



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
120 West Gano Chance Road
Centralia, Missouri 65240

Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 23, 2018

WELCOME

Pastor Robert Kriete (vacancy)

DIVINE SERVICE (Setting Four) – Lutheran Service Book pp. 203-212

Entrance Hymn: *Insert* – “The First Noel”

Hymn of the Day: *LSB* 361 – “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Message: “”Pastor Robert Kriete

Closing Hymn: *LSB* 380 – “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5 (ESV)

Randy Simmons

²But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵And he shall be their peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men;

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 10:5-10 (ESV)

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’” ⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-56 (ESV)

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” ⁴⁶ And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.” ⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Lutheran Family & Children’s Services (LFCS) SEASON OF SHARING

They will be gathering the donations after Christmas.

LFCS has placed a Christmas tree in the church from Thanksgiving to Christmas to help the families they serve. Here’s how we can help:

1) Select ornaments from the tree, purchase the item, return it unopened and unwrapped. Place it under the tree.

2) Give a donation to them to purchase needed items. No cash please! Place your check payable to: LFCS. Place your check in an envelope on or under the tree. They will return before Christmas to pick up our gifts.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

You are welcome to bring poinsettias to decorate the altar area for Christmas. If you would like to take your poinsettias home after Christmas, please label them.

Thank you to those who have brought poinsettias to the altar in memory of their loved ones:

In Memory of: Palmer and Jeanette Stelzer

In Memory of: Bill and Mary Crump

Given by: Russell and Jacki Stelzer

In Memory of: Bill and Florence Maseman

In Memory of: John and Ruby Riedel

Given by: Hank and Judy Maseman

SUNDAY EVENTS

Confirmation Class Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 8:45-9:45 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER/JANUARY EVENTS

12.24 Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

12.25 Have a Merry Christmas (No Service)

1.2 Heritage Hall worship 3 p.m.

1.8 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

Christian Growth meeting, 6 p.m.

Elder's meeting to follow

1.10 Women's Guild, 6:30 p.m.

1.13 Church Council meeting after worship service

1.15 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

1.19 Centralia Ministerial Alliance Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m. (Hosted by Good Shepherd)

1.21 Worship Committee, 6 p.m.

1.22 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

1.27 Congregational Quarterly Meeting with potluck dinner, 11 a.m.

1.29 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

BIRTHDAYS

Palmyra Dubbert – December 28; **Gayle Billings** – December 29.

SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Bob Moss; Lois – sister of Margaret Parker; **Martha Blevins** – friend of the Gronefeld family; **Susan Harris** – recovering from a fall; **Whitley Adkisson** – 5 year old Great Granddaughter of Verda Adkisson, daughter of Johnny & Cortney Adkisson is at Women's & Children's Hospital; **Hank Maseman** – recovering at home; **Jane St. John; Bill Mahieu; Sandy Harlan; Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Joanne Bettenhausen; Michelle Smith** – Daughter of Jane St John; **Sherry Hashagen** – Aunt of Catherine Simmons; **Tracy Brownstein** – sister of Randy Simmons; **Glennon Stelzer** – uncle of Russell Stelzer and Palmyra Dubbert; **Lucas White** – cousin of Jeff Jaeger; **Norma Remmert** – sister of Ernestine Ramsey; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Mark Ramsey** – son of Ed Ramsey.

Community: Brian Flatt – undergoing treatment for Liver Cancer.

ARMED FORCES

James Wessels – grandson of John and Sherry Morse; **Brittany Macklin** – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden** – grandson of Betty Warden;

Diton J. Parker – grandson of Margaret Parker; **Thomas Teem** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Kaylyn; **Andrew Butler** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Sarah.

Community: Ray Finlay; Jeremy Mitchell; Justin Thurston.

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