

*"For my eyes have  
seen your salvation  
that you have  
prepared  
in the presence  
of all peoples."*

LUKE 2:30-31

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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.

# Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 27, 2020

## As We Gather

Scripture quickly shifts from the story of Jesus' birth to the story of what He would become and mean for all people. We hear in Simeon and Anna's words spoken over Jesus at his dedication in the temple words such as "salvation", "a light of revelation to the nations", "redemption" and "glory to your people Israel". In his prophecies, Isaiah painted a picture of the righteousness of God's Chosen One, the Messiah, who would be gloriously beautiful in His own righteousness, but who would also robe others in this same perfect righteousness. Today we pause for a moment to think of the implications of the righteousness of Jesus Christ, and what His gift of holiness has made us.



## Prelude

## Welcome

# 389 Let All Together Praise Our God

sts. 1-5



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
 2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
 3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -  
 4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our  
 5 He is a ser - vant, I a lord: How great a



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
 in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
 at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The  
 hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His  
 mys - ter - y! How strong the ten - der Christ Child's love! No



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
 splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.  
 glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.  
 tru - er friend than He, No tru - er friend than He.

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- P** The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
- C** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.
- P** The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- C** He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**All: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

**✠ Word ✠**

## **Reading**

*Isaiah 61:10—62:3*

*(Nations will acknowledge the beauty and the holiness of the Chosen One of the Lord, and God's people will reflect this holiness)*

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful  
headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

## **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 2:22-40*

*(Jesus is presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph.)*

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the

Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of

Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

## Greeting Time

### 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -  
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the  
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in  
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through  
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'  
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.  
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

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## Sermon

*Clothed in His righteousness*

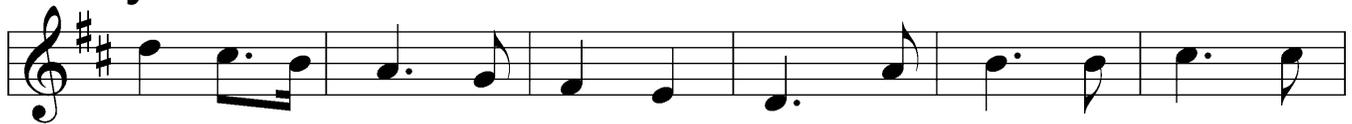
## Prayers of the Church

## Benediction

**P** May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One Who calls you is faithful and He will do it.

**C** Amen.

## 387 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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## Announcements

## Postlude

## Offering *(As You Exit)*

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### This Week's Calendar December 27, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 A.M.	Early Worship
	10:00 A.M.	Late Worship
	11:00 A.M.	Courtyard Worship
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 P.M.	Ladies Zoom Prayer Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 P.M.	New Year's Eve Worship w/Holy Communion
<b>Friday</b>	<i>New Year's Day—Office Closed</i>	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	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 January 3, 2021

Elder on Duty  
Altar Care

TBA

Karen Bishop & Kathy Perkins

### Attendance Last Week

Early Worship Attendance	18
Late Worship Attendance	33
Courtyard Worship Attendance	18



### Treasurer's Report (December 20, 2020)

General Fund (Offerings)	\$3,641.00
Non-Budgeted Items	\$ 700.00
Roof Loan	<u>\$ 374.00</u>
Total Received	<b>\$4,715.00</b>



“And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord ...”. *Luke 2:39*

The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins, but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. And the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live. As Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living and the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.

**Chime Remembrance**—We will remember our departed friends and loved ones at our New Year's Eve service this year. A chime will be rung for each name read as we remember these loved ones and thank God for their lives. Please call or e mail Delores early this week with the first and last name of anyone you would like to be remembered at our New Year's Eve service. Thank you



**Voter's Meeting Update**—The plan was to distribute key information about Missions, Budget and New Officers for 2021 on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> in preparation for a vote on December 27<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, area Pastors were asked to postpone Congregational meetings until later in January. A provision in Roberts Rules of Order Allows new officers and Board members to begin their service before an actual vote.

Therefore, we are inviting those who have agreed to assume office in 2021 to attend the January Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> along with those currently serving. A formal vote will be taken later when conditions are more favorable. Please call me, Ann Reedy if you have questions (405) 919-3482.

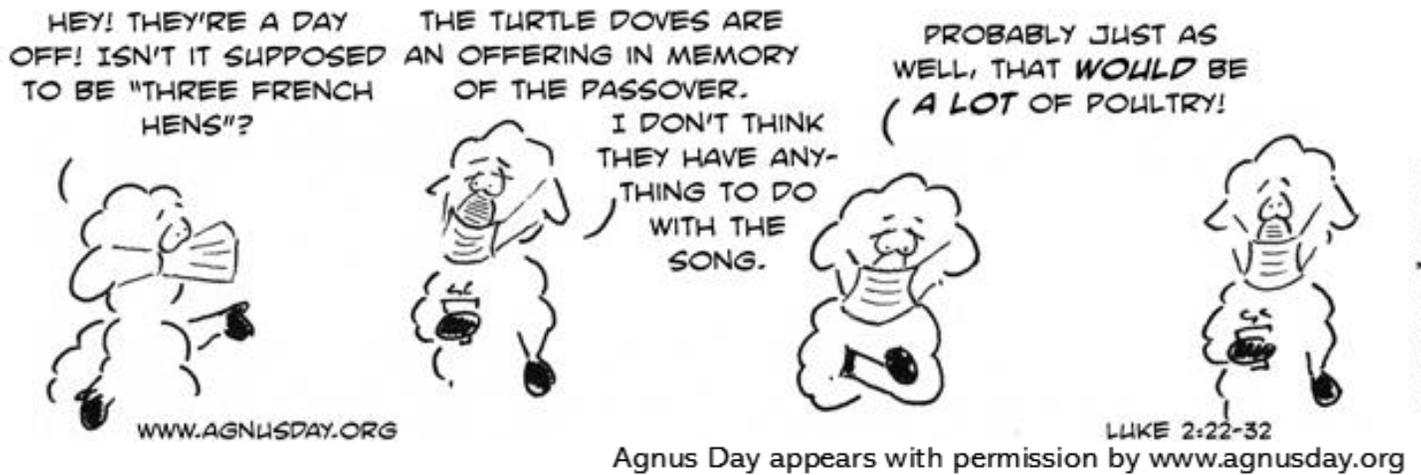
**Time and Talent Survey**—In January we will conduct a Time and Talent survey with the congregation. There are several volunteer opportunities that are needed in the upcoming church year. We would like to hear from you what areas you would be interested in. This will give the church an idea of who is willing to help in areas of need and help the council with planning and letting the appropriate board committees know who is interested in using their gifts.



**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!



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**

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

Family of Pauline Rea, *called to her Eternal home.*

Gary Mitchell, *father of Church Mitchell, spots on lung.*

Terry & Romonda James, *friends of Janie Hlinicky, Terry's father passed away.*

Richard Cruz, *friend of Mary Kline, has COVID.*

Marcus Balan, *Mary's Kline's granddaughter's father, has COVID.*

Tom Schneider, *Mary Kline's brother-in-law's brother, recovering from back surgery and awaiting biopsy results.*

Dave Mueller, *recovering from surgery.*

Dena Saliday, *friend of Mary Kline, has COVID.*

Beverly, *friend of Linda May, recurrence of cancer.*

**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 30 Chester Kyle

**The Anniversaries of:**

Jan 2 Bradley & Anna Bomhoff



*Anniversaries  
and Birthdays*