

2013 Mid-week Advent Services

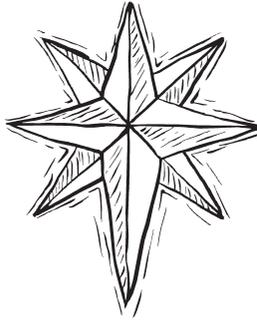
# Making Room for Jesus



*A waiting Room*

*“There is no” Room*

*A guest Room*



## PRAYER

*“Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled, within my heart, that it may be a quiet chamber kept for Thee.” Amen.*

Location	Dec. 4th	Dec. 11th	Dec. 18th
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# Opening Hymn: . . . . . See back page

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P: We begin this evening's Advent worship service in the name of our Triune God.

**All: Amen.**

## Confession of Sins:

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P: It is written: "If we say that we have no sins, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

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

P: "If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."

**C: "And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."**

P: "He Himself is the propitiation for our sins,

**C: and not for ours only but also for the whole world."**

**ALL (sung):**

Jesus came the heav'ns adoring,  
came with peace from realms on high;  
Jesus came for man's redemption,  
lowly came on earth to die;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Came in deep humility.

P: Let us confess our sins and seek God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

**ALL: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.**

**ALL (sung):**

Jesus comes again in mercy  
when our hearts are bowed with care;  
Jesus comes again in answer  
to an earnest, heart-felt prayer;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Comes to save us from despair.

## **The Absolution:**

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P: It is written: "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins... And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." Dear Fellow Redeemed, through faith in the perfect life and innocent death of Jesus Christ, all your sins have been forgiven. Let us not think of this forgiveness as a reason to sin, but to give thanks to our gracious God for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**All (sung):**

Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,  
bringing news of sins forgiv'n;  
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,  
leading souls redeemed to heav'n;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Now the gate of death is riv'n.



# Confession of Faith:

*From the Athanasian Creed*

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Furthermore it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe rightly the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man. God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and man of substance of His mother, born in the world. Perfect God and perfect man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting. Equal to the Father as touching His Godhead, and inferior to the Father as touching His manhood. Who, although He is God and man, yet He is not two, but one Christ. One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of that manhood into God. One altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person. For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ; Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead; He ascended into heaven, He sits on the right hand of the Father, God, Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies; and shall give account of their own works. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting and they that have done evil into everlasting fire. This is the catholic faith, which except a man believe faithfully he cannot be saved.

**Pre-sermon HYMN: ..... See back page**



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Sermon Theme:

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*(See back page for specific sermon text.)*

OFFERTORY

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me  
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

# Offering Hymn 792: Let All Things Now Living



Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing



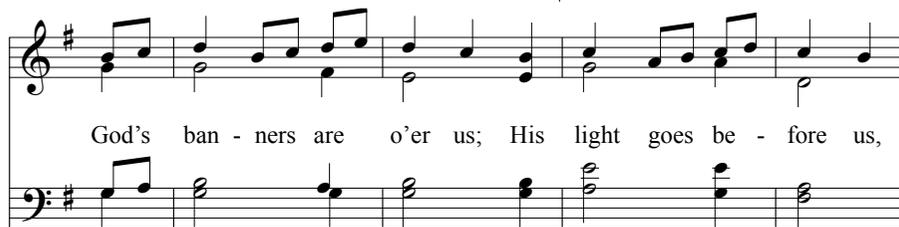
To God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,



Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,



Who still guides us on to the end of our days.



God's ban - ners are o'er us; His light goes be - fore us,



A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,

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Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,  
As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.

## Advent Responsive Readings:

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P: Behold, the name of the Lord comes from afar:

**C: And let the whole earth be filled with His glory.**

P: Come, O Lord, and do not delay:

**C: Loosen the bonds of Your people Israel.**

P: Rejoice greatly, O Jerusalem:

**C: Behold, your King comes!**

P: Behold, the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him:

**C: And in that day the light shall be great. Hallelujah!**

P: Behold, the days come, says the Lord:

**C: That I will raise to David a righteous Branch,**

P: And a King shall reign and prosper.

**C: And this is His name by which He shall be called**

**ALL: The Lord our Righteousness!**

**Post-sermon Hymn: ..... See back page**

## **PRAAYER**

Blessed God and Father, we give You our thanks and praise for fulfilling Your great promises by giving us the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. In spirit we will soon stand in holy awe and reverence before the manger of the Christ Child. Though we cannot fathom the mystery that God, the Son of God, should take on our human flesh to redeem us, yet by faith we bow in reverence and wonder.

Dear Lord Jesus, as we gather to worship You and consider that You became a child in the person of Jesus Christ, grant us a sense of gratitude and joy, so that life, hope, and faith may be renewed in each of us. Grant that we will always find in You, the Christ Child, the way of salvation, the forgiveness of sins, the deliverance from every evil power, and the assurance of everlasting life.

O Holy Spirit, we pray that You lead us all to make room for our Savior during this hectic time of the year. May our hearts and homes be filled with His word of love and forgiveness. We also pray that the incarnate Savior may live and rule in the hearts of all people everywhere. Extend the gracious rule of the Prince of Peace to all the nations of the earth, by faith in His name. Give growth in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ to all believers, so that we may abound in love, joy, and peace, and in faith and every good work. Help us, O God, to make known abroad the sayings which have been told us concerning this child, as did the shepherds of long ago. May we always join our voices with the angel chorus in singing your praises: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!" This we pray in the Name of the Christ Child, Jesus our Lord and King,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **Benediction:**

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by with you all.

All (sung): Amen.

**Closing Hymn: ..... See back page**



## Weekly Service Specifics:

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Speaker: Pastor Mark Bernthal ✦ **A waiting Room**

**Hymns 55, 62, 64, 108: 1-2, 8**

**Sermon Text:** Philippians 4:4-7 (NKJV)

*Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

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Speaker: Pastor Neal Radichel ✦ **“There is no” Room**

**Hymns 701, 647, 509, 58:1, 9 (1st tune)**

**Sermon Text:** Luke 2:7 (NKJV)

*And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.*

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Speaker: Pastor Paul Krause ✦ **A Guest Room**

**Hymns**

**Sermon Text:** John 14:22-24

*Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?” Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.*