Fourth Sunday in Advent December 24, 2023 "The child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God."



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USHERS	Jimmy Herrod,
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ALTAR CARE	Kaye Meins, Phyllis Dunger
COUNTERS	Joyce Anne Green, Charleen Weathers

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The **Nursery** is located in the education building on the west end of the building. The **Cry Room** is located off the narthex area with a window looking into the church, a changing table, and a crib are located in this room. Both areas have speakers so you may hear the service.

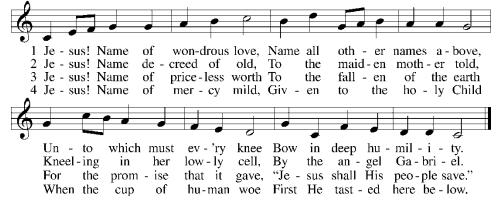
WE WELCOME YOU in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you are a guest, please sign our guest book by the outside entrance. May God bless your worship here today!

Communion Note

The Lord's Supper is a gift of Christ given to those who He has called as His own. It is a gift that He instructs His family to use with care. It is for all baptized Christians who confess their sins, see Christ's forgiveness in the true body and blood of Christ they receive with the bread and wine. If you share this oneness of faith, please commune with us. If you have any questions, please speak with our pastor. Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of each tray for those people with special needs.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT Royal Promises December 24, 2023

OPENING HYMN 900 JESUS! NAME OF WONDROUS LOVE



5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n Under all the mighty heav'n Whereby those to sin enslaved Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above; Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 89:1*

- Pastor I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;
- People with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness,
- All to all generations.

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the A Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Psalm 89:5

- Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Pastor: "Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness in the assembly of

the holy ones!"

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the I Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

₩ WORD ₩

INTROIT *1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47*

- Pastor My soul magnifies the Lord,
- People and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
- Pastor My mouth derides my enemies,
- People because I rejoice in your salvation.
- Pastor "There is none holy like the Lord; there is none besides you;
- People There is no rock like our God.
- Pastor The barren has borne seven,
- People but she who has many children is forlorn.
- Pastor The Lord kills and brings to life;
- People He brings down to Sheol and raises up.
- Pastor The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
- People He brings low and he exalts.
- ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.
- Pastor My soul magnifies the Lord,
- People and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

KYRIE 342 "WHAT HOPE! AN EDEN PROPHESIED"



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SALUTATION

- Pastor The Lord be with you.
- People And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray. O Lord, You fulfilled Your promise to Mary that she would conceive in her womb and bear the Son of the Most High,

- People grant that we would hold fast to all Your promises in certain confidence of Your faithfulness;
- Pastor through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- People Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16*("Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever.")

¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." ³And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.

¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 16:25-27* ("To the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ!")

²⁵Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith– ²⁷to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.





HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38 (The angel appears to Mary.)

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

People Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel,

People "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

- Pastor And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said,
- People "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."
- Pastor And the angel departed from her.
- Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- People Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY 855 FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN





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YOUNG PEOPLES MESSAGE

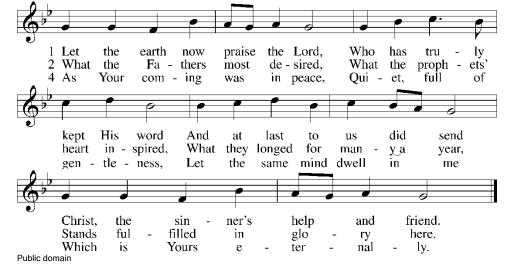
SERMON Luke 1:26-38 "The Grand Announcement"

CREED Nicene Creed

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life $mathbf{B}$ of the world to come. Amen.



OFFERING/OFFERTORY 352 LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us come before our Lord in prayer, asking Him to hear our prayer and grant us love. Lord of love, during this season of Advent, prepare our hearts that we would be made ready to receive Your Son as He comes in His incarnation and birth, but also

in His body and blood. Make us ever ready for His final coming on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer and grant us love.

Pastor: Lord of love, You have called Your Church to bear witness to Christ's redeeming work. Grant that we boldly proclaim the Good News of the One who brings joy to the world through His life, death, and resurrection, that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer and grant us love.

Pastor: Lord of love, You have instructed us to pray for workers in your harvest field. Raise up faithful and loving teachers of Your Word so that Christ may be proclaimed near and far. Make us Your instruments to encourage and equip individuals for work in Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer and grant us love.

Pastor: Lord of love, we ask that You stretch forth Your almighty arm to protect the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces of our land. Support them, granting them courage and loyalty. Strengthen them to serve with integrity and honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer and grant us love.

Pastor: Lord of love, You are the creator and sustainer of all things. According to Your will, grant healing to those who suffer in body and mind. Look with favor upon Your servants, [especially . . .], and if it is Your will, restore them to health, or give them grace to accept tribulation, knowing that Your grace is sufficient for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer and grant us love.

Pastor: Lord of love, thank You for calling us to be Your people through Holy Baptism. Make us ready to receive Your Supper as we remember the One who is truly present in this Meal as He comes to us in Holy Communion. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer and grant us love.

- Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and Your promise to hear us for the sake of the One in whose name we come, Your Son, Jesus Christ.
- People: Amen.

PREFACE

- Pastor The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
- People And also with you.
- Pastor Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]
- People We lift them to the Lord.
- Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]
- People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You fulfilled Your promise of a Savior by sending Your Son to be David's greater Son, who rules and reign over all things for ever and ever. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You sent Your Son to be born of a virgin in fulfillment of Your Word and promises. Not only did You fulfill Your promises and prophecies in Jesus' conception and birth, but also in His death and resurrection so that, in faith, we have salvation.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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People Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

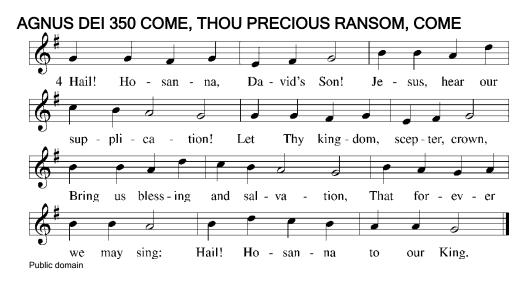
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

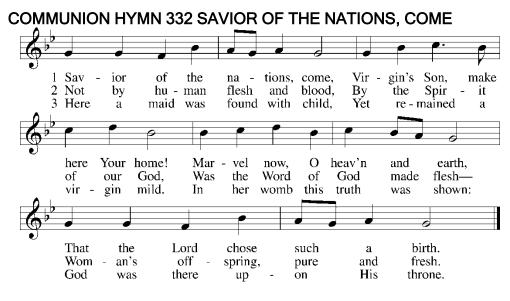
Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ₱ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ₱ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

- Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- People Amen.







8 Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king, Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

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COMMUNION HYMN 353 JESUS CAME, THE HEAVENS ADORING



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- Pastor Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that Your promises have been fulfilled among us today. Give us joy in knowing that the same One who became flesh in the Virgin's womb still comes to us today in His body and blood at this altar; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- People Amen.

BENEDICTION Psalm 89:1

Pastor I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;

People with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness

All to all generations.

SENDING HYMN 370 WHAT CHILD IS THIS



AS WE DEPART

King David is the best known of all of Israel's kings. Under David's reign, the kingdom grew and flourished. Even generations later would look back and view the days of King David as the "Golden Age" of Israel. In today's Old Testament Reading, a promise is made to David: "And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before Me. Your throne shall be established forever" (*2 Samuel 7:16*). But in this greater kingdom, this eternal kingdom, it's not King David who will reign on the everlasting throne—it's King Jesus. Jesus, the descendant of David, is greater than David and will have a never-ending reign. It's the coming of this King of kings that we prepare to celebrate.

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PRAYERS

Please remember these people in your personal prayers.

Members with health concerns:

Jeanette Bunting	Millie Kroll	Lloyd Wessels
Pete Smykla	JP Dunger	Melodie Bradley
Don Richter	Dorothy Herrod	Kimberly Brinkerhoff
Zac Dodge	Siri Richter	Joann Wessels Rook
Mike McKenzie	Sherry Reed	

Judy Wellenberger, pneumonia and blood infection Pat Baughman's brother-in-law Mel Grimes, RSV Carolyn Sullivan, friend of Pat Baughman's, pneumonia Chad Hall, friend of Pat Baughman's son Jeff, who had surgery to remove a brain tumor Gene Forrest, recovering from shoulder surgery Danny Forrest, heart problems Carroll Sanders, friend of Pat Baughman, in burn unit in VA Hospital in Little Rock Randy Thorpe, Cathy Webb's brother, recovering from open heart surgery and CLL (Leukemia) Kasen Harris, Grandson of Carol Michael's best friend, health concerns Candace Hogue, lung cancer William Hogue, Betty Bennett Carter Johnson's son-in-law, major stroke James Marshall-Jernigan, Chronic Myeloid Leukemia Emmett Jernigan - healing from colon surgery Desiree Kuhs, friend of Melodie Bradley, brain tumor and a rare disease called Wegners Melodie Bradley's cousin, Lindsay, cancer David Witt, cousin of Bill Witt, cancer Kathryn Lincecum, daughter of Siri & Don Richter-heart & health concerns Lisa Sayers, mother of missing daughter Sam, has breast cancer for the 3rd time Prayers for people needing silent prayer requests. Prayers for the Sayers family for answers, on their missing daughter Sam Vanessa Upton, friend of Lynne Russell's, metastatic breast cancer, spot on her lung, getting treatment. Rev. Michael Harnack Pastor in Burbank Cal. Has been diagnosed with an autoimmune disease called CIDP Dan & Betty Rice Monte Coleman, health concerns Prayers for those on our hearts

Care givers - For the family and friends who provide care and support for the ill and shut-ins. For our congregations, our members, our nation, all Military and their families, 1st Responders, Firemen, Police and for Pine Bluff, all those around the world in need of prayers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our worship video:

Worship service on https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnkah2JqGwLDiudmTBDQaGQ

Tonight at 6:30 is our Christmas Eve Worship

10:00 Monday, Christmas Day worship

It is time for the Lutheran Witness subscriptions to be renewed. The church pays for the subscription, and we ask the members to make a donation towards the subscriptions. The cost is still \$15.00

Flower sign-up sheets for 2024 are on the table in the Narthex. Price will be \$35.00 in 2024

2024 Calendars from Ralph Robinson Funeral Home are available for pickup on the table in the Narthex.

Pictures for our new photo directory are taking place on Sundays. If you cannot make it on a given Sunday, make arrangements with Pastor or Donna to have one done during the week.

Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Thank You!



In His Service This Week December 24th–December 31st

Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

10:45 Worship w/communion

6:30 Christmas Eve worship/communion

Sunday, December 31st, 1st Sunday after Christmas

10:45 Worship with Communion

Text for next Sund	lay - Is. 61:10-62:3 Gal. 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40
Attendance: SS/A	ABC - 20 Worship: - 39

Online - 5

The Flowers that grace our altar this morning are provided by families "Christmas Poinsettias"

