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The *Good News*

DECEMBER 2020

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NEWSLETTER DEVOTION

The Gospel of Luke is a narrative of the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. But the story doesn't end with Jesus rising above the clouds; He opened the minds of the apostles so they could understand the Scriptures, and commissioned them to preach the Good News about Him to all nations. So the work of Christ continues still today, as He applies the benefits of His life, death, and resurrection personally and individually in His Word and Sacraments through the ministry of the Church.

In the liturgy, the Church literally sings the Gospel of Luke in the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55), the Benedictus (1:68-79), the Gloria in Excelsis (2:14), the Nunc Dimittis following Holy Communion (2:29-32), and a portion of the Sanctus in the Eucharistic liturgy ("Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord," 19:38). The Church baptizes in God's Triune name (3:21-22), confesses faith in her Savior (9:20), prays the Lord's Prayer (11:2-4), and shares in the body and blood of Christ in His Holy Supper (22:19-20). Luke's Gospel is a narrative about Christ, but it is so much more. Through His means of grace in the Church's worship, Christ brings us into His story as well.

"The Most Wonderful Child"

The birth or adoption of a child is a joyous occasion. In the very first verses of his Gospel, Luke describes his efforts to record the joyful Christian message, which begins with the birth of two children: John the Baptist and Jesus the Christ.

Isaiah 40:3-5

A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Micah 5:2

But 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.

We hear these stories of John's birth and Christ's birth, the doubt of Zechariah, the faith of Mary. They have become our stories by faith. We retell them again and again, especially around this time of year. We are blessed with a faith that hopes in Christ's life and so we sing God's words. Sometimes silently in our hearts or through a mask but we sing his song. We tell his story, to each other and to the world. We find our hope in the one who came to save us, our Messiah, Christ the Lord.

May God richly bless you through the retelling of the story of Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection, this Advent season.

Pastor Christian



PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH



***We continue to pray for those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic: for the unemployed, first responders, doctors and nurses; we pray for protection of the elderly and those with underlying health conditions.**

We pray for the sick, injured, those undergoing and recovering from surgical procedures and those facing long term illness: Dotty, Martha, Leo, Jose, Coralee, Kathy, Lu, Carl, Randy, Gabi, Vivian, Karen, Joyce, Linda, Trudy, Bill R., Bill O., Scarlett, Laurie, Audrey, Dan, Linda, Heather, Monica, Troy, Peter, Parker, Annie, Summy

We pray for God's protection for all military personnel throughout the world, especially: Brian, Timothy, Malcolm, Ricardo, Anthony, Phillip, Roger, Andrew, Dylan, Antonio, and Scott.

We pray for these and all our brothers and sisters in Christ!



THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the following people for helping decorate the church for Christmas and setting up the Nativity Scene: Janelle, Chuck, Marcy, Lorraine, Lester, Ruth, Mark, Brian, Joe & Anne, Samuel, Mike, Takako, Jerry, Pastor Rasmussen, Matthew, Phillip, Nelda, Sherry, Stephanie, In addition, from the Waikiki Beach gathering, thanks to Pastor Brady, BLU, Abbey and Brian, a friend of ORLC.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER



Marcy Reginelli
Nellie Miller
Carol Reiss
Laurelin Casey

Dolores O'Heron (100 yrs)
Anne Krakowiak
Roger Koopman

100 YEARS!!!

It's Dolores O'Heron's 100th birthday in the first full week of December. Wouldn't it be wonderful to send her birthday greetings, especially since we are unable to visit her nor celebrate it with her in person because of COVID-19 restrictions. Her address is in the church directory, but if you don't have it, just contact the church office (email or call). Let's all wish her a

“HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DOLORES!!”

We will continue to gather on Sunday mornings at 9 am and 10:30 am. We will be offering Zoom live at the 9 am service. We need to keep a balance between the services as we have limited capacity at each service to follow the guidelines for Hawaii.

We are asking everyone to let us know which service you plan to attend.

This helps us as we prepare the worship space and also helps the Worship Care Committee prepare for communion. We truly appreciate your cooperation!

You will be sent a link by email. Please see the Administrative Assistant if you have not received the link.

Click on the link; select a time; click on button “Submit and sign up”; Enter your name; Quantity (number of persons); Click on button “Sign up now”

**If you need assistance, please phone the office 946-4223 or send an email:
office@ourredeemerlutheran.us**

We are so pleased to see more people returning to “in-person” worship. Thank you for helping us follow the guidelines set for us.

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 2020

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| December 6 | Is. 40:1-11 | Psalm 85 | 2 Peter 3:8-14 |
| December 13 | Is. 61:1-4, 8-11 | Psalm 126 | 1 Thess. 5:16-24 |
| December 20 | 2 Sam. 7:1-11, 16 | Psalm 89:1-5 | Rom. 16:25-27 |
| December 24 | Is. 7:10-14 | Psalm 110:1-4 | 1 John 4:7-16 |
| December 25 | Is. 62:10-12 | Psalm 98 | Titus 3:4-7 |
| December 27 | Is. 61:10-62:3 | Psalm 111 | Gal. 4:4-7 |

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary in Nov. 2021. Planning is already underway and one of the proposed items will be a “memory” booklet including submissions from congregation members. If you have any stories/anecdotes/memories about ORLC, you are asked to write about these in 100 words (or less).

Submissions should be sent/given to the church office and marked: attention Anniversary Committee. You are also encouraged to submit any photos related to church activities from the years 1996-2020.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2020

Worship Care: Nelda Peterson and Marcy Reginelli

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| December 6, 2020 | 2nd Sunday in Advent | |
| | 9:00 AM | 10:30 AM |
| Assistants | Max Hardoby | Joe Krakowiak |
| Lectors | Nellie Miller | Iliana Dorazio |
| Ushers | Matthew Schlechte | Anne Krakowiak |
| December 9, 2020 | Advent Midweek Service | |
| Lectors | Phillip Rappe | |
| December 13, 2020 | 3rd Sunday in Advent | |
| | 9:00 AM | 10:30 AM |
| Assistants | Henry Kuhn II | Joe Krakowiak |
| Lectors | Bryan Gramenz | Sam Krakowiak |
| Ushers | Lester Pelletier | Anne & Sam Krakowiak |
| December 16, 2020 | Advent Midweek Service | |
| Lectors | Lorine Pelletier | |
| December 20, 2020 | 4th Sunday in Advent | |
| | 9:00 AM | 10:30 AM |
| Assistants | Max Hardoby | Henry Kuhn II |
| Lectors | Andrew Casey | BonnieJo Alle |
| Ushers | Matthew Schlechte | Lester Pelletier |
| December 24, 2020 | The Nativity of Our Lord | |
| | 4:00 PM | 7:00 PM |
| Assistants | Jerry Groth | Tony Dorazio |
| Lectors | Andrew Casey | Iliana Dorazio |
| Ushers | Lester Pelletier | Tom Windsor |
| December 25, 2020 | The Nativity of Our Lord | |
| Assistants | Phillip Rappe | |
| Lectors | BonnieJo Alle | |

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 Bible Study: 10:00 am Mid-week Advent Service: 7:00 pm | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Divine Service: 9:00 am-- (available on Zoom) Divine Service: 10:30 am | 7 | 8 | 9 Bible Study: 10:00 am Mid-week Advent Service: 7:00 pm | 10 Bd or Prop. Mgmt: 10:00 am | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Divine Service: 9:00 am-- (available on Zoom) Divine Service: 10:30 am Bd of Finance: 12:00 noon | 14 Bd of Spiritual Life: 6:30 pm | 15 | 16 Bible Study: 10:00 am Mid-week Advent Service: 7:00 pm | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Divine Service: 9:00 am-- (available on Zoom) Divine Service: 10:30 am Bd of Finance: 12:00 noon | 21 | 22 | 23 Bible Study: 10:00 am | 24 Christmas Eve Divine Service: 4:00 pm-- (available on Zoom) Christmas Eve Divine Service: 7:00 pm | 25 Christmas Day Divine Service: 9:00 am | 26 |
| 27 Divine Service: 9:00 am-- (available on Zoom) Divine Service: 10:30 am | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pastor **The Rev. Christian J. Rasmussen**
Pastor to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church **The Rev. William Pierce**

Administrative Assistant:
Director of Music:
Trumpet:

Jerry Groth
Karl Bachman
Roger Koopman
Jillian Madanay

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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