



SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

DECEMBER 4, 2022

10:30AM CONTEMPORARY





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INDIA
MINISTRY FOR
ADULT LITERACY



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christmas offering

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AMOR
MINISTRIES
ONE HOUSE FOR A
FAMILY IN MEXICO



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MINISTRIES
ASSISTING AFGHAN
REFUGEES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEASON OF ADVENT

Lutheran Pastor and Theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said, “A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes, and is completely dependent on the fact that the door to freedom can only be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent.”

During this season of the church year, we encourage you to not *skip ahead* to Christmas. Embrace the waiting. Meditate on the prophets’ words that point to the coming Christ. Leave room in your calendar to be with family and friends in these dark and quiet nights. Embrace Advent as you wait with hope and listen to the sounds of the season – knowing that Emmanuel, God with us, is coming soon.

LAST DAY FOR DIRECTORY PHOTOS!

Today is the last day to take directory photos. We will be taking “walk-ins” this morning. simply show up and fill out a paper form updating your records.

Stuart Gardner will be taking these pictures in Room 1 of the Youth Center
7:00-7:50am, 9:00-10:20am, and 11:30am-12:00pm.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Last week we highlighted Mission India’s Adult Literacy work. With nearly 300 million illiterate adults, India is one of the most illiterate nations on earth. Every \$40 given to Mission India Adult Literacy will provide one student with a year’s worth of education. You can learn more at missionindia.org/adult-literacy-classes.

This morning we highlight the work of Amor Ministries. Amor partners with local communities throughout Mexico, and around the world, to build houses alongside families in need. With our Christmas offering, we not only contribute funds to build a home but also the manpower to help build them. Learn more at amor.org

Thank you for prayerfully considering giving this season. If your heart has already been “stirred up” with generosity, you can give online for our Christmas offering at christlamesa.org/give.

REFUGEE MINISTRY

We invite you to join us next Sunday, December 11 at 12:00 in Room 203 for a 45-minute meeting to learn more about ways in which you can become an active part of our refugee ministry.

Let Us Know You're Worshipping With Us!



Or visit christlamesa.org/hello

AS WE GATHER

If you go through a mall, listen to the radio, or join us in worship, you'll inevitably hear the *Sounds of the Season*: music that draws us into Advent and Christmas. In our current series, we are looking at these hymns, carols, and songs, and what they mean for our life. Today we focus on Isaac Watt's beloved hymn *Joy to the World* and will see how the words of the hymn invite us to express joy each week. May your heart be filled with joy as we worship today and celebrate God's love together!

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE LOVE CANDLE

Leader: We praise You, O God, for this Advent wreath that numbers the days of preparation for Christ's coming. As we light the first candle on this wreath, fill us with love as we wait in anticipation for Emmanuel.

(The Hope and Love candles are lit)

People: Give us the light of Your grace so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may prepare our hearts to welcome Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Leader: Let us pray...

People: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that at His second coming we may worship Him in purity; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING SONGS

COME, EMMANUEL

Come and speak to us, come and renew us, come and live through us, Emmanuel.

Grace to implore us, ever before us, come and restore us, Emmanuel.

Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Once mercy found us; still You astound us. Hold and surround us, Emmanuel.

Living inside us, faithful to guide us, cover and hide us, Emmanuel.

Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel, come.

Love that begins us, pardons and wins us, come and reign in us, Emmanuel.

Come and speak to us, fill and renew us, come and live through us,

Emmanuel,

Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

JESUS, MESSIAH

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners, The Ransom from heaven
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners, The Ransom from heaven
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all

All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You
All the glory to You, God, The Light of the world
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all
The Lord of all, The Lord of all

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 98
PEW BIBLE PAGE 857

Reader: In Psalm 98, the psalmist calls us to a life of worship that celebrates God's goodness to each of us.

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. ² The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. ³ He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; ⁵ make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, ⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; ⁹ let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12
PEW BIBLE PAGE 1375

Reader: To honor the words and works of Jesus, please stand. John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus to come into hearts and lives. In his bold preaching, and through the waters of baptism, John calls people to repentance in the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the third chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

⁴ John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

People: 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. He will come again 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG

JOY TO THE WORLD, VV. 1-2

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

MESSAGE

JOY TO THE WORLD

OFFERING

CHRISTLAMESA.ORG/GIVE

SONG OF RESPONSE

JOY TO THE WORLD, VV. 3-4

No more let sins and sorrows grow nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

(Please stand)

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24-26

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

THERE'S NOTHING THAT OUR GOD CAN'T DO

Just one Word, You calm the storm that surrounds me
Just one Word, the darkness has to retreat
Just one touch, I feel the presence of heaven
Just one touch, my eyes were opened to see

There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a mountain that He can't move
Oh, praise the name that makes a way!
There's nothing that our God can't do

Just one Word, You heal what's broken inside me
Just one Word, and You revive every dream
Just one touch, I feel the power of heaven
Just one touch, my eyes were opened to see

There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a mountain that He can't move
Oh, praise the name that makes a way!
There's nothing that our God can't do

Oh, there's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a prison wall He can't break through
Oh, praise the name that makes a way!
There's nothing that our God can't do
I will believe for greater things
There's no power like the power of Jesus
Let faith arise, let all agree
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Oh, there's nothing that our God can't do
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Oh, praise the name that makes a way!
There's nothing that our God can't do

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THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP AT 10:30AM

Preacher & Worship Leader

Children's Message

Acolyte

Reader

Music Leader

Worship Partner

Livestream Technician

Sound Technician

Media Technician

Welcome Team

Pastor Richard Burkey

DCE Cheri Selander

Elise Ramos

Don Mathiowetz

Praise Band

Mark Arzillo

Joseph Arzillo

Dennis Johnson

Rich Powers

Jill Kusel

Mark Kusel

Jason Thomas

Julie Thomas

Mary Thomas

Sally Thomas



HELP MAKE SUNDAY SPECIAL!
CHRISTLAMESA.ORG/VOLUNTEER

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S LIFE BUILDING WORD

Introduction: The Hated Hymn Writer and a Favorite Hymn

⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy.

(Psalm 98:7-8)

VERSE 1

VERSE

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98:1 Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Psalm 98:6b Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

MAIN POINT

When you worship, you prepare Him room.

VERSE 2

VERSE

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns: let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98:2 The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

MAIN POINT

When you worship, you repeat the sounding joy.

VERSE 3

VERSE

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98:9 Let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

MAIN POINT

When you worship, you reverse the curse of Adam's disobedience.

VERSE 4

VERSE

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98:3 He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

MAIN POINT

When you worship, you prove His righteousness.

Conclusion: When you worship ...

THINGS I'D LIKE TO REMEMBER

G.P.S. – GROW, PRAY, STUDY GUIDE

Get the weekly GPS on your computer/phone/etc. by going to the site: www.clcm-gps.com. You can also get automatic notifications by sending a text to 81010 with the text @clcm-gps, or by subscribing through Feedly.com (or any other RSS reader).

Day 1: Read *Psalms 98:7-8*. If you were to picture nature praising God as the psalmist describes, what would your picture look like? Why?

Day 2: Read *Psalms 98:1*. How does music enhance your life of worship? Is there a new (or old) song/hymn that speaks powerfully into your life for praising God? Why has it become so special to you?

Day 3: Read *Psalms 98:6b*. As you go through your day today, how can you live your life with the LORD as King? Why is it important to remember that no matter what happens (or who is elected), the LORD is still King?

Day 4: Read *Psalms 98:2*. How did you come to know God as Savior? How might God be using you to lead someone else to know Him? Pray for someone to come to know Jesus who doesn't know Him as Savior yet.

Day 5: Read *Psalms 98:9*. Take some time to confess your sins to God. Take time to name them. The Good news is that the God who comes to judge also comes to reconcile. Ask God for forgiveness. Thank Him for the forgiveness that He gives through Jesus.

Day 6: Read *Psalms 98:3*. Give thanks for God's gift of salvation in your life. Pick a nation (people group of the world) to pray to come to know Jesus as their Savior.

GOING DEEPER AND NEXT WEEK

- **Book:** *The Air I Breathe: Worship as a Way of Life* by Louie Giglio
- **Next Sunday:** "Sounds of the Season: Silent Night"

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

TODAY | DECEMBER 4

- 8:00 am—Traditional Worship
- 9:15 am—Sunday School
 - 3yrs -Grade 6—CLS Back Entrance
 - Confirmation—Room 202
 - Senior High—Youth Center Room 3
- 9:15 am—Christian Education Hour
 - Focus—Room 101
 - Bereans—Room 203
 - Village—Lucas Hall
 - Grace—CLS Teachers' Lounge
- 10:30 am—Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
- 4:00 pm—Divorce Care & DC4K—Rooms 201 & 202
- 5:00 pm—Senior High Sunday Night—Youth Center

MONDAY | DECEMBER 5

- No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY | DECEMBER 6

- 7:00 pm—Alcoholics Anonymous—Youth Building Room 1

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 7

- 9:30 am—Women's Bible Study—Lucas Hall
- 6:00 PM—Pre-K - Grade 2 Christmas Program—Gym

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 8

- 9:30 am—Insights—Lucas Hall
- 6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
 - Al Anon Meeting—Fireside Room
- 7:30 pm—Sabbath Sound Bell Rehearsal—Room 200B

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 9

- 6:30 pm—Singles Over 50 Game Night—Lucas Hall
- 7:00 pm—God Squad—Youth Center

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 10

- 7:30 am—Men's Bible Study in Lucas Hall

In Our Prayers

REJOICING

Lord, we rejoice and give thanks for the preparation and presentation of our preschool through 2nd Grade Advent Service on December 7th in the gym.

Lord, we rejoice as we light the second candle on our Advent wreath and continue our journey to the manger in Bethlehem. May we be guided by a sense of peace.

ASKING

Lord, we pray for students and groups preparing for our special Advent and Christmas services. May their service reflect the joy of the season in their hearts.

Lord, we pray for Amor Ministries and our partnership with them in building homes for people in Mexico. Give us generous hearts for our Christmas offering. We pray for the family in Mexico who receives the gift of a new home.

CALLING

Lord, bless those who are unemployed or underemployed. Provide work for each person so they can utilize their gifts and strengthen our community.

Lord, bless those who work as social workers, psychologists, and sociologists as they seek to understand, and help us understand, our world. May they lead us to a greater understanding of Your creation.

SERVING

Lord, bless our ministry to refugees in San Diego. May the work we do glorify Your name as we seek to welcome all people.

Lord, bless the studies and future ministries of Misha Tripp (Teacher), Kylee Sullivan (Director of Christian Education), and Alex Allsing (Pastor). May they find joy in their studies and a passion to serve You and Your people in ministry.



WORSHIP

DISCIPLES CELEBRATE
GOD TOGETHER

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CONNECT

DISCIPLES DEVELOP
FAITH RELATIONSHIPS

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DEVELOPING
DYNAMIC DISCIPLES



SERVE

DISCIPLES SHARE CHRIST'S
LOVE IN WORD AND DEED

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LEARN

DISCIPLES LEARN IN ORDER
TO LIVE GOD'S WORD

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Richard Burkey
Senior Pastor



Travis Ferguson
Pastor of Family
Connections



Dave Peterson
Visitation Pastor



Cheri Selander
Coordinator of
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Kathy Barkett
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Emily Lieber
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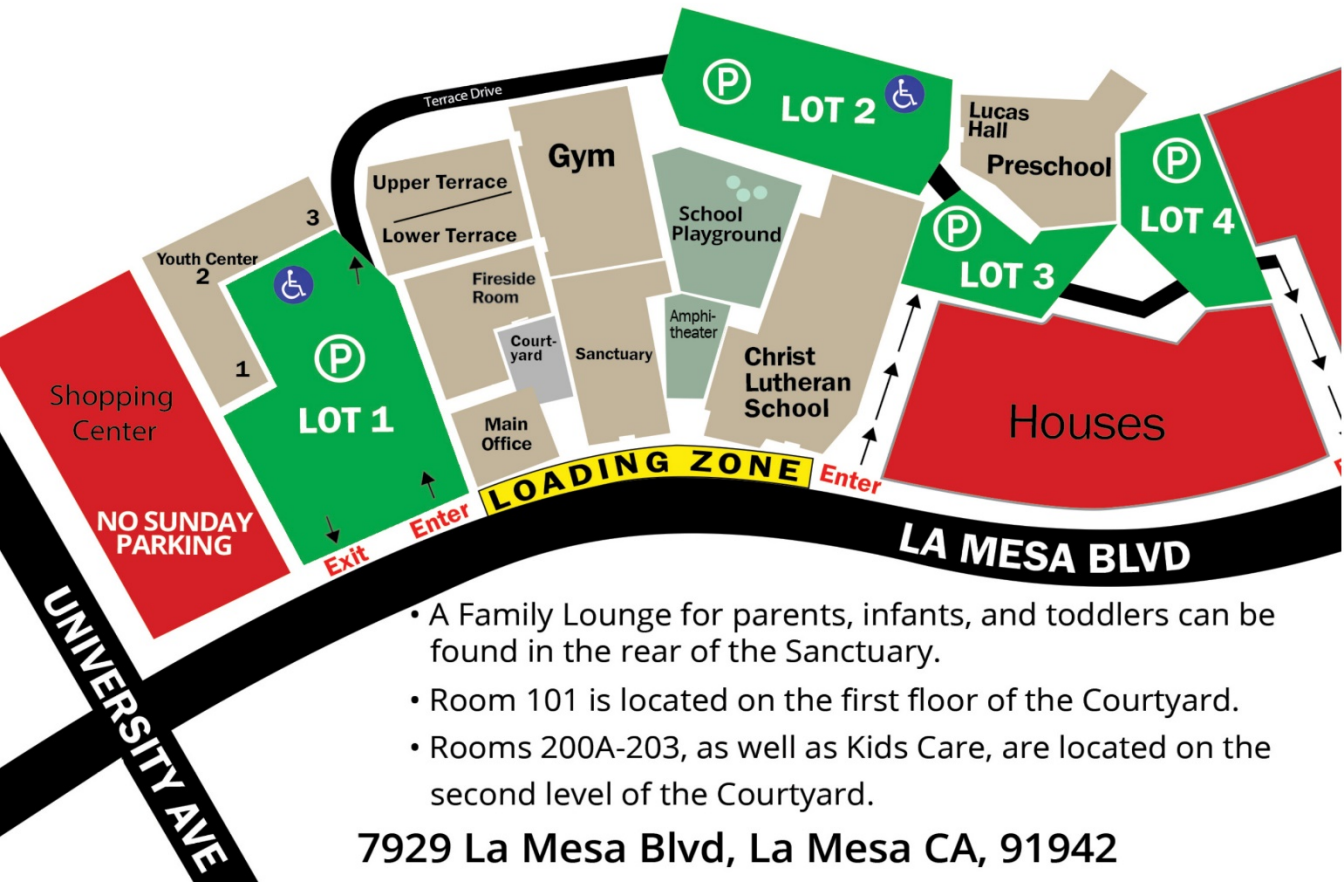
Kathy Johnson
Worship and Music Assistant



Kim Voss
Administrative Assistant



Stuart Gardner
Director of Community
and Communications



- A Family Lounge for parents, infants, and toddlers can be found in the rear of the Sanctuary.
- Room 101 is located on the first floor of the Courtyard.
- Rooms 200A-203, as well as Kids Care, are located on the second level of the Courtyard.

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