometime. Maybe we will see you there!



Yard Clean-Up—The youth are willing to come to “your” house and do yard work for *free* or for a love donation which goes to the youth fund. Contact Sandy Cox (405) 314-3797 or Shelly Michael (405) 570-3364.

Right Now Media, a streaming video library with more than 20,000 Bible studies and other Christian content for children, youth and adults—a Netflix of Christian content. For a number of years now LCOS has had an annual subscription to this service and have used its videos for home and Sunday Bible studies, youth and adult ministry, etc. In addition our subscription provides for free



usernames and passwords for LCOS members as well as friends of LCOS. Have you been making use of Right Now Media at home? If not, please click it out at www.rightnowmedia.org and then request a username and password from Delores so you can really explore their offerings. With COVID-19 forcing us to spend more time isolated in our homes, this may well be an excellent alternative to other streaming services.

If you've been making use of this service, or after checking it out now, please let Dave Mueller (405) 863-2108 or Delores Wither (405) 495-1605 know if you feel this is a valuable service to continue to make available. Our annual subscription of \$879.89 is up for renewal at the end of this year and your feedback will be useful in deciding whether to renew or not.

Attendance Last Week

Early Worship Attendance
Late Worship Attendance

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Treasurer's Report (November 29, 2020)

General Fund (Offerings)	\$562.00
Non-Budgeted Items	\$.00
Total Received	\$562.00

"THEY RECOGNIZED HIM IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD."
YEAH, IT'S A MYSTERIOUS SENTENCE.



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IT'S NOT CLEAR TO US HOW THAT **ACTUALLY** WORKED.



OH, I KNOW HOW IT WORKS! THE PASTOR SAYS "**THIS IS MY BODY**" AND **THERE HE IS!** I RECOGNIZE JESUS **EVERY TIME!**



LUKE 24:13-35

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Prayers are kept on prayer list for four weeks. If you have a prayer request that you want prayed for during a Sunday worship service, please call or email the church office by Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Pray For Those Who Are Ill, Recovering Or In Need

Bob Marshall, *father of Kathy Warren, recovering from open heart surgery.*

Nina Plischke, *recovering from a car accident.*

Gary Cole, *fell and broke his arm.*

Shirley Bellew, *cousin of Craig Cooper, diagnosed with cancer.*

Michaela Stephen's brother who is waiting on test results for COVID.

Lois May, *mother of Sandy Cox, has COVID.*

Steve Curtis, *friend of Karen Bishop, hospitalized with COVID & Pneumonia.*

Rex & Opal Rorabaugh, *Rex positive for COVID and Opal awaiting test result.*

Tere & Greg Bond, *diagnosed with COVID.*

Pauline Rea, *hospitalized with COVID.*



Spiritual Guidance & Strength/Life Struggles

Pray for our shut-ins and homebound

Pray for those coping with cancer

Pray for Pastor Gary and LCOS leadership

Pray for our government officials and first responders

Pray for all families who have been affected with COVID-19

Pray for Those Serving Their Country

Randy Brooks IV

Kyle Freeman

Kyle Taylor

Jennifer Clark

Jonathan Krepel

Timothy Thomas

Hunter Conatser

Nathan Hiegel

Christopher Warren

We Celebrate This Week:

The Birthdays of:

Dec 6 Joan Bridges
Shab Jupiterwala
Robin Stepanek

Dec 11 Cayman Jones
Laken Jones



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

The Anniversaries of:

No Known Anniversaries This Week