

# Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

**It's almost time! Kids are wound up, and adults are stressed. So I invite everyone to take a deep breath and find peace as we worship the coming Christ.** Welcome pads are at the end of each pew; please sign your name and pass it along.

Sunday, December 23, 2018, 8:30am

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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**Welcome**

Mission Opportunities and Sharing of the Peace

## **Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace. **Amen.**

Let us come before God in confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

To you, O God,

**we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of ✠ Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near. **Amen.**

## **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

*(Refrain)* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh:  
in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. *(Refrain)*

O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *(Refrain)*

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## Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Song of Praise

“Jesus Messiah”

He became sin who knew no sin That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross Love so amazing love so amazing

*(Chorus)* Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel

The Rescue for sinners The Ransom from heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine Broken and poured out all for love

The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn Love so amazing love so amazing *(Chorus)*

All our hope is in You All our hope is in You All the glory to You God The Light of the world

*(Chorus)*

Jesus Messiah Lord of all The Lord of all The Lord of all

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## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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Olivian Lee Turbak, daughter of Andrew and Abby Turbak

Sponsors: Chad & Ashley Mueller and Alex & Jessica Turbak

## First Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin 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 brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

## Second Lesson

1 John 4:7-11, 17-21

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

<sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

## Children's Church

in the Chapel with Tammy DeLange

## Gospel

Luke 1:46-55

<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 with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>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 powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

**Song**

“O Little Child of Bethlehem”

(Tune: O Little Town of Bethlehem)

O little child of Bethlehem, You are our highest love.  
The tiny clan shall bear a gift Most precious from above.  
From ancient days the promise Has filled our dreams anew.  
Cast out our doubt, restore our hope, Prepare our hearts for you!  
O ancient King of Israel, How we await your birth.  
Your origin from days of old, Now come to rule the earth!  
Until that day of healing, Our sorrow presses near.  
We wait for rescue and relief From death and sin and fear.  
O Shepherd, come and pasture us, Within your verdant fields.  
Surround us with your mighty strength, From danger be our shield.  
Your majesty shall conquer And we shall dwell secure.  
Within your fold, within your peace, As long as life endure.

**Offering**

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**Prayer Song**

“Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place”

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.  
I can feel His mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

## Prayers of the Church

*Hospitalized/III:* Judy Bruchhof, Ron Hagen, Carol Hinderaker,  
Christine Walraven, Elden Hemme, Sonya Benson,  
Chad Lambert, Stan Peterson, Greg Dubois,  
Martin Waller, *son-in-law of Nancy & Dean Slostad*  
Jerry & Cindy Rudebusch, *friends of Lesa (Tom) Franken*  
Josh Anderson, *grandson of Terri Bruner*  
Pete Carlson, *son of Jerry & Marvel Carlson*  
Ruben Speidel, *grandfather of the Pletan family*  
Donnie Ammon, *cousin of Nancy Slostad*  
John Lahey-Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) Lechner*  
Jim Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) Lechner*

*Birth:* Rowan Dean to Ashlea & Brian West

*Baptism:* Olivian Lee Turbak and Raiya Ruth Olson

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## The Lord’s Prayer and Benediction

### Sending Song “Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

Joy to the world the Lord is come Let earth receive her King

Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room And heaven and nature sing

And heaven and nature sing And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns Let all their songs employ

While fields and floods rocks hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat the sounding joy Repeat repeat the sounding joy

*(Chorus)* Joy unspeakable joy An overflowing well No tongue can tell

Joy unspeakable joy It rises in my soul Never lets me go

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love

And wonders of His love And wonders wonders of His love *(Chorus)*

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## Call to Service

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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### **Serving This Morning**

**Presiding:** Pastor Kent Stillson

**Preaching:** Pastor Dan Ofstehage

**Combined Worship Team**

**Head Ushers:** Darwin Brinkman, Steve Kjellsen

**Acolytes:** Haydn McGillivray

**Greeters:** Jim & Peggy Silliman

**Sound & Projection:** Robyn VanMeter, Darian Givens

**Lector:** Peg Juba

**Ushers:** Marlowe & Nancy Ronke, Jim & Peggy Silliman, Russ & Joan Porath

**Sunday Morning Helpers:** Twila Schmitt

**Coffee Servers:** BeFrienders

**Welcome Center:** Gail Helland, Tammy Brink-Rohde

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## ***Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion***

***Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>***

***All worship services will include favorite Christmas Carols and Holy Communion.***

***1:30 p.m. This candlelight worship service will feature a Worship Team leading the carols, Special Music by the LCOOR Handbells and more!***

***3:30 p.m. These traditional candlelight worship services will feature  
& accompaniment by organ along with Special Music by the Praise &  
5:30 p.m. Rejoice Choir.***

***10:00 p.m. This traditional candlelight worship service will feature  
piano, flute and guitar accompaniment.***