



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**120 West Gano Chance Road  
Centralia, Missouri 65240**

**Second Sunday in Advent  
December 9, 2018**

## WELCOME

Pastor Robert Kriete (vacancy)

## HYMN “O Come, Little Children”

### *(Congregation)*

1. O come, little children, from cot and from hall; O come to the Manger in Bethlehem’s Stall. There meekly He lieth the Heavenly Child, So poor and so humble, so sweet and so mild.
2. The hay is His pillow, the manger His Bed; The beasts stand in wonder to gaze on His head. Yet there where He lieth, so weak and so poor, Come shepherds and wise men to kneel at His door.
3. Now “Glory to God” sing the angels on high, “And peace up upon Earth” heavenly voices reply. Then come, little children, and join in the lay That gladden the world on that first Christmas Day.

Text: Christian v. Schmidt and J.A. P. Schulz

## RESPONSIVE READING (Psalm 80:1-3)

- Pastor: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.  
**All: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.**
- Pastor: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
**All: Stir up your might and come to save us!**
- Pastor: Our Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

## CHRISTMAS MEDITATION Pastor Kriete

### WELCOME:

A blessed Christmas to you! We gather together once again to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. If I were to ask any one of the children here, “What is a major part of a birthday celebration?” one of the first answers I’m sure I would hear would be, “Presents!” Gifts are fun to receive, and some people find great satisfaction in picking out just the right present to give to someone. We are going to be talking about gifts, but not so much about gifts that are for the birthday boy, Jesus, but rather, gifts that are for all of us. Gifts that our gracious God generously gives to us through Jesus. Gifts from the manger!

## GODS GIFT FROM THE MANGER

### HYMN “Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising” (LSB 375)

#### *(Congregation)*

1. Come, your hearts and voices raising,  
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;  
Loudly sing His love amazing,  
Worthy folk of Christendom.
  
4. From the bondage that oppressed us,  
From sin’s fetters that possessed us,  
From the grief that sore distressed us,  
We, the captives, now are free.
  
5. Oh, the joy beyond expressing,  
When by faith we grasp this blessing,  
And to You we come confessing,  
That Your love has set us free.
  
6. Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us,  
From Your lowly manger cheer us,  
Gently lead us and be near us,  
Till we join Your choir above.

## GOD’S GIFT OF THE WORD

### HYMN “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord” (LSB 352)

#### *(Congregation)*

1. Let the earth now praise the Lord,  
Who has truly kept His word  
And at last to us did send  
Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.
  
2. What the father’s most desired,  
What the prophets heart inspired,  
What they longed for many a year,  
Stands fulfilled in glory here.

4. As Your coming was in peace,  
Quiet, full of gentleness,  
Let the same mind dwell in me  
Which is Yours eternally.
  
6. Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

## **GOD'S GIFT OF A KING**

### **HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angel Sing" (LSB 380)**

#### *(Congregation)*

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Chorus: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored Christ the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus our Immanuel!

Chorus: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

3. Hail, the heaven born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.

Chorus: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

## **THE GIFT OF JOY**

### **Children's Bell Choir**

## **THE GIFT OF LOVE**

### **HYMN “Now Sing We, No Rejoice” (LSB 386)**

#### ***(Congregation)***

1. Now sing we, now rejoice, now raise to heaven our voice;  
He from whom joy streameth, poor in a manger lies;  
Nor so brightly beameth, the sun in yonder skies.  
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!
3. Now through His Son doth shine, the Father’s grace divine.  
Death was reigning o’er us, through sin and vanity,  
Till He opened for us, a bright eternity.  
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!

## **THE GIFT OF HOPE**

### **HYMN “Come, O Long-Expected Jesus” (LSB 338)**

#### ***(Congregation)***

1. Come, Thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel’s strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.
2. Born Thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

## **THE GIFT OF LIGHT**

### **Children Sing “Away in a Manger”**

## **THE GIFT OF LIFE**

## THE GIFT OF PEACE

### HYMN “Silent Night” (LSB 363)

#### Children will sing verse 1

#### *(Congregation)*

2. Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!
  
3. Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love’s pure light,  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

## GATHERING OF OFFERING

## Children’s Bell Choir

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Pastor: Dear Lord Jesus, you came into this sin-sick world to be our Savior

**All: We thank you for your gift of love as the Word made flesh.**

Pastor: You show us that you are the true and only way to salvation and how we are now a new creation in you.

**All: We thank you for your gifts of light and life.**

Pastor: We rejoice with the angels that we can come before you in prayer and gladly proclaim the news of our Savior’s birth to all.

**All: We thank you for your gift of peace and joy.**

Pastor: Reign in our hearts, Lord Jesus, both now and in eternity.

**All: We thank you for your gift of hope from the newborn King.**

## Additional Prayers

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**All:** **Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN "Joy to the World" (LSB 387)**

### **Children will sing verse 1**

#### ***(Congregation)***

2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love, and wonder of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

**Following our service this morning a meal is provided for all in attendance.  
Please join us in the Fellowship Hall.**

## **NEXT SUNDAY EVENTS**

Confirmation Class: 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 EVENTS**

12.11 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

Elder's Meeting, 6 p.m.

12.12 Advent Meal at 6 pm, Service at 7p.m. (should have turkey left so bring sides & desserts)

12.17 Worship Committee, 6 p.m.

12.18 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

12.19 Advent Meal at 6 pm, Service at 7p.m. (Sr. Youth Hosting)

12.24 Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

12.25 Have a Merry Christmas (No Service)

## **POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS**

You are welcome to bring poinsettias to decorate the altar area for Christmas. If you would like your poinsettias acknowledged in memory of someone in the bulletin, please let **Starr Nadler** know by December 19. If you would like to take your poinsettias home after Christmas, please label them.

## **Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) invites you to participate in our SEASON OF SHARING**

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 the gifts.

