

INTROIT - entry Psalm of worship, sung by God's people for 1000s of years Psalm 85, antiphon Phil. 4

P *Antiphon*
Gaudete in Domino semper. Rejoice in the Lord | always. *
again I will | say, rejoice.
P Let your reasonableness be known to | everyone.*
The Lord | is at hand.
C **Lord, you were favorable | to your land;***
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.
P You forgave the iniquity of your | people;*,
you covered | all their sin.
C **Will you not revive | us again,***
that your people may re- | joice in you?
P Let me hear what God the | Lord will speak;*,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to | folly.
C **Rejoice in the Lord | always;***
again I will | say, rejoice.

P *Antiphon*
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COLLECT OF THE DAY - ancient prayer of the Church based upon the Scriptural theme of the day

P Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C *Continued with sung 'Amen', p. 189*

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.
A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

GRADUAL the ancient seasonal, Scriptural response to hearing God's Word Psalm 80

P You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth. *
Stir up your might and come to | save us!
C **Give ear, O Shepherd of | Israel, ***
you who lead Joseph | like a flock!

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 4:1–5

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

ALLELUIA VERSE Psalm 80

P Alleluia. Alleluia. Stir up your might and come to save us. Alleluia.
C *Continued triple "Alleluia" p. 190*

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-10

When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."
As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.
This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'

Please turn to follow the Processional Cross; you may bow † in reverence to Christ.

† **DIVINE SERVICE** †
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors– it is a joy to have you with us. Please fill out the attendance pad in the folder in the pew rack from the center aisle and pick-up a newsletter at the brochure rack by the door.

Parents with small children. If needed, the Nursery has a video feed of the Service; also a restroom with changing table. A Nursing Room is located off the Library. The Library also is for children under 3 during the Sunday School hour.

We welcome today our newest members:

Garet & Bobbie Kraft, Mikayla Guenther; Michelle Reichard; Terry Ready; Dana Crawford;

We celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today for:
Mikayla Guenther

Prayer List – members:

Ron Swartz (hospice), Jan Zugelder (cancer), Lou Fritz (hospitalized) Bonnie White (stroke, hospitalized), Elouise Jahnke (hospitalized), Mary Ellen Ballard (eye), Mary Lingo (cancer, surgery),

– family & friends:

Allison, Jack Carnahan (mother's health, baby nicu, niece of Kim Dunn) Ellen Fitzgerald (grandmother of Faith Kerr, hospice) Griffin Scanlon (friend of Steve & Marsha Albright, 4 yr.old with cancer) John Carder (father of Kevin Carder, cancer) Jerry Larson (friend of LeRoy & Dianne Scharnhorst, cancer) Debra Lassman (sister-in-law to Kelly Lassman, cancer) Vicki Duggan (friend of Kelly Kasunic, cancer) Allan Harrison (brother of Jan Zugelder, hospice) Helen Klinkenberg (niece of Eleanor Lenahan, cancer) Matthew McClure (friend of Terry & Joyce Wade, cancer)

– homebound members:

Evelyn Page; Bob & Eleanor Lenahan; Lou Fritz; Curt Meyer; Clayton & Jo Zumbrunn; Sandra Rieter

Adventide Socials. All invited, including children, to gather at a home from 7-8 pm in Advent. Bring a snack or beverage to share if you wish but there is plenty to eat and drink. There will be social visiting and then wrap-up with a hymn sing and liturgy.

Dec. 19: Nick & Sarah Bretz, 18641 178th St., Tonganoxie (just south off Hwy 24 on 178th St., 6 minutes southwest of church)

Poinsettias, available in the Narthex, deadline TODAY . Flowers placed in the church for the Christmas Services; you may take yours home on Eve or Day. Bulletins Christmas Eve and Day will indicate the flowers given in memory/thanksgiving.

Children's Christmas Program, Dec. 21, 6 pm, reception will follow. **Practice**, Saturday, Dec. 20, 10 am.

Christmas caroling to our homebound members, TODAY, 3:00 pm. All invited, we carpool to our stops, back by 5:30 pm.

Cookie Walk, 12/21, between services and after late, hosted by the LWML. Each year a variety of over 100 dozen cookies available for purchase; select out your favorites to make up your own dozen. **All are encouraged to help by making their favorite cookies to share**; please have to the church Saturday, Dec. 20, 8a-1p, or before 9 am Sunday. All money goes towards food for the Seminars.

2026 Directory will be printed in early January, please note any changes to address, email, phone on the Attendance Pad. Any photo updates email to Pastor Weinkauff, weinkauff@rslcms.church

CALENDAR

Today	8:00 9:15 10:30 11:45 3:00	Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class Divine Service Vocal Choir Caroling to homebound members
Monday	8:30 8:30-3:30	Matins Risen Savior Classical Academy
Tuesday	8:30	Matins
Weds.	8:30 9:00 6:00 7:00 7:45 7:45	Divine Service Bible Class for all Meal served Advent Midweek Service Youth Confirmation Bell Choir
Thursday	8:30 6:30	Matins Youth Chorale
Friday	8:30 7:00	Matins Adventide Social- Bretz's
Saturday	9-10 10:00 6:00	Private Confession & Absolution Sunday School Practice until noon Divine Service
Sunday	8:00 9:15 9:15 10:30 11:45 11:45 6:00	Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class LWML Cookies Walk Divine Service Vocal Choir Church Council Children's Christmas Program, reception following

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Services 5 pm & 7 pm
Dec. 25	Christmas, Feast of the Incarnation 10:30 am
Dec. 31	Divine Service 10 pm, activities to 12:15 am
Jan. 6	Feast of the Epiphany
Jan. 25	Feast of Transfiguration
Jan. 25	Next New Member/Adult Catechism or by appt.
Feb. 8	Souper Bowl Party
Feb. 15	Next Quarterly Voter's Assembly

STEWARDSHIP *\$8926/wkly. budget

Date	Attendance	Offering	+ Special Funds
12/7	302	\$21,655	\$1807
11/30	291	\$9012	\$286

Altar Flowers given: in memory of Linda Hailey from Ralph Hailey.

See Church Calendar in the office to sign-up, \$25.

Financial Reports posted in Church Office.

On-Line Giving. Our vendor is: Vanco. There is also a link on our website. They also have an app you can download. You may scan this QR code. For 'one time' gift you do not need to set up an account.



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3rd Sunday in Advent Gaudete Dec. 14, 2025

Gaudete "Rejoice" the Latin opening words of the historical Introit antiphon.

Welcome to the Lord's House. John the Baptizer Prepares the Way for the Lord. The voice of the John cried out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord" (Isa. 40:1). John called the people to be made ready for the Messiah's coming through repentance and escape the wrath to come, for "all flesh is grass" (Isa. 40:6). Now he asks from prison, "Are you the one who is to come...?" (Matt. 11:2). Jesus' works bear witness that He is. The sick are made well; the dead raised; the poor have the Gospel preached to them. Their iniquity is pardoned; they have received from the Lord's hand double forgiveness for all their sins. The "stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Cor. 4:1) still deliver Christ's overflowing forgiveness, comforting God's people with the Word which stands forever. This Gospel produces rejoicing among all those who believe. **The Lord bless this Divine Service.**

Advent Season prepares us for the coming of our Lord. Paraments are blue, a color of royalty, as He is our King, also a color of sorrow. This is a penitential season for special devotions and repentance; though not as solemn as during Lent; thus "Alleluia's" are retained even though the "Gloria in Excelsis" is omitted.



We celebrate the Lord's Supper today, in the confession, as Jesus says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread, wine but His very real, true body, blood to eat, drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him, and with one another. According to Scripture, Holy Communion is also a public confession of faith, sharing a unity in doctrinal belief; also those who eat, drink our Lord's body, blood unworthily or without discernment do so to their harm. In love towards God and our neighbor, according to Scripture, the Church has always practiced a closed communion. **Therefore, in love and pastoral concern for our guests, if you are not a member of the LCMS and desire to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor first.**