



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Phone: (507) 835-2647

Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm

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Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER - MAY)

✝ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:

○ 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

✝ Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

✝ Sunday School: 10:15 am – 11:15 am

Pastor: Michael J. Grannis

Mobile Phone: 952-686-3046

Email: revgrannis@gmail.com

- **Nursery available:** For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the old Parish Hall). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service.
- Today's service broadcast can be found on **KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM**; or **Live Streaming on Facebook for your convenience.**
- **Lutheran Hour:** The Lutheran Hour can be heard on radio stations WCCO 830AM, Sunday, 6:05 AM; and KDHL920 AM, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. **Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty prior to the church service.** Thank you.
- **Preparing for Holy Communion, please refer to the section in the bulletin "Service of the Sacrament".**
- **Church Offering Envelopes** are a handy way of keeping track of your donations while keeping your donations private. Please remember to use them each Sunday for offerings. Thank you.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.
- **Looking for volunteers for Radio and Facebook. Contact the church office if interested.**
- **A Special Thank you to Hannah LaCroix – Our flutist this evening.**
- This week 67 pounds of food was delivered to the food shelf, some of this is from the Live Nativity. According to our count, 577 pounds were delivered in 2024. Thank you all for your generosity.
- **Christmas Poinsettias:** Thank you to those who donated flowers in memory of loved ones: Karen Berg, Shirley Bluhm, Jean Kuschel, Joan Manthe, Karen Weckwerth, Mary Wyffels.
- **THANK YOU!!!** I would like to thank everyone who worked, baked, donated, and attended this year's Christmas Bazaar. It was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without all of you. Have a very Merry Christmas!! Judie Waters

Processional Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from

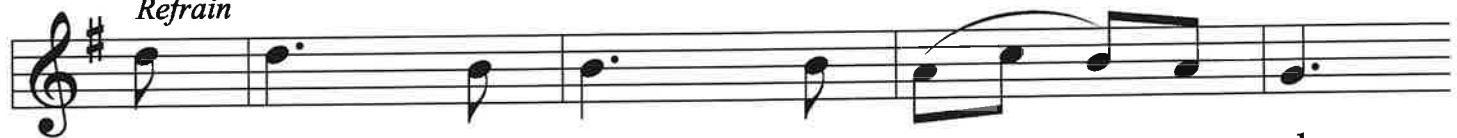


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
 tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
 give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
 And open wide our heav'nly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of all mankind;
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
 And be Thyself our King of Peace.

Refrain

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

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Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum,
 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.
 Tune: French, 15th cent.
 Text and tune: Public domain

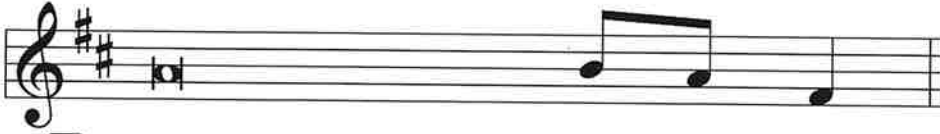
Greeting

Stand

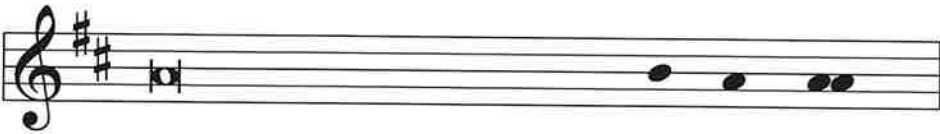
Advent Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

Psalmody

Office Hymn: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

LSB 359



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -
woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.
courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

Text (sts. 1–2): tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt.; (sts. 1–2, 4): German, 16th cent.; (st. 3): Friedrich L. C. Layriz, 1808–59; (st. 3):
tr. Harriet R. K. Spaeth, 1845–1925; (st. 4): tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948

Tune: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1599, Köln

Text and tune: Public domain

Alleluia and Verse

Matthew 1:21

- P** Alleluia. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus,
C for he will save his people from their sins. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18–25

- L** A reading from Matthew, chapter 1.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Advent)

LSB 230
To Refrain



- L** 1 Behold, the days
are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise
up for David a righ-teous Branch.
2 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will
dwell se - cure - ly.
3 Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



- C** This is the name
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righ-teous-ness.

Sermon Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem

LSB 361



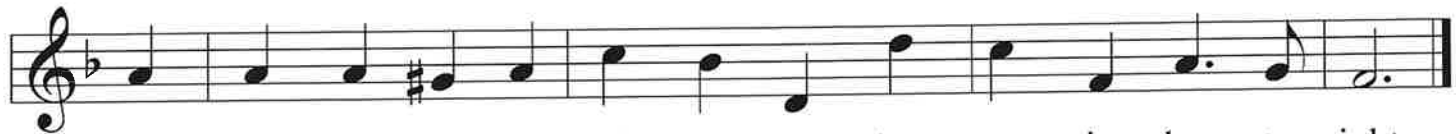
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
 While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.
 So God im-parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
 Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–93

Tune: Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

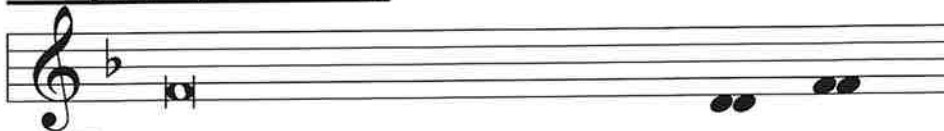
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Sermon

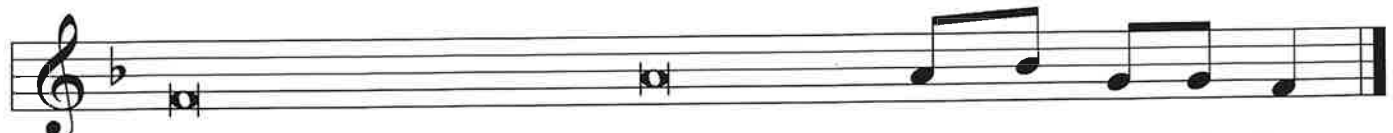
Canticle

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 231



L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Magnificat

LSB 231



I My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



I for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



II For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



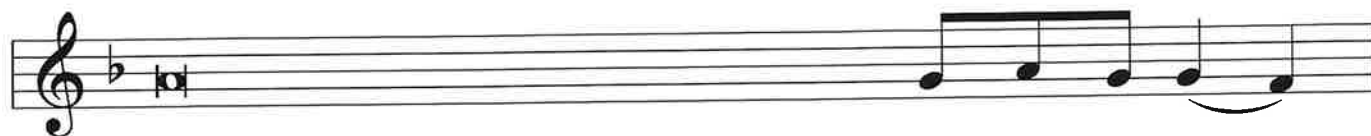
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



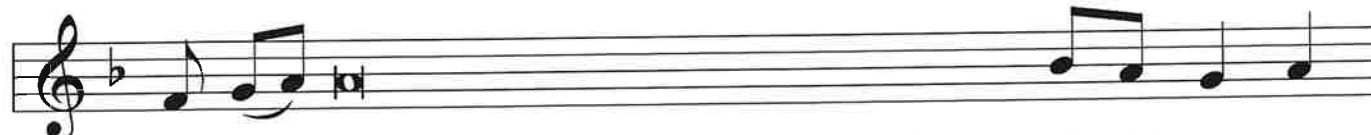
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



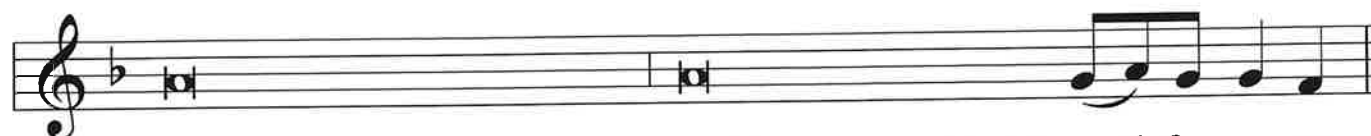
I He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ev - er.



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.

Sit

Offering: Choir Sings

Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

LSB 233



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 957



Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as



it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly



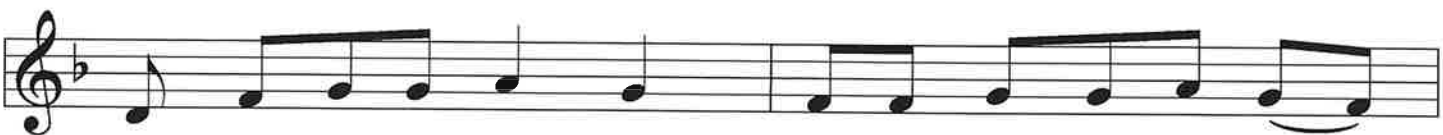
bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give



those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -



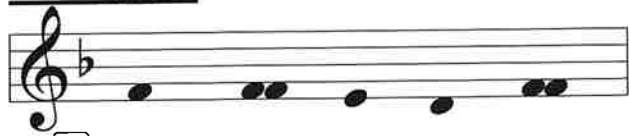
to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -



ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

P O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Stand

Benedicamus

L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 234



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Hymn to Depart: Silent Night, Holy Night

LSB 363



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
1 Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,



all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face
ein - sam wacht Nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy
Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, Schlaf in himm - li - scher



peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
Ruh, Schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.

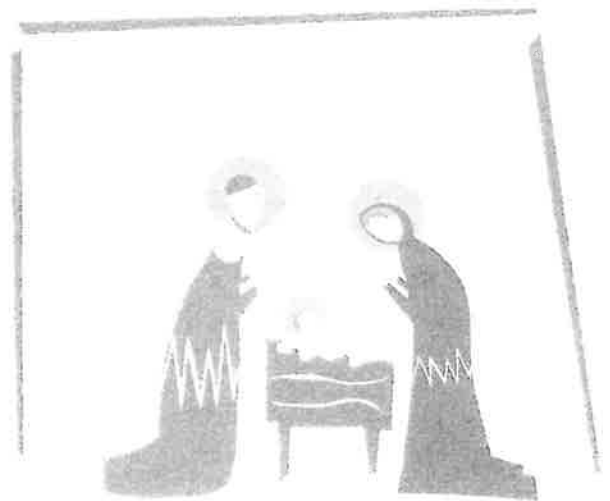
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KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE
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The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord

Tonight we begin the season of Christmas. On this night, Christians all over the world are lighting candles, singing hymns and joining together to worship the one true God who made this night so special.

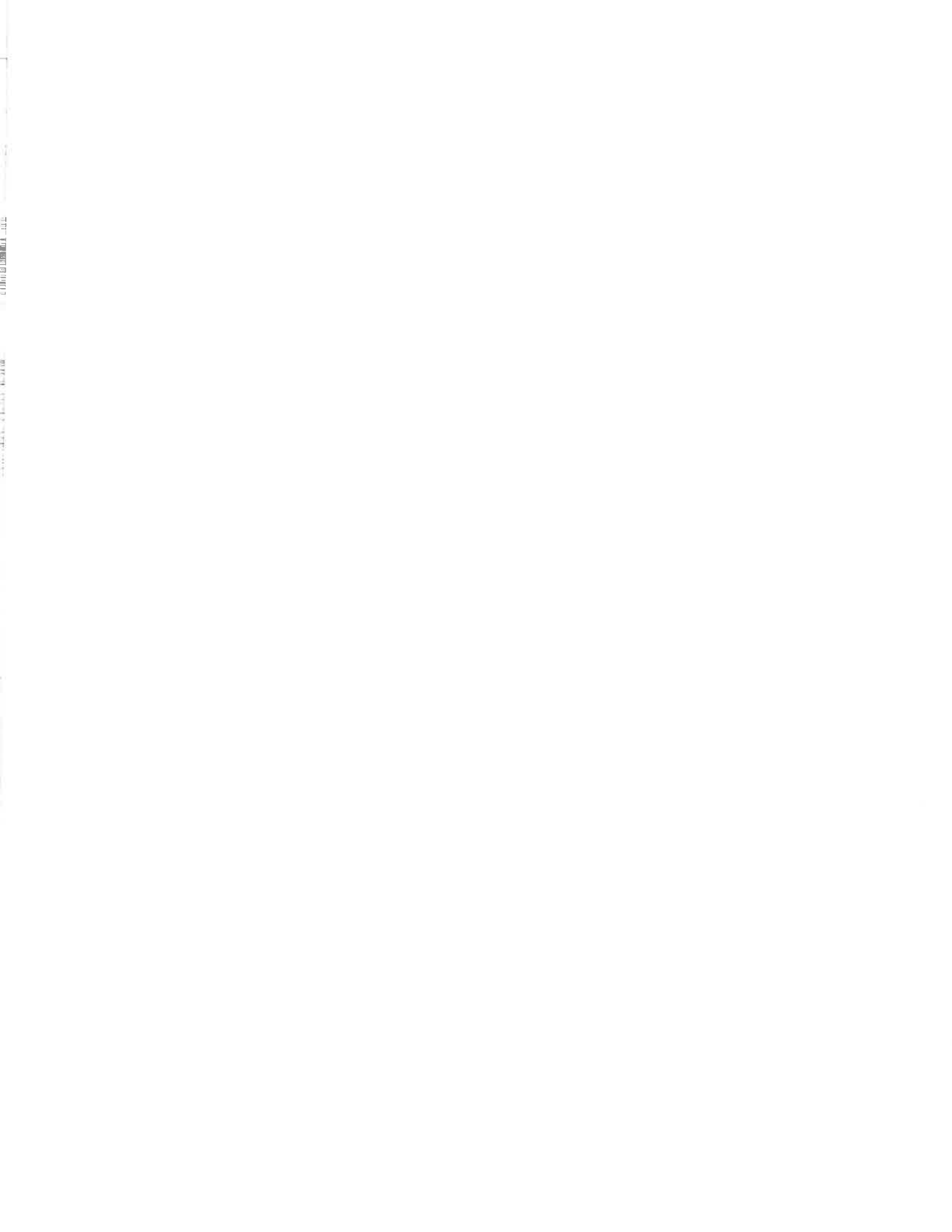
What makes this night different from all other nights?

Tonight is the big night! All through the season of Advent, the Church has been preparing for the birth of Jesus. Tonight we celebrate and remember His arrival! This is the night that our God became a man, born of the Virgin Mary, to save all people from their sins. What a blessed and wonderful night!



Parents: Before or after the service, allow your children to explore the decorations of the church. Instruct them to be reverent in God's holy places. Direct their attention to all of the lights and candles that fill the sanctuary. Remind them that Jesus is the Light of the World. He overcame the darkness of sin and saves all those who believe.





IN OUR PRAYERS:

Called Home: Russ Weir

Upcoming Surgery:

Cancer Treatment: Debbie Pehrson, Guy Robinson, Terry George, Tim Andree, Dixie Flitter

Treatment and testing: Traehvon Clark

Prayer for continued recovery and healing and Thanksgiving: Rueben Draeger, Sheila Hogetvedt, Kraig Deling, Douglas Robinson, Chantel Fogal, Joy Weir, Jacob Williams

Illness: Cindy Kuschel,

Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.

Those who are living in Florida and everyone who are dealing with the hurricanes and aftermath.

All the service men & women who are serving in the military: Gavin Doering, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Josiah Nieves, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

Waseca Circuit Missionaries: Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)

Those affected by Natural disasters

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service: Tuesday Dec. 24th @6pm (No Communion)

Christmas Morning Service: Wednesday Dec. 25th @ 9am (with Holy Communion)

Kilkenny Church Closing Service: January 5th, 2025 at 4pm

Epiphany Service: January 6th, 2025 @ TBD @ North Morristown

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

Tuesday Dec. 24th, 2024

Organist: Cindy Wood

Acolyte: Owen Arndt

Kameron Kunkel

Greeter: Peyton Ross

Facebook: Geri Kuschel

Elder: Jim Wyffels

Wednesday Dec. 25th, 2024

Organist: Cindy Wood

Acolyte: Hayden Allen

Alex Bethke

Greeter: Elliana Grannis

Facebook: Cindy Gilmore

Elder: Bob LaCroix

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: December 22nd – December 29th, 2024

Sunday (22nd):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion w/Communion
(Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 am Sunday School **AND** Coffee hour With Adult Bible Study

Monday (23rd):

10 am Prayer Team (All Prayer Warriors Welcome!!)

6 pm NSC Board Meeting

Tuesday (24th): OFFICE CLOSED – Christmas Eve (See inside for who is Serving the Lord)

NO Quilter's

6 pm Candle Light Service

Wednesday (25th): OFFICE CLOSED – Christmas Day (See inside for who is Serving the Lord)

9 am Christmas Morning Service w/ Holy Communion

NO Confirmation grades 6th -8th and 5pm – 7pm Youth Group

NO Senior Choir

Thursday (26th):

6:00 am Bible Study @ Jonnie Bean

Friday(27th):

Saturday (28th):

Sunday (29th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion w/Communion
(Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 am Sunday School **AND** Coffee hour With Adult Bible Study

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: December 22nd, 2024:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Alex Bethke
Keian Klinger

GREETER: Makayla Clark

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore

ELDER: Jerry Flogstad

DEACON:

NEXT WEEK: December 29th, 2024:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Mason Precher
Kameron Kunkle

GREETER: Makayla Clark

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

ELDER: Bill Kuschel

DEACON:

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Wednesday December 11th, 2024: 6pm: 34 General Fund: \$161.75

Sunday December 15th, 2024: 9am: 135 No Adult Bible Study or Sunday School

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$2,400.85 Higher Things: \$44.00

Improvement Fund: \$20.00 Handicap Entrance: \$ 800.00 Radio Ministry: \$300.00

Memorial for Handicap Entrance in Memory of K. Roemhildt: \$15.00

****Amount needed each week to meet budget: \$5,400.00 ****