

## Today's Scripture Readings

### Old Testament

*Isaiah 62:10-12*

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build up, build up the highway;  
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to the end of the earth:

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“Behold, your salvation comes;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.”

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The Redeemed of the LORD;  
and you shall be called Sought Out,  
A City Not Forsaken.

### Epistle

*Titus 3:4-7*

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### Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:1-20*

<sup>2</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and

lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with  
whom he is pleased!”

<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible,  
English Standard Version®.*

### In Our Prayers this Week—

• *December mission of the month,  
St. John Lutheran School, Sherman  
Center.*

• *Peace among nations.*

• *The victims and families of all violence  
and disaster throughout the world.*

• *Michelle Popp and all expectant  
mothers.*

• *Heidi Tupper, for successful surgery*

• *Rosie Valine, niece of Pastor and  
Naomi, continued testing.*

• *Jim Schmitz, for successful treatment.*

• *Ruth McKenna, for strength and  
healing.*

*All who are battling cancer:*

- *Jayne Cotter*

- *Ed Friede*

- *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy  
Assmann*

- *Jennifer Harrill, mother of Andrew  
Harrill*

*Please also keep in prayer*

—*our Seminarian, Vicar Luke*

*Konkel;*

—*Rev. Eric Skovgaard, our district  
president;*

—*Matthew Harrison, synod president;*

—*the members, officers and auxiliaries  
of Emmanuel;*

—*our circuit congregation, St. Paul in  
Cascade and Rev. Richard Bidinger;*

—*our Missionary Rev. Tyler McMiller  
and his family in Italy and Southern  
Europe; and*

—*our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel,  
Bob & Alice Denhardt, Ed Friede and  
Virginia Dowty.*

# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (Christmas Day)



*And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths  
and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

**Luke 2:7**

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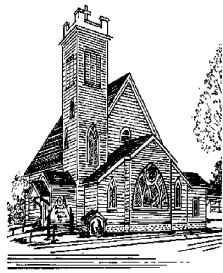
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**WE WELCOME** all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

**IF YOU ARE VISITING** this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

**IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE**, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

**YOUNG CHILDREN** are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex.

**NEED ASSISTANCE** with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

**RESTROOMS** are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

*We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.*

### *My Prayer for Christmas Day*

*Jesus, my Savior, as I stand in spirit at Your lowly manger, I bow my knees in reverent worship of that great mystery, revealed in Your birth in Bethlehem’s stable. Here lies God manifest in the flesh. O Jesus, teach me humbly to believe what reason cannot comprehend and with childlike faith to accept this mystery which no created mind can fully understand.*

*At Your humble resting place, my Redeemer, I joyfully praise Your love and grace. You have left Your Father’s throne—for me. You have taken the sins of the world upon Yourself—for me. You are willing to fulfill all righteousness—for me. Savior, I thank You for Your unspeakable love, and I pray, let me ever be faithful to You. As Your love has drawn You from heaven to earth, so let Your love draw me from earth to heaven to be Yours in time and eternity.*

*Amen*

## The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Day)

**DECEMBER 25, 2024**

Greeter — *Emily Neumann*

Elder/Usher — *Todd Graf*

Altar Guild — *Bunnie Grisar, Jr.* Altar Guild — *Allyson Neumann*

Cantors — *Adult Choir*; Acolyte — *Jonah Marks*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

**Introit** (*sung responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6



For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;\*  
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,  
**and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,\***  
**Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.**  
Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\*  
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.  
**The Lord has made known his sal- | vation;\***  
**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.**  
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.\*  
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.  
**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth;\***  
**break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
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**Collect** (*spoken by pastor*)

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gradual** (*sung responsively*) Isaiah 9:6, Psalm 98:1a

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