

**INTROIT** - *our entrance Psalm of worship*

Luke 1

- P** My soul magnifies the Lord. \*  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
- G** **For behold, from now on all generations will call me | blessed; \*  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy | is his name.**
- P** And his mercy is for those who fear him \*  
from generation to generation.
- G** **He has shown strength | with his arm; \*  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts | of their hearts;  
he has brought down the mighty | from their thrones\*  
and exalted those of humble estate;**
- G** **he has filled the hungry | with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent empty | away.**
- P** He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, \*  
as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.  
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**COLLECT OF THE DAY** - *ancient prayer of the Church based upon the Scriptural theme of the day*

- P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come among us with Your great might, by Your bountiful grace you address our sins, that Your work of salvation and mercy be accomplished in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** *Continued with sung 'Amen', p. 189*

**OLD TESTAMENT Micah 5:2-5** *The Christ will come from Bethlehem*

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

**GRADUAL** *the ancient seasonal response to hearing God's Word*

Zechariah 9; Psalm 118

- P** Behold Your King comes to you, \*  
righteous and having salvation.
- G** **Blessed is He who comes in the name | of the Lord. \*  
From the house of the Lord we | bless You.**

**EPISTLE Hebrews 10:5-10** *Christ's sacrifice once and for all*

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all

**ALLELUIA VERSE** Luke 3

- P** Alleluia. Alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1:39-45** *Mary visits Elizabeth*

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

**CHOIR** Lo, He comes with clouds descending,

Lo, He comes with clouds descending,  
Once for our salvation slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of His train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.  
Every eye shall now behold Him,  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
Shall the true Messiah see.  
Those dead Tokens of His Passion  
Still His dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation  
To His ransomed worshipers;  
With what rapture, with what rapture.  
Gaze we on those glorious scars.  
Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee,  
High on Thine eternal throne;  
Savior take the power and glory;  
Claim the Kingdom for Thine own:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone. Amen

**Prayers** before worship, Holy Communion may be found on the card in the hymnal rack, or the inside front cover of the hymnal, or pgs. 305-318.

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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 & 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 now located off the Library. The Library is also space for children under 3 during the Sunday School hour.

### Prayer List - members:

Jim Stinson (knee replacement), Erika Colacicco (cancer), Brandy Melloy (blindness, brain tumor), Chelsea Shaw (military family with us, health issues),

### – family & friends:

Darlene Johnson (sister of Kay Minda, health issues)  
Richard Younger (friend of Brenda Bullock, cancer)  
Rhonda Drewes (knee replacement surgery)  
Elijah Holland (child, friend of Chelsea Shaw, leukemia)  
TJ Prinsloo (friend of Dan Beach, serious accident, disability)  
Isaac Ruble (friends of Scharnhorst's, work-related brain injury)  
Pricilla Kruse (relative of Tim, Janise Selbe, cancer)  
Terri Tomb (mother of Steve Crowell, health issues)  
Brandi Buff (friend of Amanda Ford, cancer)  
Dean Landman (father of Deb Glaum, health)  
Maren Turner (niece of Amanda Dowdall, leukemia)  
Diane Beckett (sister of Paula Knollman, Alzheimer's)  
Marlin Dunlap (brother of Sandra Smith, Linda Fulkerson, ALS)

**Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Services **5 pm & 7 pm**

**Dec. 25** Christmas Day Divine Service **10:30 am**

**Cookie Walk**, today, between services and after late, hosted by the LWML. Each year a variety of over 100 dozen cookies are available for purchase; select out your favorites to make up your own dozen. All money goes towards food for Seminarians.

**Children's Christmas Program**, tonight, 6 pm, reception following.

**Poinsettias**, \$10, order forms at the office counter. Flowers placed in the church for the Christmas Services; you may take yours home following any Service. Bulletins will indicate the flowers given in thanksgiving/memorial.

**Risen Savior Classical Academy**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester begins January 10. There are opportunities to teach, be on a sub. list, volunteer. Please see Pastor Cockran.

**New Years' Eve** at the Church. Come for it all or just a part, or just Divine Service. Come as early as 8:00 pm. Divine Service is 10:00 pm. Games, activities for all ages, as we ring in the New Year. Some beverages, food and snacks provided. You may bring some but not necessary.

**New Member class**, Adult catechism begins Jan. 30, 5 pm. Encourage, invite family and friends.

**Life Conference and March to the Capitol**, Jan. 25, Topeka. See January newsletter.

**Men's Basketball** begins Sundays, 8 pm, starting January 2

## CALENDAR

<b>Today</b>	8:00 a 9:15 a	<b>Divine Service</b> Sunday School/Bible Class for all Cookie Walk
	10:30 a 11:45 a 6:00 p	<b>Divine Service</b> Church Council Children's Christmas Program
<b>Weds.</b>	7:00 p 7:45 p	Vocal Choir Bell Choir
<b>Friday</b>		<b>Christmas Eve</b> 5:00 p Service of Lessons & Carols 7:00 p Service of Lessons & Carols
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Christmas Day</b> 10:30 a <b>Divine Service</b>
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Feast of St. Stephen</b> 8:00 a <b>Divine Service</b> 9:15 a Sunday School/Bible Class for all 10:30 a <b>Divine Service</b>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 31	New Years' Eve @ Risen Savior, 8p-12:15a
Jan. 2	Installation of Officers, 10:30 Service
Jan. 5	Midweek, Confirmation, Choirs resume
Jan. 6	Feast of Epiphany, Thursday 7:00 Divine Service
Jan. 25	Life Conference and March to the Capitol
Jan. 30	Next Adult Catechism class or by arrangement
Feb. 6	Souper Bowl party
Feb. 12	Sunday School gamenight
Feb. 20	Next Quarterly Voter's Assembly
Feb. 21	Next Blood Drive
Feb. 27	Feast of the Transfiguration
March 1	PfannKuchen Tag
March 2	Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

## STEWARDSHIP \$7532/WKLY. BUDGET

Date	Attendance	Offering +	Special Funds
12/12	278	\$8723	\$3472
12/5	263	\$11,057	\$1621

Altar Flowers: in thanksgiving upon the baptism of Klein Selbe.

See Church Calendar in the office to sign-up, \$25/1 Vase.  
Financial Reports & Special Funds posted in Church Office.

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# Risen Savior Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod - Basehor, Kansas

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent Dec. 19, 2021

**Welcome to the Lord's House. The Lord Comes to Visit Us in Peace.** The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the Nativity of our Lord. With Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, conceived in her womb by the Spirit of God. As the Lord dealt graciously with her and did great things for her (Luke 1:48), so also He manifests Himself, His glory to us in mercy and gentleness. He comes to rule His people in peace, to "shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD." He comes forth not from the great capital city of Rome or Jerusalem, but from lowly little Bethlehem (Micah 5:2,4). He comes to sacrifice Himself, in fulfillment of His Father's will, for the salvation and sanctification of His people (Heb. 10:10). He who once visited Elizabeth while hidden in the womb of Mary (Luke 1:39-45) now comes to visit us today, hidden in the lowliness of simple Sacraments.

**Advent season** prepares us for the coming of our Lord. Paraments are blue, a color of royalty, reminding that He for Whose coming we prepare is truly our King. Blue also a color of sorrow. This is a penitential season for personal reflection, special devotions, and repentance; though not as solemn as during Lent; thus "Alleluia's" are retained as the "Gloria in Excelsis" or "Hymn of Praise" are omitted. **May the Lord bless this Divine Service.**

**Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?**



**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 a pastor first.**