



Our Redeemer
Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod

Second Sunday in Advent
December 9, 2018

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Mission:

*True to God's Word, We Walk with Christ:
Welcoming, Loving, Serving, Sharing.*

Good Morning and Welcome! It's a great joy to have you here with us today praising God and receiving His gifts! Please join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship right after church. If you are a guest or visiting with us, please do sign our guest register located in the narthex—we'd love to connect. Should you need it, there is a "cry room" next to the church office on the main level. Feel free to ask an usher if you need assistance. Welcome!

A Word about Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday at ORLC. In this meal, instituted by the Lord Himself, we receive the True Body and True Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. We believe that the Lord is truly present during this Holy Meal, and we approach the altar in humility and gratitude. Baptized believers in Christ who share our belief and confession are welcome to commune.

COMMUNION CUPS The cups directly behind the white markers are alcohol-free.

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS Available upon request; simply ask the pastor or an elder.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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AS WE GATHER *What does a love that abounds look like? According to the Apostle Paul, it's ever increasing, every deepening, ever growing. And when the object of that love happens to be an infinite and almighty God? Then there's no limit to the possibilities of that love.*

Call to Worship - Welcome

Hymn of Invocation

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349

Confession and Absolution

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

Congregation: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

C: Amen!



Introit ~ *Psalm 81:8, 10-11, 13; Luke 3:4b*

P: The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

C: Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!

O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

P: I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

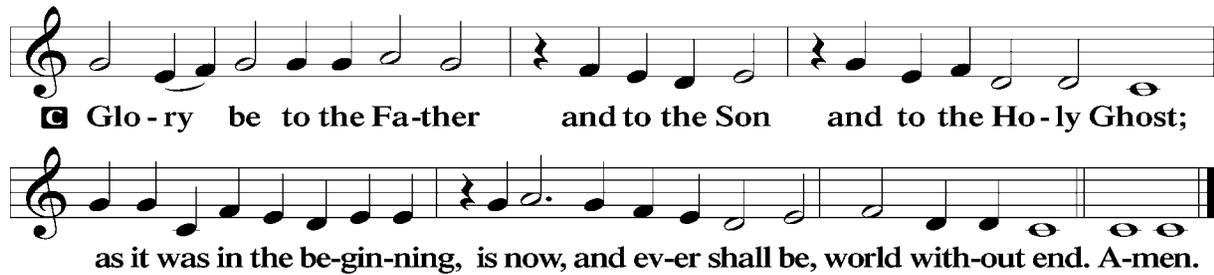
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

C: But my people did not listen to my voice;

Israel would not submit to me.

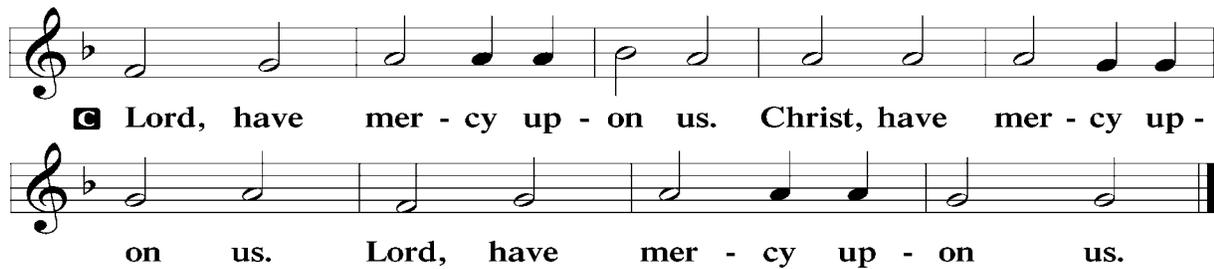
P: Oh, that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!

Gloria Patri



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading..... Malachi 3:1-7b (God's Messenger; pg. 808 of your pew bible)

"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty. ² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

⁵ "So I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty. ⁶ "I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not



destroyed.⁷ Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading..... *Philippians 1:2-11*
(Fruit of Righteousness; pg. 991 of your pew bible)

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.³ I thank my God every time I remember you.⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me.⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-- to the glory and praise of God.

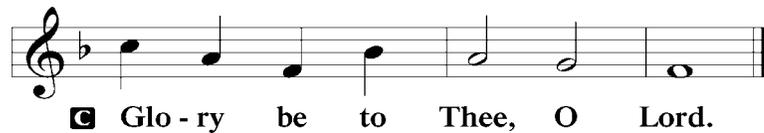
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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.



The Gospel Reading..... *Luke 3:1-14*
(John the Baptist Prepares the Way; pg. 866 of your pew bible)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar-- when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene--² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert.³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁴ As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in

the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.⁵ Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.⁶ And all mankind will see God's salvation.'

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."¹⁰ "What should we do then?" the crowd asked.¹¹ John answered, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same."¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?"¹³ "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them.¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely-- be content with your pay."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 344

Sermon "Abounding Love"..... Philipians 1:2-11

Apostles' Creed

**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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy Christian church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Offertory



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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

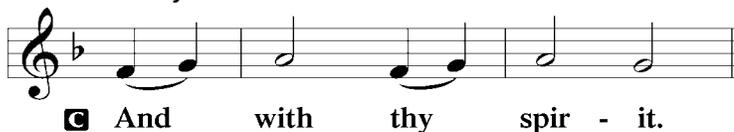
Offering

(Following the Offering, we greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.)

Prayer of the Church

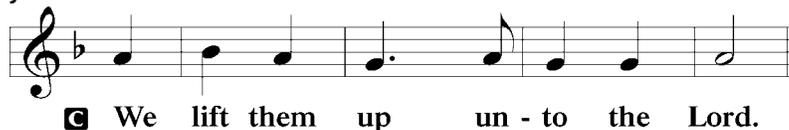
Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



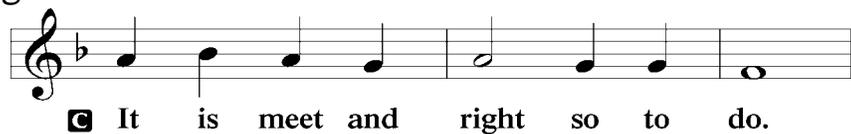
And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our

Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming him the Messiah, the very Lamb of God, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when he comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and arch-angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus

♩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

□ A - men.

Agnus Dei

□ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution Hymns

The Advent of Our King

LSB 331

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

LSB 706

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LSB 816

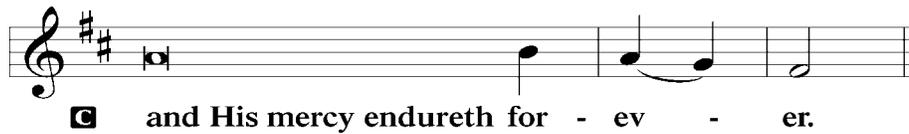
Nunc Dimittis

□ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



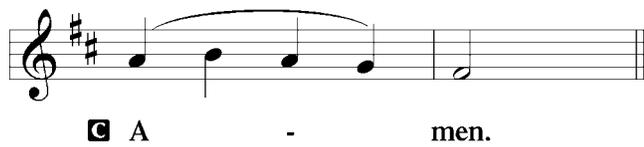
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

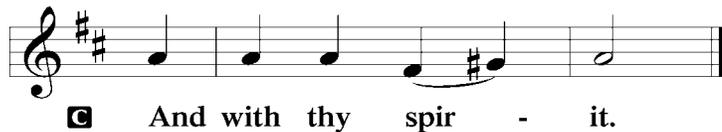
P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

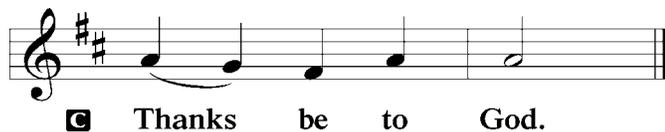
Salutation and Benedicamus

P: The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift us His countenance upon you and give you peace.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Announcements

Departing Hymn

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

LSB 646

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Church Office

Church Member Updates - Help us keep our records up to date and keep you informed with what's happening at Our Redeemer. Please contact the office if your email, phone number, address or number of members in your family has changed. Family Update Forms are located in the Visitors Corner and can be returned to the secretary box outside the office door.



Shaken after the Quake(s)?- Just a reminder that Pastor James and Deac. Britt are available for spiritual counseling during this time of high anxiety. God has peace to give us, and we are here to share that calm with one another. Contact Pastor James @ 907-310-0342 or Deac. Britt @ 907-310-0341 to schedule a time to meet.

Caroling Rescheduled!-Join us after church on Sunday, December 23rd to sing out the praises of Him who loves us! Share the reason for the season with the Chugiak community and invite them to Christmas services! Tentative location is Three Bears. Bring WARM clothing! Contact: Deac. Britt 907-310-0341



The Power of Prayer! ORLC has an electronic prayer group who will pray for you and/or your loved ones. Email your electronic prayer request to orlc.prayers@gmail.com. It is sent Bcc (blind) to a group of people who will pray for your concerns. Prayer requests are sent out Monday through Friday. Prayers are listed for one week unless the request is renewed. (If you do not have a computer, call the ORLC office and it will be added for you.)

God With Us Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal-Today right after worship we will have a full rehearsal for our Children's Christmas Service. If you have any questions please contact Ericka Stoltenberg 907-440-0367 /office@orlc-ak.org

Advent Meals/Worship - Join us each Wednesday in Advent for a great home-cooked meal at 6:00pm and worship at 7:00pm. Our series is called God With Us, and focuses on different word pictures of the coming Christ found in the poetic words of Isaiah. This week, we'll remember that God is with us as Our Shepherd who carries us close to his heart.

Advent Devotions - Available in the narthex.

Pastor's Bible Study –Growing in Christ Sundays @9am for anyone!

Growing In Christ: Youth & Children's Bible Hour- Every Sunday for age 3-5th grade, 1st & 3rd Sunday's for Jr. & Sr. High. This week- “Esau Forgives Jacob” is the bible story taught today in Sunday School. This exciting account teaches us how Jacob struggled against man and God for his birthright. Talk to you children about sin and how it breaks families and relationships. Discuss, “*How has sin severed our relationship with God? How did Jesus restore our relationship with God eternally? How does Jesus help us as God's children to restore our broken human relationships?*”

Men's Study- We're not meeting this week, but will see you on Tuesday, Dec. 18th at 7:00pm at the parsonage. We're taking a look at the book of Nehemiah!

Women's Bible Study- We will be taking a break over the Christmas holiday. Our last December study will be on the 6th. We will resume again on January 24th!

Youth Group for Jr & Sr High- This month will be our 4th annual Christmas Lock-in December 21-22... Come for the evening or all night. More information and sign up on the youth board. Get on our VIP list by signing up before December 15th... Regular deadline is December 19th!!!

Hymn of the Month: The Advent of Our King (LSB 331)-To help our congregation learn together and grow in the faith we will be singing a hymn of the month! By focusing on a single hymn each month, we will not only become familiar with it, but also digest the rich truths of the Lord found therein. Each hymn will have a connection with the church season and a melody which all ages might sing with ease.



Sunday School Teacher Meeting - Mark your calendars for January 6th! All Sunday School teachers please join us for a meeting in the library after church.

Pre-worship prayer team-Volunteers needed to pray briefly with Pastor James before worship every Sunday. Sign up in lobby. Contact: Deac.

Britt or Pastor James.

Blessing Bag Donations – Please feel free to take a blessing bag or two to carry in your car. They are located in the Narthex.

The Cozy Tree... Decorate the Cozy Tree by placing knit caps, mittens, scarves and/or socks onto its branches on in the basket beneath. New items preferred but very clean and gently used items will be accepted (except for socks—new socks only, please!). Wool preferred,

also. These items will be donated to help keep our less fortunate brothers and sisters warm and cozy this winter.

Worshipping last Sunday December 2, 2018: 85

Offering last Sunday: \$3,875

In order to lift up to God the people of Our Redeemer, we will include a staff member, church leader, and three families from our church directory to pray for each week.

*Sally Coburn-Faith Community Nurse

*Elders

*Bill & Gaye Sarvela, Gret & Jennie Schroll, Arron Schuerger and their families.

Contributions last week: \$3,875

Budget: \$4,025

Over (under) \$150

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

If we missed your birthday or anniversary please let us know.

BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Caleb Jacobson
- 10 Hannah Sitz
- 11 Sao Lee
- 14 Richard Cartier

ANNIVERSARIES

OUR REDEEMER ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

12/09/2018-12/16/2018

Today	Pastors Bible Study	9:00am
	Children's Bible Hour	9:00am
	Worship Service 3	10:00am
	Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal	11:00am
Tuesday	Elders Meeting	6:30pm
	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Wednesday	Advent Dinner	6:00pm
	Advent Mid-Week Service	7:00pm
	FLMT Meeting	7:30pm
Next Sunday	Pastors Bible Study	9:00am
	Children's Bible Hour	9:00am
	Children's Christmas Service	10:00am

SERVING OUR LORD AND EACH OTHER

HOW	THIS WEEK (12/09)	NEXT WEEK (12/16)
Altar Guild	Nancy Sitz Ingrid Roelfs	Jane Walker Lydia Wirkus
Acolyte	Cole Smith	Josh Johnston
Accompanist	Jess Della Croce	Brett & Ana Kroona Josh Johnston Jess Della Croce
Greeters	Scott & Penny Hattenburg	Youth
Lector	Vern Roelfs	N/A
Elders	Mark Keller Forrest Wacker	Jason Johnston Mark Keller
Ushers	Volunteers	Youth
Cleaners	Nyback (1) Losey (2) Rajek (3)	Keith (1) Roelfs (2) Nishimura (3)
Food Pantry	Closed	Closed
Early Childhood (2-4 years)	Ericka Stoltenberg Venita Moore	Children's Christmas Service
Lower Elementary (K-2 nd)	Stephanie Stoltenberg Madie Knutson	
Upper Elementary (3 rd -5 th)	Gaye Sarvela	
Jr. High	Terri Semmler	
Sr. High	Ericka Stoltenberg	

All 6-12th Grade Teens

YOUTH CHRISTMAS LOCK-IN

Dec 21st 3pm-Dec 22nd 10am

Sign up before
December 15th to be
on the
VIP list!!!!

Things to bring:

- Sleeping bag/Pillow
- \$10 gift for gift exchange
- Sled
- Outside Gear

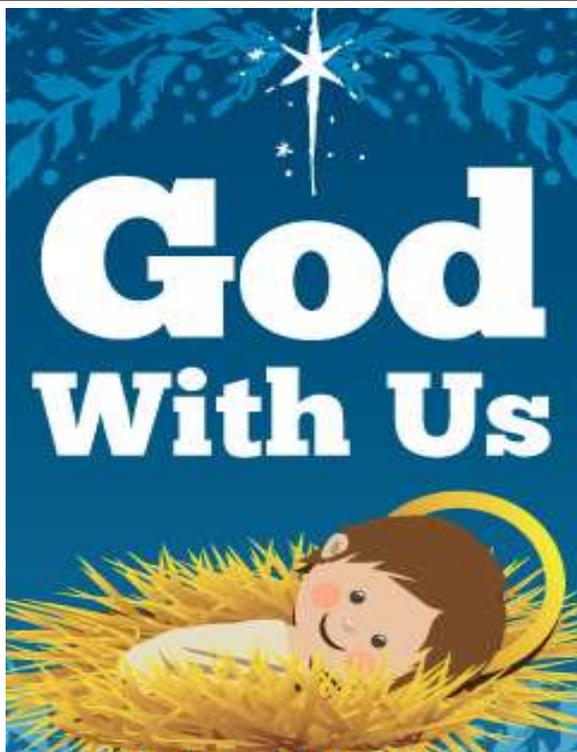
Fun*Food*Games*Friends

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God With Us Christmas Service Schedule

Sunday December 9th

Full rehearsal after worship service. Snacks provided

Sunday December 16th

9am youth arrive to prepare for the service
10am Children's Christmas Service

Christmas Eve: 7pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight: 10:30pm
Christmas Day: 10am

