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1st Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

*(Please stand when indicated by *)*

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal

With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal

P=Pastor, C=Congregation, L=Lay Reader

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Welcome & Announcements

Instrumental Prelude: *Silent Night*

Beginner Bells and Dawn Merrell

GATHERING

* Invocation (Mathew 28:19)

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

* Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (John 20:19-23; 1 John 1:8-9)

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

* Hymn: *Joy to the World*

LBW# 39

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the sound - ing joy.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his found.
heav'n and na - ture sing,

* Greeting (John 1:14, 2 Corinthians 13:14)

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us; the love of the Father who created us in his own image; and the communion of the Holy Spirit, the giver of all good gifts, be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Kyrie is omitted this week.

* Hymn of Praise: *Angels We Have Heard on High* (stanza 1)

LBW# 71

**1 Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.**

Refrain: **Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.**

* Salutation (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

* Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature and be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that we, having been redeemed and made your children by grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 111 *read responsively*

- L ¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- C ²**Great are the deeds of the LORD!
they are studied by all who delight in them.**
- L ³His work is full of majesty and splendor,
and his righteousness endures forever.
- C ⁴**He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**
- L ⁵He gives food to those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- C ⁶**He has shown his people the power of his works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**
- L ⁷The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;
all his commandments are sure.
- C ⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**
- L ⁹He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever;
holy and awesome is his Name.
- C ¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever.**

New Testament Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,
⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because
you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you
are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L Here ends the reading.

Children's Message

* Gospel Acclamation: *Let Our Gladness Have No End* (stanza 3)

LBW# 57

**3 Into flesh is made the Word. Hallelujah!
He, our refuge and our Lord. Hallelujah!**

Refrain: **On this day God gave us Christ, his Son, to save us;
Christ, his Son, to save us.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2nd chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

* Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, {Joseph and Mary} brought {Jesus} up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” ³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Heidi Punt

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

P As the shepherds and angels responded we also get to respond by confessing our faith.

**C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**Or, We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.*

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious God, give to your church a sacred awe for your presence with us in word and sacrament. Strengthen and nourish us to proclaim your Good News through preaching and

teaching, daily living and compassionate service to our neighbors. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Lord of time, as this calendar year draws to a close help us to reflect on the year and recognize the abundance of blessing that you pour out upon us and challenge us to trust in your provision more fully in the year ahead. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

God our sovereign, we ask your protection for those who must work outdoors in the cold winter months. Help us to appreciate the ways in which our lives are enriched by their work. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Incarnate God, we give you thanks for your presence with us. May the healing presence of your Spirit bring comfort and strength to those who are suffering in any way. [We pray particularly for ...] *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

* Sharing of the Peace (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offering

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Sunday School Fund During the month of December, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on Food for the Poor. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.

Anthem: *Born, Born in Bethlehem* (arr. by Moore)

Chancel Choir

MEAL

* Offertory Hymn: *The First Noel* (stanza 5)

LBW# 56

5 **Then entered in those Wise Men three, full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.**

Refrain: **Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**

* Offering Prayer (Psalm 96:7-8; Psalm 100:4)

P Holy God, we give you thanks for all that we have: ourselves, our time and our treasures, all that first belonged to you and has been gifted to us, your children. Accept our offerings as a sign of our devotion to you, and make us truly grateful for the many gifts we have received. In Jesus' holy name we pray.

C **Amen.**

* Great Thanksgiving (2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)

LBW p. 88

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 indeed right and salutary . . . (*Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding:*) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* Sanctus: *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (stanza 5)

LBW# 42

**5 Christ, to thee, with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to thee, Hymn and chant
And high thanksgiving And unwearied praises be: Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory Evermore and evermore! Amen**

Words of Institution (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him
should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

C **Amen**

* Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-4)

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**C 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 and ever. Amen**

Distribution of Communion (Mark 14:23)

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the form of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Gluten Free wafers and grape juice are also available upon request. Please fill out the communion card in the pew and hand to the Usher while following their directions to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

Agnus Dei (John 1:29): *Away in a Manger* (stanza 3)

LBW# 67

**3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
 Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children in your tender care
 And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

Instrumental: *What Child is This?*

Beginner Bells and Dawn Merrell

* Blessing (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

LBW p. 92

**P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen**

* Post-Communion Canticle (Luke 2:29-32): *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (stanza 3)

LBW# 55

**3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
 With heart and soul and voice;
 Now ye need not fear the grave;
 Jesus Christ was born to save!
 Calls you one and calls you all
 To gain the everlasting hall.
 Christ was born to save!
 Christ was born to save!**

* Post-Communion Prayer

P We give you thanks, O God, that you have fed us with Christ's precious body and blood, forgiven us through this Sacrament, and given us a new beginning. Send us now into the world you love, to share Christ's sacrificial love with all we meet.

C Amen.

SENDING

* Blessing

P Great are the works of the Lord. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. Go now in the name of God Most High: Father, Son, and + Holy Spirit. (Psalm 111)

C Amen.

* Hymn: *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

LBW# 50

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

The musical score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the final line of the hymn. The fourth system contains the final line of the hymn. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines.

* Dismissal (Matthew 28:19-20)

P You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament and heard

C **that Jesus Christ is born!**

P Union Lutheran Church you are sent in peace

C **to share the Good News.**

Postlude: *Joy to the World*

Congregation please sit during the Postlude.

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Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 2 (p. 77-97)

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Those Serving in December

Dec. 31: Scott & Jennifer Curlee and Cathy Painter

Ushers: Phil Cauble, Larry Barringer, Tara Davis & Micah Nguyen

Offering Counters: Jennifer Curlee, Ali Davis & Doris Shepherd

OUR MISSION:

*Christ Centered ~ Mission Driven~ Traditionally-Grounded~
Congregationally Focused (Matthew 28:18-20)*

OUR VISION:

One Relationship at a Time

BE OUR GUEST

Can't wait to see what God can do!



Those Serving in January

Acolytes: Tyler Goodman or Adam Thompson

Altar Guild & Communion Assistants: Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan

Lay Readers: Deena Lanning, Karen Morgan and Doris Shepherd

Ushers: Phil and Linda Cauble, Mike and Brenda Cauble, and Frank Merrell

Offering Counters: Tara Davis, Cathy Painter, and Ron Vellines

Union News

Sunday, December 31, New Year's Eve

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir (5th grade and younger)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Mission Wonders ~ Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Tell...how much the Lord has done for you. Mark 5:19

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

The Faith of the Wise Men ~ Isaiah 49:1-6; Micah 5:2-4; Matthew 2:1-12

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Christmas Carols Liturgy

1st Advent Candle (Prophecy/Hope), 2nd Advent Candle (Bethlehem/Faith)

3rd Advent Candle (Shepherd/Joy), 4th Advent (Angel/Peace)

5th Candle (Christ Candle-Light of the World)

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 111; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

2023 is quickly coming to a close. All offering must be turned in today during the worship service to be credited for 2023.

12 noon Cauble Family has reserved the small Fellowship Hall.

This Weeks' Activities:

Monday, January 1

Church office is closed in observance of the holiday.

Wednesday, January 3

4:30 p.m. Haiti Pastors Bible Study online

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Christmas decorations removal this week

Sunday, January 7

Baptism of Our Lord

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir (5th grade and younger)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

A Welcome Truth ~ Luke 10:38-42

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:68

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Faith and Righteousness ~ Romans 5:12-21; Hebrews 11

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 1:1-6; Philippians 1:6-11; Mark 1:4-11

Sermon: *An Overflowing Life*

12:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Kluttz Kids Family Christmas in large fellowship hall

2:00 p.m. Social Ministry

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

4:00 p.m. Union & Salem Youth

Altar Flowers are open for reservations.

January Messenger will be available for pick up next Sunday.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 9

2:00 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle at the church

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation (not too late to join)

Wednesday, January 10

10:30 a.m. Faith Formation (not too late to join)

4:30 p.m. Haiti Pastors Bible Study online

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 11

10:00 a.m. Good Timers will meet for a brief meeting including the election of 2024 officers in the small fellowship hall

11:00 a.m. Program and Luncheon in the large fellowship hall

6:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee

Saturday, January 13

Mark your calendars now! More details coming soon!

Snow Tubing is for everyone!

Sunday, January 14

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir (5th grade and younger)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Lost and Found Wonders ~ Luke 15

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. Luke 19:10

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Faith and Trust ~ Psalm 56; Proverbs 3:1-12

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-10; 1 Peter 1:13-23; Mark 12:28-34

Rev. Tonya Brittain, Guest Pastor

2:00 p.m. Finance

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans

Epiphany Blessing of Doors

Linda Kesler has reserved the Altar Flowers.

Tuesday, January 16

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation (not too late to join)

Wednesday, January 17

10:30 a.m. Faith Formation

4:30 p.m. Haiti Pastors Bible Study online

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Pastor Heidi Punt will be attending the NALC Pastors' Retreat in Orlando, FL, from Tuesday, January 16-Thursday, January 18.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents – Brenda Mahaley, Ruth Monroe, Jean Ray, Jay Rusher (Autumn Care)

Homebound/Shut-ins Members – Sarah Bame, Arnold Cauble, Rachel Earnhardt, Tommy & Joan Kerns, Teresa Kesler, James & Jean Kluttz, Glenn Lowder, Frances Norris, William Page, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky Swicegood, Effie Vellines, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Genevieve Baker, Brenda Cauble, Glenn Eagle, Glenn Honeycutt, Jr., John Knight, Sharon Moore, Kay Morgan, Marvin Nunn, Doris Page, Wayne Vellines & Pat Wiles

Continual Prayer – Bill Broadway, Sharon Peeler Bullock (Sylvia Peeler’s daughter), Terry Holt (Frank & Dawn Merrell’s friend), Pat Kluttz, Fay Miller (friend of Pat Kluttz); Glen Wall (Frank & Dawn Merrell’s friend), Union Fire Department #76, Global Missions (Congo, Slovakia, and Haiti), & those affected by natural or political disasters

Confirmands: Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Landon Kesler, and Noah Trexler

Stewardship Update

Sunday School (12/24)	50
Worship & Holy Communion (12/24)	136
Christmas Eve Candlelight Light Services (14 at 4pm/98 at 8pm)	112
Current Fund (12/24)	\$7,580.30
2023 Weekly offering needed to meet our Ministry Support plan	\$6,482.37

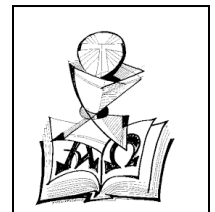


How Can You Serve in December?

Social Ministry Committee invites the congregation to either collect new warm socks for adults in all sizes to put in our homeless bags or mark “Social Ministry” on your check for a financial donation. The committee will use the financial gift to purchase new socks. Please place the socks in the box located on the front pew in the Sanctuary.

Section 2: Service of the Word ~ Prayer of the Church (...is the longest of the prayers.)

*In the **Prayer of the Church**, we pray for the needs of the world, the Church, the congregation, and local and special needs. All those in the congregation are invited to add their voices to each petition by responding with “Hear our prayer” or with the words from the Kyrie, “Lord, have mercy.”*



“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high position, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:1-4

(A Simple Explanation of the Church Service, Concordia Publishing House, page 17)