



## Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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### Lessons and Carols for Christmas: Savior, Christ, Lord

Sunday, December 31, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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#### Prelude

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (arr. Thompson & Jordan)

#### Welcome

The angel said to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord”

*(Luke 2:10-11).*

As we gather we hear again the good news the angels proclaimed: God has come for all people through the birth of the one named Jesus. Through Bethlehem’s manger God comes into the chaos, messiness, and vulnerability of the world. In all things and at all times, we rejoice that God comes to save us and reigns in love. We come to adore Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord.

#### Confession and Forgiveness

Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God’s forgiveness, grace, and love. *(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus. —————> **Forgive our lack of faith and trust.**

Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable. —————> **Forgive our neglect of the poor.**

The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem. —> **Forgive our selfishness and complacency.**

With great joy the angels proclaimed, “Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” In ☩ Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven. May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed, God’s forgiveness is good news of great joy! **Amen.**

#### Gathering Carol

“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

#275 vs. 1, 2 & 3

#### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who is Savior and Lord, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

#### Canticle of Praise

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

#289

#### Prayer of the Day

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**“For unto you is born a *Savior*, who is Christ, the Lord”**

**Lesson:** Isaiah 12:2-6

**Response:** *O come, all ye faithful* (refrain only) #283

**Lesson:** Matthew 1:18-21

**Carol** *“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”* #272 1, 2 & 4

**“For unto you is born a Savior, who is *Christ*, the Lord”**

**Lesson:** Isaiah 61:1-3, 11

**Response:** *O come, all ye faithful* (refrain only) #283

**Lesson:** John 1:19-23, 29-34

**Carol** *“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”* #276

**“For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord”**

**Lesson:** Isaiah 6:1-8

**Response:** *O come, all ye faithful* (refrain only) #283

**Lesson:** Luke 1:26-35

**Carol** *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* #279, vs. 1, 2 & 4

**Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Offering and Announcements**

**Offertory Carol** *“Love Has Come”* #292 vs. 1 & 3

**Prayers of the Church**

Hospitalized/ill: *Jessica Fischer, Ashlea West, Judith Glembin, Mark Mandery, Kevin Stark, Makenna McDonnell, Jack Pereira, Matt Schlaht-Friend of Rachel & Jesse Hauck, Ric Holmquest, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler,*

Death: *Kenneth Bailly, Brian Keiser*

**Lord’s Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## Blessing

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the everlasting peace of Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord.

Almighty God, Father,  $\dagger$  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sending Carol

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

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## Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve our Savior, Christ, and Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Canticle of Joy (Bach, arr. Thompson)

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## Serving This Morning

**Preaching:** Pastor Dan Overbo; **Organist:** AJ Sherrill; **Sound & Projection:** Zach Stanton & Pete Juba;

**Usher:** Darwin Brinkman, **Lector:** Marian Neshiem; **Welcome Center:** Barb Frentz;

## THE WEEKLY WORD- ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

#### Boxed Cereal & Peanut Butter

As you go grocery shopping, please consider picking up a couple extras to donate. Drop these items off at LCOOR and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



### DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

#### LCOOR Care Fund

Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!



### ENROLLING NOW 2024-25

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

#### Monday-Thursday

We will fill the morning class first and if there's an interest, we will open an afternoon class. You can find an enrollment form at the Welcome Center, the Preschool classroom, or online.

\*Must be 4 by September 1, 2024. Open to all, not just LCOOR members.



### Junction Youth Group

#### 1st-4th Graders

This month we will meet on **Monday, January 8 from 6-7:30 p.m.** for fellowship, snacks, crafts & more!

**MEETS THE 1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH**

### COOKIES NEEDED

Sandwich Ministry is in need of cookies. We have cookie kits available for pick up at the Welcome Center or church office. You can also bake your own & drop them off at the church. Thank you!



### DELIVER A CARING CASSEROLE

KNOW SOMEONE WHO JUST GOT HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL? A FAMILY WHO RECENTLY HAD A BABY? A FREEZER FILLED WITH CASSEROLES IS LOCATED IN TWILA'S OFFICE. PLEASE STOP BY AND PICK UP ONE (OR TWO) AND SHARE IN THIS CARING MINISTRY.



**Sunday December 31**

No Church School

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

**Monday January 1**

Church Office Closed

Preschool Christmas Break- No School

No Sandwich Ministry

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

**Tuesday January 2**

Preschool Resumes

Preschool 2024-2025 Enrollment Begins

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

**Wednesday January 3**

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch

4:45 p.m. Community Meal- BBQ

5:30 p.m. Church School

6:30 p.m. Worship

7:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday January 4**

9:00 a.m. Quilting

1:00 p.m. Chair Yoga

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

**Friday January 5**

Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

**Saturday January 6**

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion

6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal

**Sunday January 7**

8:30 a.m. Church School

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship w/ Holy Communion

6:00 p.m. Luther League 2.0 (7-12th Grade)

**Attendance & Offering**

December 10 Live Stream- 98

Saturday, December 16- 66

Sunday, December 17- 394

Wednesday, December 20- 122

**Offering (12/17):**

General Fund: \$16,385.53; Other:

\$326.59; Mission of the Month: \$201.97

Debt Reduction: \$45;

Church School: \$11;

**Simply Giving Offering (12/11-12/15):**

General Fund: \$10,698.88; Other: \$345

Debt Reduction: \$65;

Mission of the Month: \$60

December 17 Live Stream- 142

Saturday, December 23- N/A

Sunday, December 24-

(9:30) 451; (3:30) 480; (5:30) 202;

**Offering (12/24):**

General Fund: \$9,559; Other: \$215;

Mission of the Month: \$169.68;

Debt Reduction: \$335;

Christmas: \$3,920.98;

**Simply Giving Offering (12/18-12/22):**

General Fund: \$5,192.25; Other: \$220;

Debt Reduction: \$50;

Mission of the Month: \$190;

**Staff**

Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

Associate Pastor

Laura Overbo

Welcoming & Caring Ministries

Twila Schmitt

Director of Faith Formation

Phillip Lickei

Business Manager

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