

Dear Reader:

This devotional for Advent is based upon the Daily Lectionary readings for Morning Prayer. If a reflection is based upon a particular reading, the reference to that reading is in **bold**. Members of St. John Lutheran Church and the Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal) in Sayre, PA were asked to contribute a reflection for each day. Certainly, part of the purpose of being asked to write a reflection was to deepen one's spiritual life, both that of the writer and the reader. Another reason was to offer one another a way to "hear" our voice when we cannot safely gather as a worshipping community. I hope these reflections help bind us together during a difficult time in our common life. I hope you discovery what a gift each of you are, marvelously and wonderfully made in the image of God as we wait for Christ to come again. I was touched by each of these reflections and I trust you will be too.

Faithfully,

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