

Today's Scripture
Luke 1:5-25



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⁵ In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

⁸ Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense.


¹¹ And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷ and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

¹⁸ And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." ¹⁹ And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰ And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." ²¹ And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. ²² And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. ²³ And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

²⁴ After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, ²⁵ "Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."


What's Happening
Candlelight Christmas
Eve Service – 7 p.m.

Next Steps:
New to Shore Church
and would like to get more connected? Talk to Kim in the office about getting a mailbox, being in the communication system and the directory.


 **Kid's Church**

Children ages 2-grade 5 will be dismissed prior to the sermon for worship time in the Fellowship Hall.
Helpers:

Today: Vicki/Bill Beck
12-22: Fred/Drew/Allecia

 **Nursery**
The nursery is located on the east side of the sanctuary.
Today: Maggie/Tonya
12-22: Reeds/Lauren

Sunday School
Join us for Sunday school after worship.
Classes available for all ages after worship.

 **Coffee Bar**
Coffee, tea, and hot cocoa are offered at our coffee bar in the lobby.



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Looking Ahead

Luke 2:1-21

Next week we will look at the miraculous birth of the savior Jesus. The most miraculous birth of all!



Prayers & Praises

We are glad you are here to worship with us this morning! It is our prayer that you will experience a touch from the Lord during your time with us today and there will be a desire in your heart to reach back to Him with love. Feel free to love Him back during our singing, prayer and scripture reading in any manner you wish: standing, sitting, kneeling, raising of hands, clapping, shouting praises, head bowed or other acts of praise.



"Greetings, favored one!
The Lord is with you!"

Luke 1:28, NRSV



Sermon Series
Joyful Arrivals

Sermon Title
The Arrival of John

- Clara Bontrager – health issues
- Steve Christner – cancer
- Judy Dintaman - stroke
- Rebecca Haarer - cancer
- Melissa Lewton – cancer
- Mark Mishler – continued healing
- Ryland Pittenger- Dylan’s nephew - leukemia

- **Children**, ages 2-grade 5 will be dismissed before the sermon for Kid’s Church in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Blessing Box** – The Primary Department is collecting for the Blessing Box. Help them out, by placing your non-perishable items in the bin in the lobby.
- **Candlelight service** – Join us at 7 p.m. for our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

Attention

- If you are a visitor with us, please fill out a connect card from the pew pocket and place in the offering box. Thank you.
- If you have a prayer request – please fill out a prayer card and place in the designated Prayer Requests holders on the side aisles. Your request will be mentioned during prayer time.



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