

# Lutheran Church of the Master

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## Announcements

### Recurring Dates and Notices

- **(Bi-weekly) Midweek Communion** 10:30 am Jan. 8, 22
- **(Monthly) Church Council Meetings** - Regular meeting Jan. 9, Council workshop action items Jan. 13 1:00 pm. Garth's house
- **(Monthly) Ladies Breakfast** Sat. Jan. 18, 10 am, 525 Restaurant & Patio
- **(Weekly) Airdrie House of Prayer** - Wednesdays 12-1 pm St. Francis Anglican
- **(Weekly) Confirmation Class** - Wednesdays 4:30 on Zoom. Resuming Jan. 8

### 1. Stained Glass Window Dedication Dec. 22

The fourth stained-glass window will be unveiled on Dec. 22, dedicated by the Lohmann family.

### 2. Christmas Services

- Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:30 pm
- Dec 25 - Christmas Day *No Service*
- Dec 29 - Regular Service 11:00 am

### 3. Special Congregational Meeting Jan. 12 immediately following service

To present the following motion for congregational vote:

*'That Lutheran Church of the Master act as the Constituent Group to sponsor a Syrian family through CLWR'.*

More information to follow about the sponsorship prior to the meeting.

### 4. Secret Sister Tea Jan. 25 1:30-3:30 pm

LCM's Secret Sisters is a ministry lifting up a congregational sister in Christ. We do this with prayers, perhaps a card or note to let her know she is being thought of. Join us as we wrap up our year, find out who our special sister was and have names selected for the upcoming year. All are welcome! For more information, see Debbie Kemp.

## Third Sunday of Advent

Advent Antiphon: *Oxyrhynchus Hymn*

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Opening Hymn: *Refiners Fire* ..... #60 Blue

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Quartet: *Shout the News*

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 4-7

Gospel Acclamation: *The Living Word*

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:7-18

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord*.....#882

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Offering

The Great Thanksgiving ..... p.206

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Distribution of Communion

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Hymns during Communion

*He Came Down* ..... #253

*On Jordan's Banks* ..... #249

Table Blessing

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Sending Hymn: *Rejoice Rejoice Believers* ..... #244

Dismissal

## Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6

<sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

<sup>3</sup> **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. R**

<sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name; make known the deeds of the Lord among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup> **Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R**

## First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup> The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing <sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. <sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

## Second Reading

Philippians 2: 4-7

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

<sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

<sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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## Third Sunday of Advent

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*The coming of one 'more powerful' than John, is cause for great rejoicing!*



## Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” <sup>11</sup> In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” <sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup> He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” <sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.