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Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal) Sayre PA

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During the season of Advent, our weekly electronic mailing will feature a devotion and reflection for your use. We hope it equips you for your Advent journey. Reflections/Devotions for an Advent Journey (From *Sundays and Seasons Year C 2013 Augsburg Fortress*) Reflections/Devotions for an Advent Journey (From *Sundays and Seasons Year C 2013 Augsburg Fortress*) *Highways, pathways, gates, and journeys figure prominently in the imagery of Advent. We hear the voice shouting, "Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight the Path!" We witness the unexpected detours for Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary and Joseph. We make way in our hearts and lives for our God. During the season of Advent, add 8 minutes of prayer to your day as one way to prepare your heart for the coming of the Christ Child. You may wish to light the candle(s) on your Advent wreath as part of your devotions.*

IF using an Advent wreath, you may wish to use this blessing as you light the all four candles:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. In your Son, Emmanuel, You have shown us your light And saved us from the power of sin. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Increase our longing for your presence, That at the celebration of your Son's birth His Spirit might dwell anew in our midst, For he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

Detour ahead. The unexpected inevitably happens. Angles burst in with news, unplanned pregnancies alter plans, the government demands registration in a distant and overcrowded town. God choose the most radical detour of all: coming to our world in human form.

Prayer:

God of the unexpected, you make streams in the desert and cause the speechless to sing for joy. Open our eyes to the wonders of your unending love, shown to us in the coming Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 or click here:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+35%3A1-10&version=NRSV>

Second Reading: Luke 2:1-5 or click here:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+2%3A1-5&version=NRSV>

LORD's Prayer

Blessing: The light of Christ illumine our path,

The love of God remain our guidepost,

And the power of the Spirit sustain our journey. Amen.



**He has raised up a mighty
Savior!**

Beloved in Christ: I am so thankful for each of you. Nina and I wish you all the blessings of the Christmas season. I hope to see you at one of our Christmas services at 6:00 pm on 12/24 or for Christmas Lessons and Carols on 12/30 at 11:00 a m.

I look forward to what we can do together in the New Year and beyond!

In Christ's love, Pastor Melinda



Thank you to everyone that helped to make the Angel Tree project a great success again this year.

“The Nativity Story” Family and Friends are invited to the Sunday school Christmas program on Sunday December 23rd at 9:30 a.m.. Following an Advent wreath lighting, an awesome mini play and Christmas tree decorating, a birthday party will be held for baby Jesus. Hope you can make it



Planning ahead: Please join us for worship Christmas Eve at 5:45 p.m. for Christmas Caroling with Festival Eucharist beginning at 6:00 p.m., or at 8:30 p.m. at St. John Lutheran . There will be no Saturday service on December 29th.



Looking for Christ in unexpected places. Look at our lit-up letter carrier