

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Nov. 28 – Dec 3

Mon Luke 1:68-75 Zacharias, filled with the Holy Spirit, stands on the threshold of the new covenant age and praises God for bringing the salvation promised of old. The deliverance now at hand will enable God's people to serve Him without fear in holiness all their days.

Tues Luke 1:76-79 After praising God for visiting and redeeming His people (v68ff), Zacharias turns to his newborn son John, who will prepare the way of the Lord, who is coming to save His people through the forgiveness of their sins. Following John will come the Dayspring to give light to those in darkness and in the shadow of death. Peace with God is at hand!

Wed Hebrews 10:19-22 Through the coming of the Dayspring from on high, we receive access to God at all times and in all places. Therefore let us draw near with a true heart, fully assured in our hearts that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin, and we stand before Him washed by water and the Word (Baptism).

Thurs Hebrews 10:23-25 We are encouraged to hold fast the confession of our hope, not because our holding fast accomplishes our salvation, but because He who promised is faithful (v23). May we use our meeting together to stir one another to love and good works, encouraging each other in view of the Day of Christ's coming.

Fri Jeremiah 31:31-34 The prophet looks forward to the days of which the Zacharias would sing (Lk1:68-79). The new covenant, based on forgiveness, will put God's law in the heart, so that His people's earnest desire will be to walk in it. They shall all know the LORD, for He will be their dear Father through the Savior from sin.

Sat Isaiah 61:1-3 The coming Savior is described by the LORD's prophet in terms of riches, healing, freedom, comfort, gladness, and praise! All this would come from the LORD's Anointed in place of the poverty, captivity, sorrow and death that seemed so permanent in the prophet's day. Isaiah looked forward to the same Savior's coming that we do in Advent.

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Songs & SILENCE



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Songs and Silence

Advent is a time of preparation. A common preparation of Advent comes in the form of Christmas songs. Christmas tunes fill the airwaves this time of year, and we all have a few favorite go-tos. However, silence is also an important tool during our Advent preparations. This is a time of year to silence our thoughts and mediate on God's Word. This Advent, we'll be making use of both Songs and Silence. On the four Sundays of Advent we will be considering the four songs of Christmas. During our Wednesday morning services we will be considering three lessons of silence.

✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #66

"Hark the Glad Sound"

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Confession of Our Sins

P Pastor

G Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

G **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

G **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us pray.

G **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

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The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

G **♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.**

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #72

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

G **♪ Amen, amen, a – men.**

Hymn: TLH #52

"Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

CLC Call News Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN, **has returned** the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA. + Pastor Bruce Naumann of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, **is still considering** the call to to serve as the CLC's Third Foreign Missionary. + Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, **is still considering** the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL.

November 20th Offerings:	\$ 1,866.75
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,607.69
General Fund Balance	\$21,248.04
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$28,723.26
Total Cash All Funds	\$65,307.14

Songs and Silence Schedule (Wednesday worship at 9:30 am)

Nov. 27	Nov. 30	Dec. 4	Dec. 7	Dec. 11	Dec. 14	Dec. 18
Song of Elizabeth	Silence of Zechariah	Song of Mary	Silence of Mary	Song of Zechariah	Silence of Satan	Song of Angels

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Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

I BELIEVE...

**in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and
buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again
from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the
Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn: TLH #291

"Lamp of Our Feet"

Luke 1:39-45

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."

"Elizabeth, How did You Know?"

- I. That Mary had been blessed?
- II. That Mary's Child was the Blessed One?
- III. That God's promises would be fulfilled?



Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

- P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Response

TLH 68:5

G ♪ **All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One, Through all eternity.**

The Introit

Ps. 135:1-5, 13

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD,
- G** **Who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!**
- P** Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to His name, for it is pleasant!
- G** **For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel as His own possession.**
- P** For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.
- G** **Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.**
- P** Your name, O LORD, endures forever, your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

- P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Genesis 18:1-15

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰ The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵ But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

2 Timothy 1:1-7

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² 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, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ 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. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.