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11 am



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



# Gethsemane

## Lutheran Church

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A special welcome to our visitors! We're glad to have you with us this morning. We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and song.

**WE LOVE FAMILIES!** Your children are welcome in our service no matter how much noise they make. Thanks for bringing them to hear the message of Jesus.

**NURSERY:** There is a staffed nursery after the Children's Message. Have your children meet the nursery workers in back after the lesson is over. You can pick them up in the fellowship hall after worship.

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**RESTROOMS:** Located in back and in the fellowship hall.

**CONNECT WITH US:** Please fill out the connection card located in the back of the pew in front of you with as much information as you feel comfortable. Thank you for worshipping with us.

**FELLOWSHIP:** Please join us for snacks and fellowship after the service. It's a great opportunity to get to know our family a little better (and for us to get to know you)!

**INFO AREA.** Say hi to Pastor after worship, ask questions about our church community, and grab information to look at later.



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# Opening Song

*(please stand)*

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

Kent Reeder

**Savior of the nations, come;  
Virgin's Son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.**

**Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child  
Of the virgin undefiled,  
Though by all the world disowned,  
Yet to be in heav'n enthroned!**

**From the Father's throne he came  
And ascended to the same,  
Captive leading death and hell  
High the song of triumph swell!**

*(repeat 2x)*

**Oh Savior of all nations come  
Make here your home today  
Oh Wondrous birth, Oh Wondrous child  
Fill this place, we pray.**

**Praise to God the Father sing,  
Praise to God the Son, our King,  
Praise to God the Spirit be  
Ever and eternally.**

# We Confess Our Sins and Hear God's Promise of Forgiveness <sup>1</sup>

P: Brothers & sisters, Scripture says that "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," (Romans 6:23) It also reminds us that "The wages of sin is death." (Romans 3:23) In short, sin is a big deal.

Unfortunately, we cannot hide our sin. As Scripture teaches, "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." (Hebrews 4:13) Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Have mercy on me, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Cleanse me. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. (Psalm 51)**

P: Brothers & sisters, Scripture says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just; he will forgive us all of our sins." (1 John 1:9) This is because: "Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and he was raised to life for our justification." (Romans 4:25) God did this because "He so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) Go, then, in the peace of God's forgiveness.

**C: Alleluia!**

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<sup>1</sup>Not that a pastor has the ability to forgive sins on his own, but Jesus tells his disciples: If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven (Jn. 20:23) In other words, as Christians we pass on to each other the message of the Gospel with full confidence that it is truth: We have forgiveness of sins because of Jesus.

## Song of Praise

## *Comfort, Comfort, All My People* Koine Music

*(SOLO:)*

Speak to all Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them  
Tell them that their sins I cover That their warfare now is over.

**Comfort, comfort all my people “Speak of peace,” so says our God  
Comfort those who sit in darkness Groaning from their sorrows’ load  
Speak to all Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them  
Tell them that their sins I cover That their warfare now is over.**

**All their sins their God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeed.  
All that well deserve his anger He know nor will see or heed.  
They have suffered many a day. Now their griefs have passed away.  
God will change their aching sadness Into ever springing gladness**

**John the Baptist's voice is crying In the desert far and near,  
Calling people to repentance For the kingdom now is here.  
Oh, 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.**

**Straighten out the crooked highway; Make the rougher places plain.  
Let your hearts be true and humble, Ready for his holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is spread abroad,  
And all flesh shall see the token That his word is never broken.**

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.  
The zeal of the LORD Almighty  
will accomplish this.

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?  
Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD strong and mighty,  
the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?  
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

## The Gospel

Luke 11:33-36

*(please stand)*

<sup>33</sup> “No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light. <sup>34</sup> Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are healthy, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are unhealthy, your body also is full of darkness. <sup>35</sup> See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness. <sup>36</sup> Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you.”

## We Confess Our Faith in God

*The Nicene Creed<sup>2</sup>*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*(be seated)*



After the children's lesson, a staffed nursery is available.  
Meet the nursery workers in back, and they will take the  
kids to the playroom. You can pick them up at any time.

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<sup>2</sup> The Nicene Creed has been used by Christians for centuries in order to confess their belief in the All-Powerful God in the way that Scripture reveals him.

## Song of the Day

*O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild*  
Kent Reeder

**O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!  
For sinners you became a child.  
You came from heaven to fulfill  
Your Father's just and holy will.  
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!**

**O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!  
With God we now are reconciled.  
You have for all the ransom paid,  
Your Father's righteous anger stayed.  
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!**

**O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!  
Joy fills the world which sin defiled.  
Whate'er we have belongs to you;  
Oh, keep us faithful, strong, and true.  
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!**

# The Message

## *The Light Shines in Our Hearts*

Ephesians 5:8-14

### **Ephesians 5:8a**

<sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

*All humans hearts are naturally \_\_\_\_\_.*

*The difference between Scrooge and me:*

*Paying attention to Verb Tenses:*

### **Ephesians 5:8b-9**

Live as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth).

*Lights that are receiving proper power tend to \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Christians that receive Christ's power ~~tend to~~ \_\_\_\_\_.*

### **Ephesians 5:10-13**

Find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

*Lessons in Shining:*

1)

2)

*Paying special attention to things that are \_\_\_\_\_.*

3)

### **Ephesians 5:14**

<sup>14</sup> This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine in you.”

*A Final Encouragement:*

## Sermon Response

*Create in Me*

*(please stand)*

**P:** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*(be seated)*



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## New Member Welcome

Adrienne Fouts  
Cheryl Mason  
Shannon and Kennedy Mosher

*(please stand)*

## Prayer of the Church

Spoken by the Pastor

### The 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 Words of Institution <sup>3</sup>

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and give it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to all of his disciples, saying, "Drink from it all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you, for the forgiveness of all of your sins. Do this, whenever you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

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<sup>3</sup>We practice "Close" communion. If you are a guest, please speak with pastor before communing.



## Communion Song

## *Mary Did You Know?*

**Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
will one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
will save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy  
has come to make you new?  
This child that you've delivered,  
will soon deliver you.**

**Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
will calm a storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy  
has walked where angels trod,  
And when you kiss your little baby,  
you have kissed the face of God?**

**The blind will see, the deaf will hear  
and the dead will live again,  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak  
the praises of the Lamb.**

**Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy  
is heaven's perfect Lamb,  
This sleeping child you're holding  
is the great I AM?**



## We Give Thanks to God

*Song of Simeon*

*(please stand)*

P: Lord, now you let your servant  
depart in peace  
according to your word.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared before  
the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of your people Israel.

## The Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen!**

*(be seated)*

## Closing Song

## *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

Chris Tomlin

In the bleak mid-winter, all creation groans  
For a world in darkness, frozen like a stone  
Light is breaking, in a stable  
For a throne

### ***REFRAIN***

*And he shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
And he shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
Unto us a child is born  
The King of kings and Lord of lords  
And he shall reign forevermore, forevermore*

From the heights of heaven  
Christ did travel far.  
Because I am a sinner,  
I couldn't do my part.  
But poor as I am  
He brings joy into my heart

### ***REFRAIN***

Here within a manger lies  
The one who made the starry skies  
This baby born for sacrifice  
Christ, the Messiah  
Into our hopes, into our fears  
The Savior of the world appears  
The promise of eternal years  
Christ, the Messiah

He shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
He shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
He shall reign forevermore, forevermore

And he shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
Unto us a child is born  
The King of kings and Lord of lords  
And he shall reign forevermore, forevermore

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in celebration of  
Hank & Linh Bibb's Anniversary.*

- **Bible Basics** is the perfect class for newcomers and if you want to refresh your faith. Sessions are Mondays from 7-9p & Saturdays from 10a-Noon. Contact [gardenpastor@gmail.com](mailto:gardenpastor@gmail.com) if interested.
- **Small Groups** will be meeting throughout the preparations for Christmas. Sign up now at [GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups](http://GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups) to find a group near you.
- **Christmas at the Garden.** Check out the various Christmas events that are on the way over the next couple of weeks. Go to [GatherToTheGarden.com/christmas-at-the-garden](http://GatherToTheGarden.com/christmas-at-the-garden).
- **Poinsettias!** Continuing this week, poinsettias will be available for purchase. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway for anyone wanting to beautify our altar for Christmas. Ten red poinsettias have been ordered and they will be \$8.95 each. Checks can be made out to GELC flower fund.

## Thanks to those who served this week . . . December 9, 2018

<b>Music 9am</b> .....	Ryan Diggs
<b>Music 11am</b> .....	Jon Fricke
<b>Ushers 9am</b> .....	Tanir Mathson, Conrad Simon
<b>Ushers 11am</b> .....	Chris Davis, Tim Fisher
<b>Nursery 9am</b> .....	Carly DeGrange
<b>Nursery 11am</b> .....	Dana Wimsatt, Anna Pina
<b>Fellowship 9am</b> .....	Terry Witz, Diane Latorre
<b>Fellowship 11 am</b> .....	Carly DeGrange, Janell Pool
<b>Counters</b> .....	Charlie Schultz, Linh Bibb

Please check the weekly *eGazette* for the upcoming serving schedule.  
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**Don't forget to Check into Gethsemane on Facebook!**  
It's a great way to let friends know about our Savior & the work he's doing here.