

THE LORD
BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;

THE LORD
MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE
UPON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;

THE LORD
LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE
UPON YOU
AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

NUMBERS 6:24-26, ESV

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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.

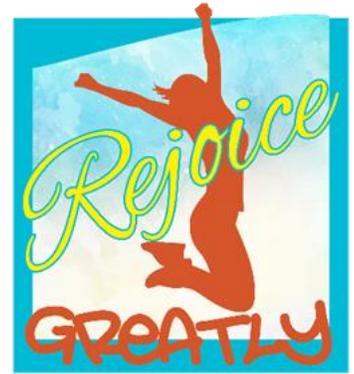
Third Sunday in Advent

The Wholeness of God's Peace

December 13, 2020

As We Gather

When we hear or use the word “peace” we typically think of restful quiet, or the “peace” that comes after two opposing sides have solved their differences. Peace in this sense means the absence of noise or commotion, or the state of resolution after conflict. The Hebrews used the word Shalom, translated peace in our Old Testament Bibles, in a much wider sense. For God's Old Testament people, Shalom included the sense of wholeness and completeness that can only come into our lives through God's blessing. We all need God's Shalom, or wholeness, because of our personal brokenness, because of broken relationships, and because we live in a broken world. God's Shalom comes to broken people by His favor. The most complete expression of God's wholeness and completeness is found in the Prince of Peace, God's Son, Jesus Christ. He is our Shalom. He brings us God's peace so that we can find wholeness within ourselves, wholeness in our relationships, and also work for wholeness in our broken world. God's Shalom, His peace, is as real as it is beautiful. The message of Christ's coming is that God has blessed us with His Shalom so that we in turn can be God's Shalom for others.



Prelude

Welcome

363 Silent Night, Holy Night



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy



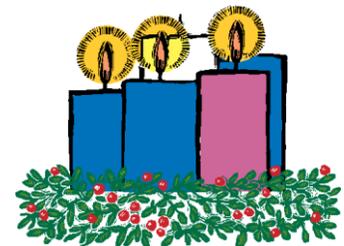
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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✠ Preparation ✠

Lighting the Advent Candle

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C the light no darkness can overcome.
P Let Your light, scatter the darkness
C And illumine Your Church.



Solo

Light One Candle for Peace

✠ Word ✠

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to
you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless
them.”

Epistle

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in
every way. The Lord be with you all.

Holy Gospel

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives
do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be
afraid.

Greeting Time

374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

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Sermon *Resting and Working in the Completeness of God's Shalom*

Christmas Creed

C I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the Gospel begun in Bethlehem.

I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town;
and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world,
in towns both large and small.

I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room,

and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today.

I believe in the one whom the rulers of the earth ignored

and the proud could never understand;
whose life was among common people,
whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.
I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be
invincible, and whose own life tells us what love means. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

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.

Song

The Blessing

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace *(Repeat)*

Amen Amen Amen
Amen Amen Amen

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Announcements

Postlude

Offering *(As You Exit)*

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**This Week's Calendar
December 13, 2020**

Sunday	9:00 A.M.	Early Worship
	10:00 A.M.	Late Worship
	11:00 A.M.	Courtyard Worship
Monday	6:00 P.M.	Ladies Zoom Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 P.M.	Midweek Advent Worship <i>(Online Only)</i>
Thursday	6:30 P.M.	READ Book Club
Friday	<i>Office Closed</i>	
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 20, 2020**

Elder on Duty	Dave Mueller
Altar Care	Patti Casey & Kay McDaniel
Elder on Duty [Christmas Eve]	Dave Mueller



“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” *2 Thessalonians 5:18*

Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord's work, in acts of service to others, and in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to us.

Attendance Last Week

Early Worship Attendance	20
Late Worship Attendance	25
Courtyard Worship Attendance	18



Treasurer's Report (December 6, 2020)

General Fund (Offerings)	\$10,465.02
Non-Budgeted Items	\$ 312.00
Roof Loan	\$ 133.00
Total Received	\$10,910.02

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 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)

Dear Tuesday Friends,

As much as we miss the fellowship we share on Tuesdays, we have a strong obligation to keep each other healthy and safe. Until the COVID-19 numbers decrease to an acceptable rate we will resort to Old Fashioned Snail Mail.

This is an experiment that requires some participation from each of you. I will piece together a "Newsy" letter consisting of prayer requests, happenings in your life, concerns and it has been suggested, even song lyrics. Maybe recipes and a Bible Study. It will all depend on you! All suggestions and volunteers cheerfully accepted.

For the first edition, have your information to me by December 19th. Ann Reedy phone: (405) 789-9178 Text: (405) 919-3482 Email: annym55@hotmail.com



Birthday Card Shower for Craig Cooper—Sunday, December 20th is Craig Cooper's birthday. We are unable to celebrate in the usual Tuesday With Friends manner this year because of COVID restrictions so please bring cards and possibly some healthy snacks to Worship Services that day. We will send him home with a basket of good wishes and edible reminders that he is special to us all.

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.



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!

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 check 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 Withers (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.

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

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, recovering from COVID.

Tere & Greg Bond, recovering from COVID.

Jason McGee, son of Gale Mueller, recovering from COVID.

Family of Pauline Rea, passed away last Sunday.



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 13 Paul Burkhart

Dec 14 Cecil Michael

Nathan Schroeder

Jacob Schroeder

Dec 17 Sandy Cox

Janie Hlinicky

Dec 19 Meadow Jones



Anniversaries
and Birthdays

The Anniversaries of:

Dec 13 Hunter & Ashlyn Conatser