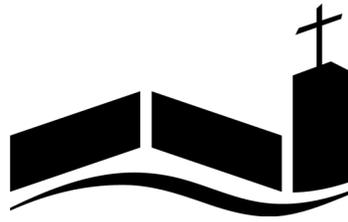


**BUFFALO  
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*So All May Know Joy*

**November 24, 2019**



**Today's Sermon:**

***I'll Save You a Spot***  
**By Curtis Rieck**

Every life, no matter your story, background or situation...God has an open spot to sit down and enjoy spiritual food, to be told you are valuable and loved, and to receive strength and rest. You are welcome exactly as you are, whether you can imagine it or not, at the table.

**We're glad you're here!**

**Questions?** Ask anyone with a red nametag for information about our church.

**Welcome Flyers** for new worshipers are found on the entryway wall.

**Please fill out** the "Thanks for Being Here" card in the pew rack. Time will be given to write any prayer requests and/or comments on your worship experience on the back of the card, then place it in the offering plate.

**A staffed nursery** is available in the education wing for children 5 & under.

**Children's activity bags** for worship are available on the rack in the entryway. There are also "scribble sheets" for kids on the wall!

**Copies of the sermon manuscript** are available before the service from any usher, and can also be found posted on our church website.

**Words will be projected for all songs.** Some songs are also found in the red hymnal, black hymnal or gray songbook found in your pew and page numbers are listed accordingly in your bulletin.

**Coffee** is served between the worship services each week in the Fellowship Hall from 9:20-10:20.

**Devotional resources** are available on the wall rack in the entryway.

**Hearing assist devices** are available, please ask an usher or soundboard operator.

**8:15 am • Joyful Praise Worship**

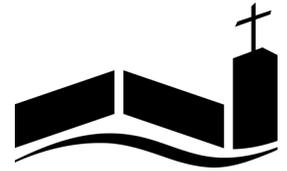
**Coffee Fellowship & Education • 9:20-10:20 am**

**10:30 am • Celebration Worship**



# Joyful Praise Worship • 8:15 am

Thanksgiving Sunday



## Gathering Music

## Welcome & Announcements

## Invocation & Sharing Christ's Joy

### Song

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship  
I Choose You*  
words projected

## Call to Worship

### Song

*Who You Say I Am*  
words projected

## The Early Word

*Chosen*  
James Dorado, Jace Stokes

## Old Testament Reading

*God's Loving Kindness*  
2 Samuel 9:3-11 NLT

## Message

*I'll Save You a Spot*  
Curtis R. Rieck

## Time of Reflection

Spend this time in meditation or to write a comment or prayer on your response card

## Invitation to Offering

## Music during Offering

*There's Always a Place at the Table*  
sung by Dave Jacobs  
from *The Gaither Vocal Band*

## Prayer of Consecration

## The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

## Song of Sending Forth

*If We Are the Body*

## Blessing

## Music for Departure

# Celebration Worship • 10:30 am

Thanksgiving Sunday



## Gathering Music

Dave Gaeth

## Welcome & Announcements

## Invocation & Sharing Christ's Joy

## Call to Worship

## Hymn of Praise

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*  
#694 red hymnal

## Old Testament Reading

*Joseph the Steward*  
Genesis 39:1-6a NLT

## The Early Word

*Chosen*  
James Dorado, Jace Stokes

## Hymn of Preparation

*Children of the Heavenly Father*  
#141 red hymnal

## Old Testament Reading

*God's Loving Kindness*  
2 Samuel 9:3-11 NLT

## Message

*I'll Save You a Spot*  
Curtis R. Rieck

## Time of Reflection

Spend this time in meditation or to write a comment or prayer on your response card

## Invitation to Offering

## Offertory

## Doxology

#94 red hymnal

## Prayer of Consecration

## The Lord's Prayer

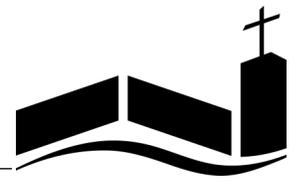
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## Hymn of Consecration

*I Am Thine, O Lord*  
#419 red hymnal

## Blessing

## Postlude



## Happening Today

### Book Fair Today—Check it Out!

We left the Book Fair up for one more Sunday with many Advent resources that you can purchase for study on your own, or as part of one of our Advent classes, or even to form your own group. Advent begins next Sunday, December 1, so plan now for the ways you will prepare your heart for Christmas. Check it out, and sign up for a class if you're interested. If the cost of a book is an issue, please see a staff member for scholarship information.

### Student Day Offering Today

We receive the United Methodist Student Day special offering, one of six annual UM special offerings. This offering calls the church to support students preparing for life in uniting faith with knowledge through scholarships and the UM student loans.

### Help Decorate for Christmas Today

Help decorating the sanctuary and fellowship hall for Advent **today at 11:30 am** would be appreciated. All welcome!

## Coming Up

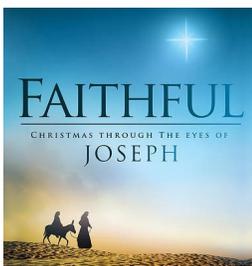
### Church Conference Next Sunday, Dec. 1

There will be a Church Conference to vote on the 2020 budget, pastor's compensation, membership report, ministry team members, and other church business on **Sunday, December 1 at 9:20 am at church**. All members of Buffalo UMC are welcome to come and vote. Constituents are welcome to participate with voice but not vote.

### Community Thanksgiving Service

The Community Thanksgiving Service is this **Wednesday, November 27** at Zion Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm. It's a wonderful evening of praise and gratitude with mass choir and handbells, including our Chancel Chimes.

### "Faithful" Advent Study on Joseph

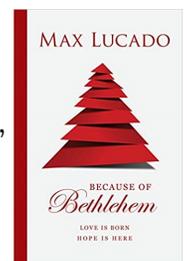


Have you ever wondered what it would be like to raise a child that was not yours? Or even more, to raise the son of God? This Advent you have the opportunity to discuss the possible feelings of Joseph, earthly father of

Jesus. The responsibility given to Joseph is explored in the book "Faithful – Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph" by Adam Hamilton. A four-week study will take place Sunday mornings between services on December 1, 8, 15, & 22 in the conference room by Dexter and Sheryl Lehman. The books are \$14 each.

### Because of Bethlehem Advent Study

Because of Bethlehem, we no longer have marks on our record...just grace. We have the promise that God is always near us, always for us, always within us. Please plan to join Laurie Schroeder for a three session Advent study, *Because of Bethlehem*, by Max Lucado on **Thursdays, December 5, 12, & 19 at noon**. (Due to a late Thanksgiving we can only fit in three sessions this year.) There is a video with each session, so you can participate without preparing ahead of time. Bring your lunch with if you like! Sign up today in the entryway at church. Books are \$12.

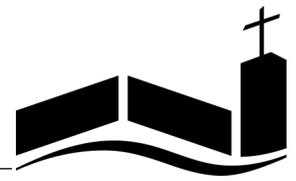


### Poinsettia Orders Due Today

Help adorn our sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. Place order in the offering plate today using the forms in the pews. Flowers remain through Christmas Eve. **Sign up on the bulletin board** (separate sheet) to purchase extra poinsettias for yourself at \$10, with the profits going toward apportionments.

### Upcoming December Events

- Dec. 1** 1st Sunday of Advent; communion
- Dec. 8** Hanging of the Greens worship
- Dec. 14** SS Christmas Program Rehearsal at 9:00 am
- Dec. 15** SS Christmas Program at 10:30 am



### **Wesley Meal This Saturday, November 30**

Our church will serve a meal at Wesley Church in downtown Minneapolis on **Saturday, November 30**. Check the bulletin board for sign-up sheets if you can help serve that day and/or make a dessert (either cake or cookies).

### **Help Make the Christmas Dinner Happen**

Last year we served 225 people at the Christmas Day Dinner. Our team has met to plan for how to manage things more smoothly this year, and we will need as many volunteers as possible! We have posted sign-up sheets with many ways for you to support this wonderful community outreach ministry – our 23rd annual dinner!!

- Donate food, supplies or cash. (Turkeys needed by Dec. 15; non perishable items by December 15; perishables by December 22. Salads and desserts may be brought on Christmas Eve.)
- Help decorate on **today at 11:30 am**.
- Help cook turkeys on **Saturday, December 21**.
- Help set up tables on **Sunday, December 22**.
- Volunteer to work one or more of the shifts on **Christmas Day**.

### **News! BUMC Will Host “Adopt a Family”**

We are pleased that our church will be hosting the Buffalo Rotary’s Adopt-a-Family Christmas program this year. Gifts for families will be dropped off at the church on **Sunday, December 8 from 3-8 pm**, and then families will pick up their gifts on **Saturday, December 14**. We ask your gracious hospitality as we work with the Rotary to administer this program.

### **Blankets for Beds**

Thank you to everyone who continues to bring in blankets and bedding to donate to the Food Shelf. The need is NEVER ending. Any and ALL new OR gently used blankets/linens are accepted--- please put them in the new “Blanket Basket” outside of the church office or call Dianne McLain (763-682-2260) if you need them to be picked up.



### **Serve Communion to Homebound**

If you would consider occasionally taking communion to our homebound and care center residents, see Pam Croft or Laurie for details.

### **2020 Promise Cards Still Welcome**

If you were gone last Sunday or didn’t turn in your promise cards for 2020, both for financial estimate of giving and My Plan for Serving, please bring them in. We welcome them through the end of the year, but appreciate having them as soon as possible. Not only does it help the church in planning ministry, it also helps you find clarity and joy in your faith walk and spiritual growth.

### **Consider the Food Shelf**

While you’re working with the Defying Gravity concepts of decluttering and organizing, why not clean out your cupboards? Then donate any spare food, or things you have doubles of (that are still not expired) to the food shelf, which can these foods to those who could use them. Or as you shop for Thanksgiving, consider buying some extras to donate. Please put items in the red wagon, across from the church office.”

### **Opportunities to Serve**

- **Cookie Stocker**—here’s a simple job to consider! Simply keep the cookie and lemonade supplies for fellowship stocked by shopping periodically. See Laurie if willing.
- **Ministry Teams**—We are still looking to fill several positions on ministry teams including finance, property, staff parish and nominations. If you would consider one of those terms, please see Laurie ASAP.

### **Frozen Meals Available**

Thanks to our kitchen crew, there is a fresh batch of frozen lasagna in the freezer for you to take to someone needing a meal or two. Who could you surprise with the blessing of a meal?

### **Confirmation Corner**

There will be no class this week. The Community Thanksgiving service listed here is an encouraged event but not required for confirmation students.

## Next Sunday December 1

### Joy in the Darkness

Jeremiah and Habakkuk spoke God's truth to the Kings of Israel just prior to their exile in Babylon. It was a time of judgment and heartbreak, a time when God's promises to make a nation out of Abraham's descendants seemed in doubt. But even in the darkness of the exile, God promised a future with joy.

### Prayer Matters

- Gail Hurley's dad fell a second time and fractured some ribs, so pray for recovery and pain tolerance.
- Nick & Kelly Floyd's son Devin left for deployment on Monday, so please pray for his safety and well-being as he serves.
- Joe Schroeder will have a bone marrow biopsy on Wednesday to determine the cause of low blood cell production.
- Continued prayers for Nancy Menting's granddaughter, Heather, for physical healing, and to stave off depression, and for financial strains to be resolved through insurance



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## Serving Today

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| Musicians:        | Joyful Praise Team, Dave Jacobs (8:15);<br>Dave Gaeth, Marianne Kreitlow (10:30) |
| Tech:             | Debbie Bishop, Jana Knutson  |
| Scripture Reader: | Duane Otness   |
| Ushers:           | Dexter & Sheryl Lehman (8:15)<br>Linda Bostic & Susan Sorsoleil (10:30)          |
| Coffee Servers:   | Barb Odenthal & Maryann Barfknecht   |
| Nursery:          | Angie Masteller  |

## This Week in Ministry

### Monday, November 25

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl @ Arlene's

### Tuesday, November 26

7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting

### Wednesday, November 27

7:30 pm Community Thanksgiving Service @ Zion  
(No Wednesday evening activities)

### Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving—Office Closed

### Friday, November 29

Thanksgiving—Office Closed

### Saturday, November 30

8:30 am Wesley Meal

### Sunday, December 1 Holy Communion/ Church Conference

8:15 am Joyful Praise Worship Service

9:20 am Church Conference

9:20 am Faithful Joseph Book Study

10:30 am Traditional Worship Service

## Church Leadership & Staff

|                         |                           |             |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Pastor:                 | <b>Rev. Bill Reinhart</b> | PastorBill@ |
| Lay Assoc. Minister:    | <b>Laurie Schroeder</b>   | Laurie@     |
| Youth Coordinator:      | <b>Curtis R. Rieck</b>    | Curtis@     |
| Children's Coordinator: | <b>Debbie Bishop</b>      | Debbie@     |
| Administrative Asst:    | <b>Michelle Jones</b>     | Office@     |
| Lay Leader:             | <b>Peter Bedker</b>       |             |
| Leadership Team:        | <b>Jim Norrix</b>         |             |
| Staff Parish Team:      | <b>Gail Hurley</b>        |             |
| Property Team:          | <b>Dave Sieberg</b>       |             |
| Finance Team:           | <b>Martyn Dibben</b>      |             |
| Treasurer:              | <b>Dexter Lehman</b>      |             |
| Bookkeeper:             | <b>Patty Steer</b>        | Patty@      |
| Custodian:              | <b>Ryan Highberg</b>      |             |

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