



**ROAD
WORK
AHEAD**

The crooked roads
shall become
straight,
the rough ways
smooth.
Luke 3:5

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
8 DECEMBER 2024
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Our Mission:
As God's forgiven family,
we grow in faith through
Word and Sacrament to
share the Gospel of
Jesus Christ.

WELCOME!

WE ARE HAPPY YOU WERE LED TO WORSHIP WITH US! IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME IN A LUTHERAN CHURCH, WE WANT YOU TO FEEL COMFORTABLE AND "AT HOME" IN OUR WORSHIP SETTING.

The Lord speaks to us through His Word and Sacrament and we respond with joy in song and prayer. This rhythm reflects our rich worship heritage built on the teachings of the Bible placing Jesus Christ at the center of all we do.

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

AS WE GATHER In this month of December, we find ourselves getting ready and preparing for many things, such as gatherings with family and friends, gifts to get and give to others, traditional treats to be made, and decorations for the season. The foremost preparation, of course, is for our Savior's birth. Today we are reminded of another time of preparation that would be after Jesus' birth and prior to His earthly ministry—that of John the Baptist, who would prepare for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. In our busy times of preparing to celebrate this season, today we draw our focus on and give thanks for the one who would raise valleys, level mountains, and make straight the paths for Him.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

(from the back of the sanctuary)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P: Listen to what the Lord your God will say!

C: He promises peace to His people. *Psalm 85:8*

P: Let us rejoice that the Peace promised from heaven is soon to come! He brings the assurance that we are His; our anxieties fed by sin and death dissolve in the embrace of His comforting grace. All mankind will see God's salvation. John 3:6

C: For He Himself is our peace. *Ephesians 2:14*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Dear Christ, our everlasting Peace, we pray: Shine on our darkened world, and bless us as we light the candles of this wreath in preparation for Your coming. Give us the peace which only You can give, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(The first and second candles of the Advent wreath--Hope and Peace--are lit.)

SOLO *Light two candles to watch for Messiah; let the light banish darkness; He shall bring peace and life everlasting; Come to us, little King.*

OPENING HYMN “Church of God, Elect and Glorious” *LSB* 646

**Church of God, elect and glorious, Holy nation, chosen race;
Called as God’s own special people, Royal priests and heirs of grace;
Know the purpose of your calling, Show to all His mighty deeds;
Tell of love that knows no limits, Grace that meets all human needs.**

**God has called you out of darkness Into His most marv’lous light;
Brought His truth to life within you, Turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you That God’s name is glorified
And all find fresh hope and purpose In Christ Jesus crucified.**

**Once you were an alien people, Strangers to God’s heart of love;
But He brought you home in mercy, Citizens of heav’n above.
Let His love flow out to others, Let them feel a Father’s care;
That they too may know His welcome And His countless blessings share.**

**Church of God, elect and holy, Be the people He intends;
Strong in faith and swift to answer Each command your Master sends:
Royal priests, fulfill your calling Through your sacrifice and prayer;
Give your lives in joyful service— Sing His praise, His love declare.**

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Philippians 1:2-11*

P: I thank my God every time I remember you.

C: In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

P: Being confident in this, may he who began a good work in you carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

C: And the God of Peace will be with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

P: We gather in prayer and praise for the one holy, Triune God who was, who is and who is to come, imploring His mercy as we stand before Him in humble and contrite confession.

C: We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone, and we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

P: We have not loved the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength

C: and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

P: We justly deserve present and eternal punishment, but for the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray:

C: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He who began a good work in you bring it to completion on this day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray: Father, just as You provided the voice of John the Baptist to prepare your people for Christ's coming, You have throughout the ages blessed your faithful by equipping undershepherds to minister to your flock and proclaim Your promises. We praise You for Your lovingkindness and mercy, together with † Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 3:1-7

(A promise of the coming of the Messiah)

¹“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty. ² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years. ⁵ “So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers,

against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,” says the LORD Almighty. ⁶“I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. ⁷ Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD Almighty.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Philippians 1:2-11 (*Thanksgiving and prayer*)

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE LSB 173

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 3:1-20 (John the Baptist prepares the Way)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’⁵ Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.⁶ And all people will see God’s salvation.”⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah.¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.¹⁹ But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother’s wife, and all the other evil things he had done,²⁰ Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” LSB 344

**On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.**

**We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.**

**Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.**

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SERMON

**✠ ✠ INSTALLATION OF REVEREND MARK GOBLE ✠ ✠
AS SENIOR PASTOR**

(Congregation shall stand.)

**CREEDAL HYMN “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God” LSB 941
We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.**

**To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”**

**The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”**

**You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.**

**You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.**

**We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the church, for the people of God, and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gathering of us together around Word and Sacrament, as You call, gather, and enlighten us through Your Spirit. Keep Your church united in truth, as Christ has completed His work for the sake of humanity as we await His return. As You continue to work in us and through us Your grace and mercy, empower us by Your Spirit to live holy lives according to Your will and to live as Your witnesses among our neighbors, coworkers, and community. As we pray to You now, we also pray with Paul upon ourselves and all believers who call upon Your name:

C: "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

P: Be with all who bear Your Word, including those who serve as missionaries both near and far. Grant open ears and eager hearts to receive the good news of a Savior given, and forgiveness assured. For all who face trials, persecution, and even death for confessing Your name, grant a steadfastness of faith even in the most dire times.

C: "It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus."

P: For all who are sick, lonely, and in need of comfort, we lift them up to You, including According to Your will, grant healing. According to Your promises, remain with them with the comfort and peace of Your presence in times of affliction. Be with doctors, nurses, and medical staff as they use the gifts and abilities given to them. Help us and others to serve as Your instruments that we may show compassion in times of need, speak words of hope in times of hopelessness, and serve according to needs had in times of helplessness. For all people, as we prepare to receive and rejoice in the Savior given and born for us, keep us prepared for the day of His coming again.

C: “And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING “Speak, O Lord” (Getty, Townend)

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,

That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.

Words of power that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us:

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we’ll stand on your promises, And by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory. Amen.

OFFERTORY “Hark the Glad Sound” *LSB 349 vv. 1-2*

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;

Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne And ev’ry voice a song.

He comes the pris’ners to release; In Satan’s bondage held,

The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.

✠ 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 up 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.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *LSB 507 v.1*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-11*

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION

+ Flute Solo

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *LSB 357*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Refrain**

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord’rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain**

**O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai’s height
In ancient times didst give the Law In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain**

**O come, Thou Branch of Jesse’s tree, Free them from Satan’s tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow’r to save, And give them vict’ry o’er the grave.
Refrain**

**O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav’nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Refrain**

**O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Refrain**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain**

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“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” *LSB 345*

**Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding! “Christ is near,” we hear it say.
“Cast away the works of darkness, All you children of the day!”**

**Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.**

**See, the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heav’n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all, to be forgiv’n;**

**So, when next He comes in glory And the world is wrapped in fear,
He will shield us with His mercy And with words of love draw near.**

**Honor, glory, might, dominion To the Father and the Son
With the ever-living Spirit While eternal ages run!**

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“Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring” *LSB* 353

**Jesus came, the heav’ns adoring, Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came to win redemption, Lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Came in deep humility.**

**Jesus comes again in mercy When our hearts are worn with care;
Jesus comes again in answer To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comes to save us from despair.**

**Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, Bringing news of sins forgiv’n;
Jesus comes with words of gladness, Leading souls redeemed to heav’n.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Hope to all the world is giv’n.**

**Jesus comes in joy and sorrow, Shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, whate’er befalls us, Cheers our hearts and dries our tears;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comforts us in failing years.**

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“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” *LSB* 347

**“Comfort, comfort ye My people, Speak ye peace,” thus saith our God;
“Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning ’neath their sorrows’ load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover And her warfare now is over.”**

**Yea, her sins our God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many_a day, Now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness Into ever-springing gladness.**

**Hark, the herald’s voice is crying In the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance, Since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.**

**Make ye straight what long was crooked; Make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord Now o’er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token That His Word is never broken.**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C: for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: We thank and praise You for the work Christ has completed for our sake and for our forgiveness, received again through His body and blood given and shed for us. Continue to work in us and through us from the grace we have received from our lips to our being, that

C: He who has began a good work in us may bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Prepare the Royal Highway” *LSB 343*

Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!

Let ev’ry hill and valley A level road appear!

Then greet the King of Glory Foretold in sacred story: Refrain

Refrain: Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God’s Word!

God’s people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!

Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!

God’s promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!

Your king, yet ev’ry nation Its tribute too should bring.

All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him! Refrain

His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav’n above.

His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.

So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding: Refrain

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POSTLUDE

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In our prayers this week: Kathie Jenkins, Kim Weidenhamer, John Mewbourn, Margo McKee, Gene Mallett, Marsha Mundinger, Noah Rhoden, Edith Ringger, Rachel Barnett, Floyd Bearly, Mark Lemley, Violet Lakatos, Kelly McGugan, Dylan Bruns, Bruce Forsythe, Jeff & Ellen Strum, Sally Hornish Malmi, Fred Karayan, Lori Nogueira, Julie Bourie, Diane Conry, Christy Wright, AC Parsons, Brian Hume, Stephanie Dublin, Zachary Rakow, Carol Guenter, Kyle Maclin, Donna Belenchia, Jeff & Cheryl Harrell, Bernie & Judy Jacquez, Tom & Norma Moore, Randy Lusk, Wilber Brown, Marvin Ayers, Jerry House, Jackie Butler, Ginger Lewis, Betsy Hume, Kentaria Ellis and her newborn son, Nyzir. We pray for peace in the Middle East and the residents of the Southeast as they rebuild after the hurricanes. The Future Comfort Dog team that God would provide a Caregiver.

The Altar flowers this week were given by
Fina Behnke in thankfulness for my family and many blessings!

Sign up for vase of Altar Flowers by going to bit.ly/CTKAltarFlowers2024
Or contact the Church Office and we'll sign you up! Each vase is \$35

If you are a first-time visitor with us today, welcome! Please stop by the Information Desk in the narthex after the service so we can greet you with a gift of thanks for being with us today. May God bless your worship.



Check out page 18 for a list of Small Groups and sign up today at bit.ly/CTKSmallGroupRSVP. Watch for more opportunities to come!

Those Who Serve

- Proclaimer Rev. Charles Neugebauer
- Liturgist Rev. Matthew Lynch
- Organist Michella Novy
- Candle Lighting Soloist: Cooper Smith
- Offering Soloist: Terry Himebook
Accompanist: Carol Kutteh
- Distribution Flutist: Kitty Kosman
- Elder Kevin Baskette
- Acolytes Karter Madden
- Crucifers Tatum Madden
- Greeters Patti Willard, Maurice Troyer
Mike & Orma Simpson
- Ushers Dan Seward, Jim Chapin, Bob Bortz,
Jeff Higginbotham, Paul Howell,
Gary Carlson, Ross Hornish
Matt Adler, Kyle Byrum, Brandon
McNeill, Mike Burton, Ben Kuefner,
Matt Davis, Kevin Clark, Tommy
Smith
- Sound Walt Kosman, Murph Ellard, Kim
Goble, Jim Hofer, Peter Cothron,
Aaron Winter
- Live Streaming Kevin Riordan

CALENDAR

Today

- Reception for Pastor Mark’s Installation,
11:15_{am}, Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 9

- Care Team Gathering, 8:00_{am}, Room 201

Tuesday, December 10

- Men’s Bible Study, 7:00_{am}, Parlour
- Nehemiahs, 8:00_{am}
- Arlington Small Group, 7:00_{pm}, Andrews
home
- Olive Branch Small Group, 7:00_{pm}, Salzgeber
home
- Room in the Inn, Host: CTK

Wednesday, December 11

- Adult Bible Study, 10:00_{am}, Room 201
- Room in the Inn, Host: Christ Church
- Advent Dinner, 6:00_{pm}, Fellowship Hall
- Advent Worship, 7:00_{pm}
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:45_{pm}

Thursday, December 12

- Woodworking, 7:00_{pm}, Workshop

Friday, December 13 No scheduled events

Saturday, December 14

- Men’s Breakfast, 9:00_{am}, Fellowship Hall
- Future Comfort Dog, 10:00_{am}, Room 201

**NO CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL
OR ADULT BIBLE CLASSES
THIS MORNING.**

JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
AFTER THE SERVICE FOR A
RECEPTION HONORING
PASTOR MARK AND KIM.

WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Wednesday Bible Class Mark your calendars for
10:00_{am} each Wednesday for the adult Bible
class. All are welcome.

Men's Bible Study Led by Gary Osing on
Tuesdays at 7:00_{am} in the Parlour. reviewing the
book “Practicing the Way: Be with Jesus.
Become like Him. Do as he did.” by John Mark
Comer.

Room in the Inn Winter Season

This year we will be serving on the **First** & Third Tuesday of the month. Please take 3 hours out of your week to serve our unsheltered neighbors. Questions? Call the Church Office.

December 17 ~ bit.ly/RITIDEC17

NURSERY Volunteers

Nursery volunteers! Sign up today!
bit.ly/NurseryVolunteers

**** Couches Needed!****

Attention, CTK! If you plan to replace your living room couches in the next few months, the youth group is looking for a couple of couches in **good** condition that need a new home. Please contact Nathan LeBorious at:

478-396-4830 or

nathan.leborious@ctkschool.com.

**German Christmas Service
Saturday, December 21 ~ 3:00pm
Lord of Life Lutheran Church**

This service is a must attend to celebrate our Lutheran German heritage. The service will be in both English and German followed by a reception with traditional German pastries.

**Men's Breakfast
December 14 at 9:00am**

Breakfast provided by Paul Howell! Men, fathers, grandfathers, sons, grandsons, uncles, nephews join us for speaker Chris Boysen of ALSAC, the primary fundraising arm of St Jude Research Hospital, an incredibly important entity in Memphis and the U.S. Make plans to join us!

**Stepping Stones Book Club
January 5 @ 12:15 ~ Room 202**

We are reading "Between the Shades of Gray" by Rita Sepetys. This book is in the Youth Adult section of the library but it is not childish! It is the story of a Lithuanian girl and her mother as they make their way to a Siberian work camp, after capture by Soviet soldiers. It is a story of courage in the face of danger and struggle.

At the January 17th get-together of the "Crafting Moms" Small Group, we will be putting together care packages for our college-age young people for Valentine's Day. Please let Robyn Byrum know the name and address of anyone in your family that falls within that category, so we are sure to include him or her. Contact Robyn at robynbyrum2@gmail.com by January 5. Thank you!

**Small Group Ministry
Sign up for any of these groups at
bit.ly/CTKSmallGroupRSVP**

Steven and Jennifer Andrews "The Arlington Saint and Sinner Club" "Limping with God: Jacob & the Old Testament" A Guide to Discipleship At the Andrews' home, 6290 Burren Way, Arlington 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm.

Robyn Byrum "Crafting Moms"

For moms of teens and college-age students. Meet bi-monthly. Next gathering: January 17. Bring a snack to share. Create seasonal crafts and also care packages for college students. Discussion of parenting of teens, fellowship, Christ-centered empathy.

Jim Devan – Woodworking and Nehemiahs

Woodworking: Meets Thursday nights at 7:00pm in the Nehemiah workshop. Both novice and experienced woodworkers. Learn, teach, create!

Nehemiahs: Meets every Tuesday, 8:00am. Projects around campus. Devotion with lunch provided.

Billy & Carol Kutteh Rotating leaders on a topic chosen by the group. Fourth Saturday of the month beginning January 25, 7:00pm. Kuttehs’ home. Contact Carol Kutteh, cckutteh@yahoo.com.

Ashley Tieman – Homeschool Moms of CTK. If you are currently homeschooling or considering homeschooling in the future, this group will offer encouragement, support, and resources Meets once a month for lunch at various locations.

Michael Salzgeber and Lisa Bough “The Olive Branch Outpost” “Church History in Plain Language” by Bruce Shelley. Will meet 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00-8:30pm. 7990 Glenn View Cove, Olive Branch.

Pastor Matt’s Group For 20’s and 30’s The 2nd week of each month at 6:00pm. Varying locations. For more information, contact Pastor Matt, pastormatt@ctkmemphis.com.

Exciting New App Feature! Have you often wished you could reflect further on Sunday's sermon? And share your reflections with others? Now you can! A new feature on CTK's App called "Sermon Discussion Guide" presents a series of questions, key takeaways, and prayer to help you dive deeper into the previous sermon's topics and then share your thoughts with your friends, if you choose. It's a great tool for self-study as well. A new guide will appear every Monday. Find the tab on the front page of CTK's App!

Advent Schedule

Please join us each week - on Sunday mornings
and Wednesday evenings - as we prepare for the
celebration of the birth of our Savior.

Mid-Week Advent Service ~ December 11
Dinner 6:00pm ~ Worship 7:00pm

Third Sunday in Advent ~ December 15
Choral Lessons & Carols

Mid-Week Advent Service ~ December 18
Children's Christmas Program
Dinner 6:00pm ~ Worship 7:00pm



**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
6:00pm & 11:00pm**

Christmas Day Service ~ 10:00am

New Year's Eve Quiet Communion ~ 6:00-7:30pm