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**1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT NOVEMBER 27, 2022**  
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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME**

**HYMN: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" (Use alternate tune LSB #442)**

O Lord, how shall I meet You,  
How welcome You aright?  
Your people long to greet You,  
My hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, Lord most holy,  
Your lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly  
All that may please You best.

Love caused Your incarnation;  
Love brought You down to me.  
Your thirst for my salvation  
Procured my liberty.  
Oh, love beyond all telling,  
That led You to embrace  
In love, all love excelling,  
Our lost and fallen race.

Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
Cannot His love erase;  
Your guilt the Lord will pardon  
And cover by His grace.  
He comes, for you procuring  
The peace of sin forgiv'n,  
His children thus securing  
Eternal life in heav'n.

He comes to judge the nations,  
A terror to His foes,  
A light of consolations  
And blessed hope to those  
Who love the Lord's appearing.  
O glorious Sun, now come,  
Send forth Your beams so cheering,  
And guide us safely home.

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**INVOCATION**



## **ADVENT PROPHECY: Isaiah 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: <sup>2</sup> In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. <sup>3</sup> Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. <sup>5</sup> Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:**

Pastor: As we light the first candle on our Advent wreath,

**People: We recall with thanksgiving the vivid and courageous words and actions of the prophets.**

Pastor: Called by God and overtaken by the Word,

**People: They spoke forth God's truth and pointed to the coming of the Messiah.**

Pastor: Their words still call us to faith and action.

## **HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (LSB #357)**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

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## **CONFESSION OF SIN:**

Pastor: We are called to repent of our sins and trust in Christ for forgiveness.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we gratify the desires of our sinful nature. We have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions. We have walked in the darkness of sin rather than in Your light. For the sake of Jesus, our Savior, who has come and is coming again, forgive us. Amen**

## **HYMN: "A Great and Mighty Wonder" (LSB #383)**

**A great and mighty wonder,  
A full and holy cure:  
The virgin bears the infant  
With virgin honor pure!  
Proclaim the Savior's birth:  
"To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth!"**

**The Word becomes incarnate  
And yet remains on high,  
And cherubim sing anthems  
To shepherds from the sky.  
Proclaim the Savior's birth:  
"To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth!"**

**Since all He comes to ransom,  
By all be He adored,  
The infant born in Bethle'm,  
The Savior and the Lord.  
Proclaim the Savior's birth:  
"To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth!"**

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**PRAYER: (Spoken together, from Psalm 119:105-112)**

**<sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. <sup>106</sup>I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws. <sup>107</sup>I have suffered much; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word. <sup>108</sup>Accept, O LORD, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws. <sup>109</sup>Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law. <sup>110</sup>The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts. <sup>111</sup>Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. <sup>112</sup>My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.**

**OLD TESTAMEN READING: Genesis 1:1-8**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. <sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." <sup>7</sup>So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

**EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 5:8-15**

<sup>8</sup>For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup>and 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>For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." <sup>15</sup>Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,

## CHILDREN'S LESSON

**SONG: "Sing to the King" (*Billy Foote, Charles Horne*)**

**Sing to the King Who is coming to reign  
Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain  
Life and salvation His empire shall bring  
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King  
Come let us sing a song  
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus  
He is all we need  
Lift up a heart of praise  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus  
Sing to the King**

**For His returning we watch and we pray  
We will be ready the dawn of that day  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed  
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.  
Come let us sing a song  
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus  
He is all we need  
Lift up a heart of praise  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus  
Sing to the King**

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**SERMON: John 8:12-21 "The Light of God"**

## OFFERING

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

**BLESSING: (*Adapted from Romans 15:4-6*)**

**Pastor: Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us,**

**People: So that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.**

**Pastor: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus,**

**People: So that with one heart and mouth we may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**HYMN: "Savior of the Nations, Come" (LSB #332)**

**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.**

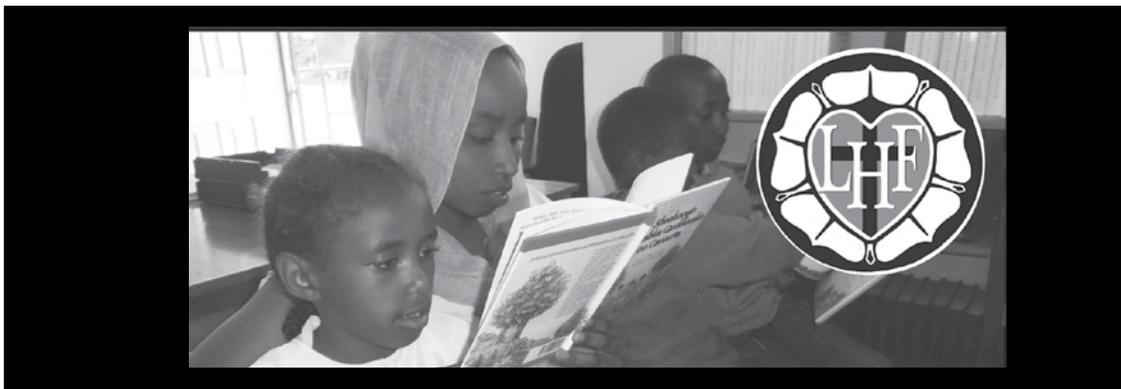
**God the Father was His source,  
Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down,  
Back then to His throne and crown.**

**For You are the Father's Son  
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.**

**From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.**

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**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS**  
**LIVE NATIVITY**  
DECEMBER 2nd & 3rd  
6:00-8:00 P.M.  
**You are invited to walk through the Christmas story with us!  
Enjoy the Live Nativity Scene complete with Live Animals, Music,  
Lights and Refreshments.**  
Friday Dec 2nd and Saturday Dec 3rd  
6:00 - 8:00 pm  
**FREE EVENT**  
Redemption Lutheran Church  
927 E. Old Shakopee Rd.  
Bloomington, MN.  
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## REV. MARK MOSS LHF MISSION ENGAGEMENT

Rev. Mark Moss, mission engagement associate for the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, will be at your church soon to share how the Holy Spirit is at work through the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. His enthusiasm is contagious!

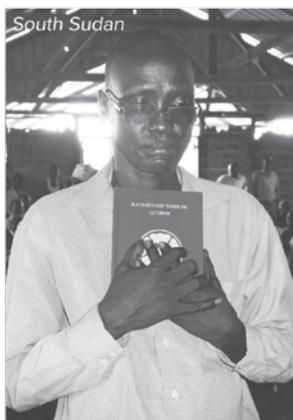
Rev. Moss brings a wealth of experience to the LHF staff, including a rich education in translation principles and three years' Bible translation supervision in Sierra Leone; several assignments as an LCMS theological educator in Nigeria and Ghana; and 20 years' experience as a military chaplain in the U.S. Chaplain Corps, where he traveled the world and interacted with people and cultures from Bahrain to Japan, Iraq to Alaska.



“During my years as a military chaplain, I saw the common need everywhere for a Savior,” Rev. Moss said. “We have this picture, particularly of Islamic countries, where we think Christianity cannot make inroads. That simply isn't true! The Lord has interesting ways of opening doors to these countries, where people are thirsty for the Gospel.”

### “WE HEAR IN OUR OWN LANGUAGES!” (ACTS 2: 5-8)

Like the disciples bringing the Gospel to the people at Pentecost, you can help the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) translate and publish books that explain the Bible for people in languages they can understand.



Imagine trying to be a good Lutheran pastor when you've never read the Book of Concord, or even Luther's Small Catechism. Or trying to explain to a five-year-old child who Jesus is – without any Bible storybooks. For Lutheran churches around the world, these situations are reality. They don't have the basic books, so vital to understanding the Lutheran faith, because no one has translated them into their languages.

### LHF TRANSLATES THE BOOKS THAT HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD.

In more than 80 countries and 100 languages, thousands of people of all ages have come to faith in Christ because they've been able to read books like *The Good News About Jesus* or Luther's *Small Catechism* in their own languages.

### YOU CAN HELP INTRODUCE UNBELIEVERS TO THE ONE TRUE SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.

To help translate and publish books like *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* into the languages of the world, please make your mission gifts payable to “LHF” and send to:





## LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Today we welcome Rev. Mark Moss, mission engagement associate at the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, as our guest preacher. Join us during Bible class, when Rev. Moss will tell about LHF's mission work around the globe, and how God is calling people to faith through the Lutheran literature available in their own languages. To support this important mission effort, you may use the special offering envelope attached to the enclosed LHF brochure.

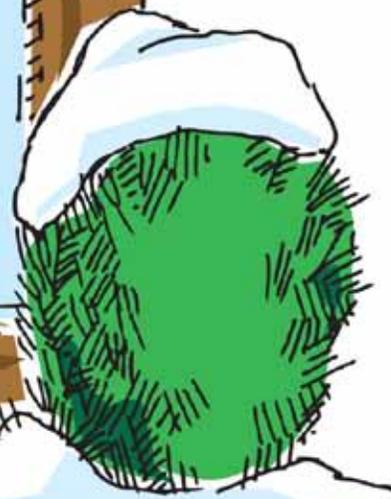
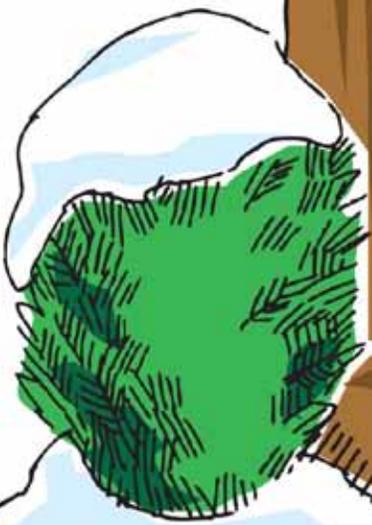


### Advent & Christmas Schedule Wednesday Midweek Services

11/30, 12/7, 12/14 6:30 PM

Christmas Eve  
Saturday, 12/24 4:30 PM

Christmas Day  
Sunday, 12/25 9:30 AM



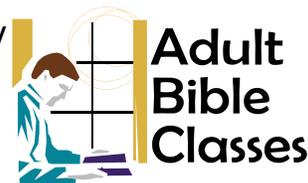


Family Faith Fellowship will be at 10:45-11:30am in the fellowship hall. Our first study unit will be a look at “God’s Tools”, as we discuss Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, and the work the Holy Spirit does through these tools to stir and preserve faith in Christ.

Just a reminder, Family Faith Fellowship is NOT just for parents and their children. All are welcome to join us as we grow spiritually stronger as God’s redeemed family.

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Adult Bible Classes will meet each Sunday at 8:30am, and each Tuesday at 11am, in the fellowship hall will be studying the Gospel of John. This Gospel was inspired by the Holy Spirit and written by the apostle John, specifically to help us grow in our knowledge and understanding of Jesus, and come closer to him as the Savior.



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### ***H.E.Y. - Holy Emmanuel Youth for 6th to 12th grade***

Holy Emmanuel Youth and Redemption Lutheran church (1.5 miles from Holy Emmanuel) will be combining our two youth groups. We are excited to partner together. Our plan is to have a monthly fun activity, fundraising on occasion for our mission trips, and most importantly continue to study God’s Word together. Our fun activities will always be the third Saturday of every month. For any questions please see Chris Krentz

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### ***Little Blessings***

is for ages 3-5, pre kindergarten.  
10:45-11:30am Sunday Mornings

### **PRAYER MINISTRY**

*Please include the following friends and happenings in your personal prayers*

***For God’s Blessing On Their Medical Treatment*** - Richard St Martin

***Our Home bound & Those In Care Centers*** - Pat Hibben - John Arne - Vera Marko - Jerry & Sharon Bliven - Lorraine McKay  
- Marion Michalik - Stan Cherveney

***Our Local & Global Mission Ministries***

-Rev Dr. Dan & Dr. Joan Jastram, Northern Asia (Recipients of our “Together In Mission”)

-Rev. Blidi Minely, Liberia, Africa (Recipient of our “Care Barrels”)

***Local & Global Concerns***

-For a spirit of unity and Godliness among the leadership of The United States of America and President Biden

**Birthday’s This Week**

27-Nov Sharon Bliven  
28-Nov Sally Endresen  
29-Nov Emily Mylander

30-Nov Helen Johnstone  
30-Nov Elijah Thurow  
03-Dec Silas Prok