

the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”

Luke 1:39-45

Worship Prayer...

Father in heaven, I admit I am a sinner and cannot save myself, but trust only in your Son Jesus Christ—true God and true man—who died on the cross for me and rose again to give me new life now and forever. By your Holy Spirit’s power take my heart and life and make me yours; turn me from my own selfish path to always love, trust and follow Jesus. Because you love and forgive me, help me forgive and love others. And now, as we gather together as your church in this place, make us one in truth and love according to the faithful leading and unfailing promises of your living Word. In Jesus’ name....Amen!

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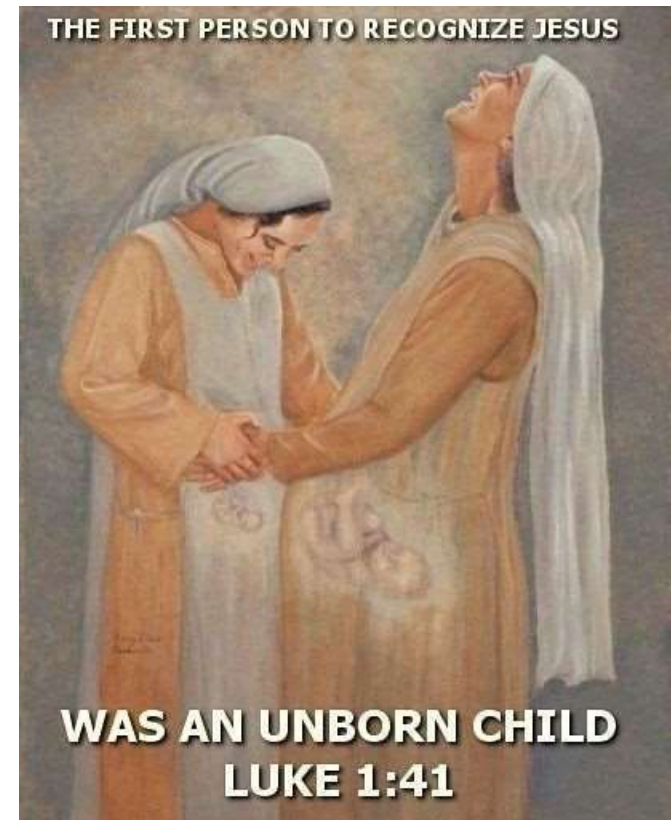
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Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 22nd, 2024
10:00 am Service

WELCOME TO LIVING WORD!

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WE REJOICE IN GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS...

Opening Prayer

Praise Song

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

Invocation

Confession & Forgiveness

On screen

Affirmation of Faith:

Nicene Creed

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD...

Today's Psalm

Psalm 80:1-7

Scripture Readings

Facing page

Message Song

"What Child Is This"

Message

"Restore Us, O God!"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL...

Prayers of God's People

Lord's Prayer

Communion

"Behold the Lamb"

Benediction

Closing Song

"First Noel"

Please place offerings in basket at sanctuary entrance

"Restore Us, O God!"

Psalm 80 says: *"Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved."* This Advent we pray, *"Restore us, O God...!"*

1) Restore us, O God, by Christ's SHEPHERD STRENGTH!

² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." ³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. ⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he will be our peace when the Assyrians invade our land and march through our fortresses. We will raise against them seven shepherds, even eight commanders, ...
Micah 5:2-5a

2) Restore us, O God, through Christ's SIN SACRIFICE.

⁵ Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; ⁶ with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. ⁷ Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God.'" ⁸ First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"—though they were offered in accordance with the law. ⁹ Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:5-10

3) Restore us, O God, with Christ's SPIRIT SOUND.

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is