

Lutheran meaning of the Advent Wreath

During the four weeks leading up to Christmas, we celebrate Advent. Part of the tradition is to have an Advent wreath with four candles arranged around the circle and one candle in the middle. We light one candle on the first Sunday and an additional candle each Sunday. The last candle is lit on Christmas Eve.

History-According to the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, "The traditional use of Advent candles (sometimes held in a wreath) originated in eastern Germany even prior to the Reformation." **Significance**- In the northern hemisphere, the season of Advent is celebrated at the darkest time of year. By lighting an additional candle each week, you increase the amount of light that is produced. This symbolizes the light of Christ coming into the world on Christmas.

The first candle, which is lit on the first Sunday of Advent, is the prophet candle. It reminds us how the birth of Jesus was foretold by Old Testament prophets.

The second candle is the Bethlehem candle, reminding us of the humble town where Jesus was born.

The shepherd's candle is the third candle, recalling the shepherds who hurried to see Jesus in the stable.

The fourth candle, the angels' candle, is associated with the angels who rejoiced as they announced the birth of Jesus.

The center candle, called the Christ candle, is lit on Christmas Eve.

Our Mission

Inspire

We believe that Jesus has called us to Inspire faith in others.

Psalm 119:105

Grow

We seek to Grow followers of Jesus.

Matthew 28:19-20

Change

We follow our mission to allow Him to Change the world!

Acts 2:42-47

Our Vision

Redeemer Lutheran Church is fully committed to meeting the needs of families with young children in our neighborhood.

We know that, "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to Me." (Matt. 25:40) We are called to nurture children inside our Little Steps Daycare ministry and Lincoln Elementary, providing social and spiritual support systems.

Our ambition is to be a church where children's lives are elevated through ministries that support parents, teachers and education programs.

Christmas Eve

Redeemer
Lutheran
Church

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A Member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Christmas Eve - “God With Us”

**+ DIVINE SERVICE + SETTING 1 +
Pre-Service Music ~**

Welcome

Invocation ~

Hymn ~ O Come, All Ye Faithful (379 2-4)
(Makayla & Madelyn Riley song verse 1)

Prayer Of The Day ~

Action Rhyme ~ Behold The Child!

Reading ~ Isaiah 52:7-10

**Psalm ~ read in four parts interspersed
with children singing Away in a Manger**

Hymn ~ O Come, O Come Emmanuel
(357 1,4-6)

Gospel Lesson ~ John 1:1-14

Hymn ~ Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (393)

Praise Band ~ Christmas Hallelujah

Sermon ~ God With Us

**Prayers & Offering ~ Place alms in the
offering plate as it is passed.**

**Offering Hymn ~ Angels We Have
Heard on High (368)**

**Candle Lighting ~ lighting of candels
will follow collection plate**

**Hymn ~ Silent Night (363) 1st verse sung
by Amy Riley**

Blessing ~ Benediction

Praise Band ~ Joy to the World

-John 1:1-14

1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was already with God in the beginning. 3 Everything came into existence through him. Not one thing that exists was made without him. 4 He was the source of life, and that life was the light for humanity. 5 The light shines in the dark, and the dark has never extinguished it. 6 God sent a man named John to be his messenger. 7 John came to declare the truth about the light so that everyone would become believers through his message. 8 John was not the light, but he came to declare the truth about the light. 9 The real light, which shines on everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world came into existence through him. Yet, the world didn't recognize him. 11 He went to his own people, and his own people didn't accept him. 12 However, he gave the right to become God's children to everyone who believed in him. 13 These people didn't become God's children in a physical way—from a human impulse or from a husband's desire to have a child. They were born from God. 14 The Word became human and lived among us. We saw his glory. It was the glory that the Father shares with his only Son, a glory full of kindness/b] and truth.

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“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ”God is now with us. The greatest gift of love now lies in a manger for the world to feed upon. Truly, God the Father established the custom of giving gifts at Christmas time with the gift of His Son.

-Luke 2:11

Serving Today

The Message

Pastor ~ Rev. Mike Mueller

The Music

Organist ~ Cherylyn Trier

Trumpet ~ Eric Peckenpaugh

**Vocalists ~ Madelyn & Makayla
Riley**

Soloist ~ Amy Riley

**Praise Band ~ Bill Alberding,
Jonah Brinkerhuff, Raeann
Rice, Adriana McCreery, Trey
Skaggs**

Performers ~

Cason & Everly Carnes, Andrew Cook, Isaac Esterline, Adriana & Lauren McCreery, Maddie & Maggie Mueller, Cymon Plew, Carlee & Trey Skaggs, Alayna & Braylen Wetters

The Service

Acolyte ~ Blake Schroeder

**Ushers ~ Pete Barnett, Don
Wiesehan, Bud Crettol, Butch
Kaiser**

**Elder ~ Adam Esterline & Lenord
McCreery**

**Readers ~ Adam Esterline, Kaitlyn
Fouts, AJ Backus, Jonah
Brinkerhuff & Maggie Barnett**

Greeters ~ Barb & Rich Lindquist

*Please join us Sunday mornings
for our Traditional service at
9am and Comtemporary service
at 11:15am. Bible studies for
adults, youth & kids begin at
10:15am.*

Christmas Hallelujah

Mary: Betty Barnett

Joseph: Kevin Fouts

Jesus: Blake Schroeder

Innkeeper: Brooke Schroeder

*Angels: Rachel Doyle, Mad-
die Mueller, Mag-
gie Barnett, Carlee
Skaggs*

*Shepherds: Kaitlyn Fouts,
Lauren McCreery,
Maggie Mueller*

*Wisemen: AJ Backus, Wini
Barnett, Jenna Beery*

To serve you better:

please record your information in the pew book. We ask that you print all requested information. Please return the book to the center aisle. Note the names of others in your pew, so you may greet each other by name after service.

Need a quiet place:

the Narthex is available at every service. Just stop by with your child and you can still hear the whole service through our AV system.

Hearing assistance:

available at the back of the church for those who would prefer it. Just pick up a headset, or see an usher for assistance.

**Poinsettias to adorn
the Sanctuary
thank you to the
following:**

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Kathy & Barry Bylls
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Linda & Jim Royer
Karen Schroeder
Wendy & Travis Schroeder
Kellee & Rich Skaggs
Konnie & Joe Streeter
Ann & Rev. Allen Werk**

(flowers can be taken home after service)