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Sunday 10:00 AM; Wednesday 7:00 PM

WELCOME to the Lord's House today! May God help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth! Before you leave, guests are requested to sign the guest book, which is located in the narthex. Both guests and members are asked to fill out an attendance card, located in the pews, returning it as you leave. We invite you to return and worship with us again. If you do not have a regular church home, then we invite you to join our family. May this celebration of the mercy of God enrich your spiritual life and be uplifting for each one of you.

A COMFORT ROOM is available during the Sunday services for young children and their parents. There are many toys and books available. If you need help, directions, or have any questions, please ask an usher. Parents, please do not leave your children unattended.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the narthex. The bags contain a coloring book, drawing paper, reading books, crayons, and a pencil. Parents are welcome to grab a bag for their children to use during the service. Please remember to replace the bag following worship.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available on the table in the narthex. These feature a coloring sheet and activities for children based on the Scripture readings of the day. Please help yourself.

INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS are available for those with impaired hearing. Please ask an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available in the narthex.

<p>DOORS ARE LOCKED after the service begins. If you need to exit the building, please let an usher know, and they'll wait at the door to let you back inside.</p>

*Sharing the caring CHRIST,
...here, there, and everywhere*

HOLY COMMUNION

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to the pastor about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith: we simply understand our communing together is also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray.

LIFE THOUGHT

Beware the sword of abortion, euthanasia, and embryocidal technologies. Those who live by the sword will die by it sooner or later. The words and ways of the Lord our God, however, beat swords into plowshares and pruning hooks (Isaiah 2:4)—a far more beautiful existence. May our words and deeds invite our neighbors to cast off the works of darkness, like sexual immorality, and take hold of the salvation that has drawn near (Romans 13:11-12)!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Preacher:	Pastor Martin Dressler
Fieldworkers:	Daniel Heitshusen Matthew Vathauer
Organist/Pianist:	Elin Hogan-Gomez
Greeters:	Roger & Joyce Sachtleben and Vic Heislen
Prayer Team:	Cathy Burkee and Reggie Miller

(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: The Advent of Our King (LSB 331)



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt.
Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-76

INVOCATION AND OPENING RESPONSORY

L: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

L: We gather around God's Word and His Sacrament,
C: as children of the light through God's grace given in Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: As we wait for the fullness of Christ's coming, we are called to repentance. We confess our sin to our heavenly Father.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: Lord God, so often we take You for granted and fail to take seriously your coming again on the Last Day.
C: Forgive us, Lord.

L: Our desire frequently is to control everything in our lives including You, our Creator.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

L: In the noise and nervousness of our busy lives, we often fail to notice Your presence among us, especially in the poor, homeless, lonely, and forgotten.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

L: Our poor stewardship of Your creation is evidenced by the way we fail to care for it and preserve it for those who will come after us.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

L: We confess that we are hesitant to proclaim with all our might the life-saving Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

L: These and all other sins we confess to You.

C: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus, and His suffering, death, and resurrection, forgive us.

P: In the mercy of almighty God and for the sake of the suffering and death of His Son, Jesus, on the cross, I forgive all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Spirit of God prepare us and make us ready for our Savior's coming.

C: Amen.

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BENEDICTUS

LSB 238



C Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el;



He has come to His peo - ple and re - deemed them.



He has raised up for us a might - y Sav - ior,



born of the house of His ser - vant Da - vid.



Through His ho - ly proph - ets He prom - ised of old



that He would save us from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who



hate us. He prom - ised to show mer - cy to our fa - thers



and to re - mem - ber His ho - ly cov - e - nant.



This was the oath He swore to our fa - ther A - bra - ham:



to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,



free to wor - ship Him with - out fear, ho - ly and



righ - teous in His sight all the days of our life.



L You, my child, shall be called the proph - et of the Most High,



for you will go be - fore the Lord to pre - pare His way,



to give His peo - ple knowl - edge of sal - va - tion by the for - give - ness

of their sins. In the ten-der com-pas-sion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us
to shine on those who dwell in dark-ness and the shad-ow of death
and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.
C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the
Ho-ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE

L: He came as a baby in a manger.
C: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: He came to be our Savior.
C: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: Let us open our hearts and receive Him
C: and walk in His ways forever.

The first candle is lit.

L: Jesus, thank You for bringing us true hope.
C: Come, Lord Jesus. Come quickly! Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

C: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

L: I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**C: Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

L: Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,

to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
**C: There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.**

L: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
"May they be secure who love you!"

**C: Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!"**

L: For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, "Peace be within you!"

**C: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.**

EPISTLE

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying (LSB 516)



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es; "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.

The Bride-groom comes, a-wake! Your lamps with glad-ness take!
 Now come, Thou Bless-ed One, Lord Je-sus, God's own Son,
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might

Al-le-lu-ia! With brid-al care Your-selves pre-pare
 Hail! Ho-san-na! We en-ter all The wed-ding hall
 Of Thy glo-ry; There-fore will we E-ter-nal-ly

To meet the Bride-groom, who is near?
 To eat the Sup-per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
 Text and tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608

SERMON: "Let Your Weapons Down" Isaiah 2:4 Pastor Dressler

OFFERING (*prayer requests*)

*OFFERING VERSE - "I was glad when they said to me,
 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" Psalm 122:1*

BAPTISMAL HYMN: You Have Put On Christ (AGPS 271)

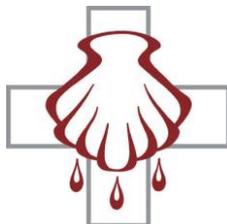
Sung three times.

You have put on Christ, In Him you have been bap-tized.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

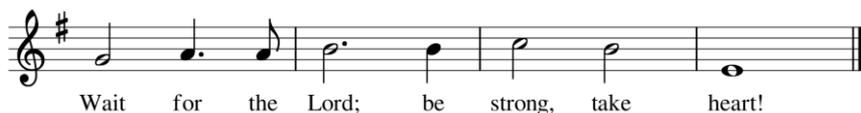
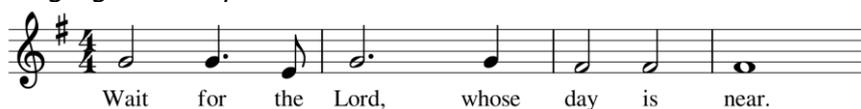
ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM

Allin Joram and Selena Joram



(Please stand)

PRAYERS - Each petition concludes with "Lord, hear our prayer."
Congregation responds with verse below.



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see communion information in the front of the bulletin. Follow the direction of the usher to approach the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

PREFACE

LSB 208

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

O Savior of Our Fallen Race (Keith & Kristyn Getty)

1. O Sav - ior of our fall - en race, O
 2. Re - mind us Lord of life and grace how
 3. For from the Fa - ther's throne You came, His
 4. O Sav - ior of our fall - en race, the
 Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's face; O
 once, to save our fall - en race, You
 ban - ished child - ren to re - claim; And
 world will see Your ra - diant face for
 Son who shared the Fa - ther's might be -
 put our hu - man ves - ture on and
 earth and sea and sky re - vere the
 You who came to us be - fore will



fore the world knew day or night. O
 came to us as Mar - y's son. To -
 love of Him who sent You here. And
 come a - gain and all re - store. Let



Je - sus ver - y Light of light Our
 day, as year by year its light brings
 we are ju - bi - lant to - day, For
 sons of praise Your name a - dorn, O



con - stant star in sin's deep night: Now
 to our world a pro - mise bright, one
 You have washed our guilt a - way. O
 Christ, Re - deem - er, vir - gin - born whom



hear the prayers Your peo - ple pray Through -
 pre - cious truth out - shines the sun: Sal -
 hear the glad new song we sing on
 with the Fa - ther we a - dore and



out the world this ho - ly day.
 va - tion comes from You a - lone.
 this, the birth of Christ, our King!
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

O Bride of Christ, Rejoice (LSB 335)



1 O bride of Christ, re - joice; Ex - ul - tant raise thy voice
 2 Let shouts of glad - ness rise Tri - um - phant to the skies.
 3 A hum - ble beast He rides, Yet as a King pre - sides;
 4 The weak and tim - id find How meek He is and kind;
 5 Then go thy Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at His feet;



To hail the day of glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Now comes the King most glo - rious To reign o'er all vic - to - rious.
 Though not ar - rayed in splen - dor, He makes the grave sur - ren - der.
 To them He gives a trea - sure Of bliss be - yond all mea - sure.
 Thy gar - ments spread be - fore Him And hon - or and a - dore Him.

Refrain



Ho - san - na, praise, and glo - ry! Our King, we bow be - fore Thee.

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: Nunc Dimittis

LSB 258



L Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing



that a - wake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.



C Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful - filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared



in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to reveal You to the na - tions

and the glory of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the
 Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for -
 ev-er. *Antiphon* A - men. Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,
 and guard us sleep - ing that a - wake we may
 watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (LSB 341)



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
 2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot
 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the
 4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a
 5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
 is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -
 rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py
 tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -
 Thee; here, Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
 ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of
 homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less
 ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your
 vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.
 all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.
 sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.
 Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.
 Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
 To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
 To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
 To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!
 E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - "Without God there is discord between God and man and between man and man. Christ became the Mediator and made peace with God and among men. Without Christ we should not know God, we could not call upon him, nor come to him. But without Christ we also would not know our brother, nor could we come to him. The way is blocked by our own ego. Christ opened up the way to God and to our brother. Now Christians can live with one another in peace; they can love and serve one another, they can become one. But they can continue to do so only by way of Jesus Christ."

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

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LEARN BY HEART: John 16:33

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PRAYER CORNER

Dear Jesus, many are grieving during this holiday season. As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Your birth, keep us in remembrance of those who are missing loved ones and the empty chair at the tables, empty seats next to them in church, the dear ones we have held close for so many years and who are now celebrating in heaven.

Lord, prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our precious Jesus. Make room in our lives for You and You alone to live and reign until we too are called to eternity with You! Let our focus this Christmas be on You, our God, our Rock, and our Salvation!

Our Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, we give You our hearts this Advent as we prepare our hearts in true worship. Amen.

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS
For the week of November 27 through December 3

- TODAY: First Sunday of Advent**
Isaiah 1:1-28; 1 Peter 1:1-12
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00AM
- MONDAY: *Isaiah 2:1-22; 1 Peter 1:13-25***
Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30AM
Newsletter Mailing 9:00AM
- TUESDAY: *Isaiah 5:1-25; 1 Peter 2:1-12***
Women's Bible Study 7:00PM
- WEDNESDAY: *Isaiah 6:1—7:9; 1 Peter 2:13-25***
School Chapel 8:45AM
ADVENT Worship 4:00PM and 7:00PM
Souper Supper 5:00PM
- THURSDAY: *Isaiah 7:10—8:8; 1 Peter 3:1-22***
Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30AM
School Christmas Program (preschool)
Come to the Manger rehearsal 7:00PM
- FRIDAY: *Isaiah 8:9—9:7; 1 Peter 4:1-19***
Book of Acts Bible Class 10:30AM-12N
Come to the Manger 6:00PM
- SATURDAY: *Isaiah 9:8—10:11; 1 Peter 5:1-14***
Come to the Manger 6:00PM
- NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Advent**
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE 10:00AM

A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD
For the week of November 20, 2022

Sunday School 8 students, 2 teachers
Adult Bible Class 23

Worship Service Attendance

Sunday, November 20 - 90

Online views

Sunday, November 20 - 39

Tithes and Offerings (Weekly Budget: \$8,000.00)

November 20: Physical-\$4,541.00 Online-\$1,430.00

Total-\$5,971.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY— "Father Abraham had many sons [and daughters], many sons [and daughters] had FAAAAAAAAAther Abraham. I am one of them, and so are you . . ." But wait. How does that work? How are *you* a son [or daughter] of FAAAAAAAAAther Abraham? Join us next Sunday to learn how this rather unusual family is joined together!

To access by phone: 312 626 6799 . Follow the prompts once you dial in to enter the Meeting ID when asked (271 170 8930 #). When asked to enter participant code hit the # key, and then it will ask for the password (523312#).

To access online: Go to Zoom.com. Click "join a meeting" at the top of the page, and enter 271 170 8930 in meeting ID box. The passcode is sPzuL5. Questions? Call the office! 314-741-6781.

2. TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: After an extended stay in Greece, Paul sets off on another journey, finally arriving in Troas. There, as he preaches late into the night, a young man named Eutychus falls asleep on a window ledge and tumbles three floors to his death. Paul rushes to his side and restores Eutychus to life. Later, in his second letter to the Church at Corinth, Paul recounts in detail the numerous hardships he endured in his ministry.

3. E-GIVING IS POSSIBLE for making your gifts to Salem! You can download the Abundant app on your smart device and search for Salem Lutheran Church, you can text SALEMBJ to 73256 to receive a link to make your donation, or you can go to:

<https://abundant.co/salemlutheranchurch>

If you have any questions, please call Lisa Briggs (314) 330-2674.

4. COME TO THE MANGER is **THIS WEEK!** Keep bringing in your items, keep working on your lines, and keep inviting your friends and neighbors to attend!

This live nativity will be held on **Friday, December 2** and **Saturday, December 3**, from 6:00—8:00PM, and before then is only ONE rehearsal date remaining, on **Thursday, December 1** at 7:00PM.

5. SUPPORT THE SEMINARY: #GivingTuesday is Nov. 29! You can join the mission of the Seminary and be a direct part of raising up pastors, deaconesses and missionaries who bring Christ to the world! Our goal is to raise \$100,000 for the Seminary's needs to help these ministers of the Gospel out into the world! The first \$50,000 raised will be matched dollar for dollar! To give online, head to <https://www.givecampus.com/bnmcib>

6. A PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT for a Lutheran High School, Lutheran South or Lutheran North grad! *Tidings of Great Joy: The History of Our Schools* celebrates the 75-year history of the Lutheran High School Association. The book is available for \$40. It begins with the creation of the Lutheran High School Association in 1945 and concludes with the 2019-2020 school year. It includes the histories of Lutheran High (later, as Lutheran Central), Lutheran South and Lutheran North. Books can be purchased at LSlancers.org/alumni; or call 314-389-3100 (North); or 314-631-1400 (South). The 411-page soft-cover book may be picked up at either school office. For mail orders, include \$10 for shipping and handling.

7. SALEM SAUSAGE is still available. For \$20, you may purchase a 3-pound bag of frozen, uncooked sausage. If you are interested in purchasing some, please contact Ron Buenger (314-369-2426) or the church office (314-741-6781).

8. "HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED . . ." Naming a child is *hard*. There are so many options, so many opinions. It often takes *months* to come up with *just* the right one. But God had no hesitation in naming the promised Messiah - "His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Join us Wednesdays in Advent as we unpack each of these titles given to the Christ Child and what they mean for us! Services are at 4:00PM and 7:00PM on November 30, December 7, 14, & 21.

9. ALTAR GUILD will meet via phone again this quarter. Please call Mary at 314-837-6931 by December 12 with dates you are able to serve from Christmas through March. Special services to consider are 6:00 PM Christmas Eve and 10:00 AM Christmas Day.

10. SOUPER SUPPERS will be served in the church basement between the 4:00PM and 7:00PM Advent worship services, beginning at about 5:00PM. The menu for Wednesday is spaghetti & meatball, chicken alfredo, salad, and dessert, and beverage. A free will offering will be received.

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER: Week of November 27, 2022

- MEMBERS:

Donald & Carolyn Hennings; the Hey family; the Hill family; the Hirbe family

- HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Lois Niehaus; Alice Schroeder; Mary Warner

- ILL / HOSPITALIZED:

Bernie Pikal (son-in-law of the Gronemeiers)
Judy Niederwimmer
Erin Mathers (friend of Merna Rikard)
Bill Weimer and Lauren Weimer (relatives of Jeff & Cathy Burkee)
David Bohmann (brother-in-law of Jeff Burkee)
Rodger Altevogt
Rose Schneider
Carmaletha Hughes
Sharon Perko
Karl Ziegler
Shelinda Upchurch
Todd Fuller
Evern Mallory
Susan Smith
Rev. Ellory Glenn
Rev. Larry Rabon (Pastor Dressler's pastor)
Ini Udofia
Theresa Jacobsmeyer
Edna Duce
Dante Neal
Clyde Dempsey
Myrna Goris
Melissa Crawford (daughter of Bob & Karen Becker)
Alicia Waller
Marilyn Patterson
Leo Russavage
Steve Ziegler

- ANNIVERSARIES: Dave & Tina Kassebaum (11/29)

- BIRTHDAYS: Ginger Spallek (11/27); Robin Curtis-Barney (11/27); Mary Stallworth (11/28); Kael Anderson (11/28); April Neley (11/29); Ini Udofia (11/30); Daniel Joersz (12/1); Stephanie Scherer (12/1); Abby Fuller (12/1); Michael Sebright (12/2); Larry Striblin (12/2); Margie Clemons (12/3); August Kalmer (12/3); Donald Mana (12/3); Olivia Gunn (12/3)